



Sailing Instructions

Arizona Yacht Club Spring Series 2021

Lake Pleasant, Arizona

1. **Rules.** The series will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024 and applicable class and fleet rules.
2. **Notices to competitors.** Notices will be posted on the AYC website, arizonayachtclub.org.
3. **Signals made ashore.** Delays in race starts may be made on VHF channel 68.
4. **Schedule.** Jan 16,17- Jan 30,31 – Feb 20,21- Mar 13,14- Mar 27,28. First warning signal: Saturdays at 12:30 am; & Sundays at 9:00 am. No warning signal will be sounded after 4:00 pm on Saturdays or 2:00 pm on Sundays.
5. **Racing area.** The races will be conducted on Lake Pleasant, Arizona.
6. **Courses to be sailed.** Courses to be sailed are described on Lake Pleasant Chart L.
7. **Marks.** Rounding marks will be inflatable yellow or orange balls and pyramids, green pyramids, and islands.
8. **Starts.** AYC fleet boards will be substituted for class flags. This modifies rule 26. Refer to the course chart for procedure. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
9. **Check-in and Checkout.** Each boat must check in before her first race each day by sailing aft of the Race Committee on starboard tack and hailing fleet and sail number. A boat that retires from a race or retires from racing before the end of the race day shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible. If possible, use VHF channel 68.
10. **Starting and finishing line.** The starting line will be between the orange mast on the committee boat and a small red buoy mark. The finishing line will be between the orange mast on the committee boat and a small yellow buoy mark. After a boat rounds the first rounding mark, she shall not cross the start/finish line until she finishes. A boat that has broken this rule may correct her error. Unless corrected, she shall be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rule 28.1. On legs of the course that pass the start/finish line, the line may be left either to port or to starboard and on such legs the line is, for reasons of safety, an obstruction
11. **Time Limit.** The time limit will be two (2) hours for the first boat to finish.
12. **Protests.** Competitors are to submit protests within the protest time that begins when the Race Committee returns to the parking lot at Spinnaker Point and sounds one horn. Protest time will end with the sounding of two horns 30 minutes later.
13. **Scoring.** Class rules may modify the low-point system, Appendix A4. One race is required to constitute a series.
 - a. A boat starting later than fifteen (15) minutes after her starting signal will be scored "did not start" (DNS). This changes rule A4.
 - b. After starting, a boat may retire (RET) from a race and receive a score equal to the number of starters in that race, except if she starts alone in her fleet, she shall sail the entire course to be scored as a finishing boat. This changes rule A4.
 - c. Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat in her fleet finishes will be scored "time limit expired" (TLE). Boats scored TLE shall receive points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus one point. This changes rule A4.
 - d. Unless changed by fleet rules, discards shall be 20% (rounded down) of all races in the series.
14. **Prizes.** Prizes are based on number of fleet entries: 3-4 entries, one award; 5-6 entries, two awards; 7-9 entries, 3 awards; 10+ entries, four awards.
15. **Championship Race Qualification.** An AYC Fleet Champion shall be the AYC member entrant with the lowest combined score within each active fleet, determined by combining all of an entrant's scores for the fall and spring series and then discarding 20% (rounded down). To be eligible, the entrant must have obtained full or junior membership status before the final race of the spring series. Only champions of active fleets plus the current AYC Club Champion are eligible to participate in the AYC Club Championship Regatta.
16. **Disclaimer of Liability.** Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Arizona Yacht Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
17. **COVID-19 Guidelines.** All participants are required to follow these guidelines.
 - a. Participants will comply with all local requirements and the Arizona Covid-19 related Executive Orders.
 - b. Participants are required to wear a mask on the docks, launch ramps, and whenever social distancing of at least six feet cannot be maintained ashore.
 - c. Skippers may, at their sole discretion, require crew to take additional precautions such as wearing masks afloat.
 - d. Each person understands the risk of possible exposure or even contracting COVID-19 by participating in the Spring Series and accepts ALL risk associated with their participation.

Note: Race entrants and race crews are expected to assist with their fleet's race committee duty.

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