1. **RULES:** All races will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

2. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI):** SI’s are posted online at the AYC Birthday Regatta web page. Changes will be posted by 7 am each race day.

3. **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS:** All boats are requested to carry a VHF radio. Race Committee courtesy communications on the water will be broadcast on VHF channel 68.

4. **ELIGIBILITY**
   4.1. **Fleet Racing:** This is an open regatta, open to AYC members, non-members and visitors, and to all sailboat classes racing under One-Design (OD), PHRF or Portsmouth Yardstick rating rules, with or without spinnakers. Expected Fleets include: Buccaneer 18, Catalina 22, Laser, Santana 20, Sunfish, Thistle, Viper 640, PHRF spinnaker, PHRF non-spinnaker, Portsmouth, Multihull and more.

   4.2. **Fleets:** Any class of boat with five (5) or more boats registered before February 7, 2022 will be a Fleet. Boats in classes without five (5) or more registrants by that date may be assigned to a handicap Fleet as deemed appropriate by the Regatta Committee, or impacted skippers may choose to be reassigned to the Cruiser Challenge without refund of any Fees.

   4.3. **Handicap Fleets:** PHRF Fleets, Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker, may each be separated into HI and LOW Fleets based on their handicaps if more than 14 boats are registered for that PHRF Fleet. HI and LOW rating cut-offs and boat assignments will be posted by Feb 17, 2022 and at the Skipper’s Meeting.

   4.4. **Cruiser Challenge Fleet:** A one-day event for sailors who want to come out and have some fun and a little challenge. See the Cruiser Challenge Sailing Instructions on the AYC Birthday Regatta web page.

5. **ENTRY:** Registration must be completed online at https://arizonayachtclub.org/ayc-bdr/ and entry fee must be received by Sunday, February 6, 2022 to avoid Late Fees. Online payment is **REQUIRED** at time of registration to be entered.

6. **FEES**
   - 3-day Fleets: Up to 19’ LOA = $45. Over 19’ LOA = $75
   - 2-day Fleets: Up to 19’ LOA = $30. Over 19’ LOA = $50

   *Late Fee $25: added to Fees for registrations paid after Sunday Jan 30, 2022.

7. **SCHEDULE**
   - Day 1 (2/18/22) 10:30am Skipper’s meeting
   - Day 2 (2/19/22) 8:30am Skipper’s meeting
   - Day 3 (2/20/22) No Skipper’s meeting

   **Note:** No warning signal shall be made after 4:30pm on Day 1, 4:00pm Day 2, and after 2:30pm on Day 3.

8. **VENUE AND COURSES:** Race venue and courses to be sailed are described on Lake Pleasant Chart L.

9. **SCORING**
   - 9.1. Completion and SCORING of one race constitutes a regatta.
   - 9.2. A boat’s worst score shall be excluded after five (5) SCORED races, and her two worst scores shall be excluded after ten (10) SCORED races. This changes rule A2.1.
   - 9.3. Friday races will only be SCORED for Fleets with 5 or more boats registered for 3 days of racing and that have notified the Regatta Chairman before 16 FEB 2022 of their desire to be SCORED all three days. This changes rule A2.1.
   - 9.4. A boat starting later than fifteen (15) minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" (DNS). This changes rule A4.
   - 9.5. After starting, a boat may retire (RET) from a race and receive a score equal to the number of starters for that race. This changes rule A4.
   - 9.6. A boat failing to finish within 30 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.
   - 9.7. Any boat scored DSQ according to RRS shall have that score changed to DNE. This changes rule A2.1

10. **PRIZES:** Prizes are based on entries per fleet as of 1/30/22: 5-7 entries, two awards; 8+ entries, three awards.

11. **CLEAN REGATTA:** This event is managed as a Clean Regatta following Sailors-for-the-Sea certification guidelines. Boats are reminded of Rule 55 - TRASH DISPOSAL: A competitor shall not intentionally put trash in the water. This rule always applies while aloft. A participant breaching this rule shall be scored DSQ for the race nearest in time to the infraction. This changes rule A2.1.

12. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes. In addition, each person understands and accepts all risk of exposure to communicable disease.