



Notice of Race

Arizona Yacht Club Birthday Regatta
February 17-19, 2023
Lake Pleasant, Arizona

1. **Rules.** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and applicable class and fleet rules, which are available from fleet captains.
2. **Sailing Instructions.** Sailing Instructions are available at arizonayachtclub.org or from the AYC Racing Captain.
3. **Radio Communications.** All boats are strongly encouraged to carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 68 for crew safety and improved communication among race committee, fleet captains, and competitors. On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts on VHF channel 68.
4. **Eligibility.** The regatta is open to all boats racing under one-design, PHRF, SCHRS, or Portsmouth Yardstick rating rules. Fleets formed with five (5) or more registrants by January 31, 2023, will have their own start. Boats registering for a fleet with fewer than five (5) entrants by January 31, 2023, will be placed in a handicap fleet. At their discretion, organizers may split the PHRF Spinnaker fleet into High and Low rating fleets. Expected fleets include Catalina 22, PHRF Spinnaker, Santana 20, PHRF Sport Boat, and Thistle.
5. **Entry.** Boats may enter by submitting a form and the required fee online at arizonayachtclub.org/racing. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
6. **Fees.**

3-day Fleets: Up to 19' LOA = \$45.	Over 19' LOA = \$75	College Sailing Teams: \$20
2-day Fleets: Up to 19' LOA = \$30.	Over 19' LOA = \$50	Cruising Challenge: \$25

Late Fee: \$25 added to registrations paid after January 31
7. **Schedule.**

Day 1 (February 17) Skippers meeting 10:30am, first warning 1pm. No warning after 4pm
Day 2 (February 18) Skippers meeting 8:30am, first warning 10am. No warning after 4pm
Day 3 (February 19) No skippers meeting, first warning 9am. No warning after noon. Awards to follow.
8. **Venue and Courses.** The race venue and courses to be sailed are described on Lake Pleasant Chart L.
9. **Scoring.**
 - a. One race is required to constitute a regatta.
 - b. A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored "did not start" (DNS). This changes rule A4.
 - c. Rule A5.3 will apply.
 - d. After starting, a boat may retire (RET) from a race and receive a score equal to the number of fleet series 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 A5.
 - e. A boat's score shall be the total of her race scores, however for each five races finished, one worst score will be excluded.
10. **PHRF.** PHRF fleets shall sail under the Southern California PHRF ratings. If a boat's rating is not listed in SoCal PHRF, a rating agreed to by the fleet or the US Sailing PHRF average handicap will be substituted. PHRF certificates are not required, but the AYC Racing Captain may require an entrant to obtain a SoCal PHRF certificate if the boat's rating is disputed.
11. **Prizes.** Prizes are based on number of fleet entries as of January 31: 5-6 entries, two awards; 7-9 entries, three awards; 10+ entries, four awards.
12. **Disclaimer of Liability.** Competitors participate in the series 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.

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