



# Notice of Race

Arizona Yacht Club Fall Series 2023  
Tempe Town Lake, Arizona

1. **Rules.** The series 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](http://arizonayachtclub.org) or from the AYC Racing Captain.
3. **Eligibility.** The regatta is open to sailboats under 20 feet LOA racing under one-design or Portsmouth Yardstick rating rules. Fleets formed with five (5) or more series registrants by the first warning of the series will qualify as an active fleet under AYC Bylaws. Boats registering for a fleet with fewer than five (5) entrants by the closing date will be combined with the Portsmouth handicap fleet. Current active fleets are Catalina/Capri 14.2, Laser, Sunfish, Juniors, and Portsmouth.
4. **Entry.** Boats may enter by submitting a form and the required fee online at [arizonayachtclub.org/racing](http://arizonayachtclub.org/racing). To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
5. **Fees.** AYC members Tempe Town Lake (TTL) only, \$30; Non-members TTL only, \$55; Junior members TTL, \$30; AYC members Lake Pleasant & TTL, \$95; Non-members, \$175; Day only, \$15.
6. **Schedule.** September 17 & 24, October 8, 22 & 29, November 12 & 26, December 10. First warning signal at 3pm during September and October; 2pm during November and December. No warning signal will be displayed more than two hours after the first scheduled warning.
7. **Venue and Courses.** Race venue and courses to be sailed are described on Tempe Town Lake Chart D.
8. **Scoring.**
  - a) One race is required to constitute a series.
  - b) A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored "did not start" (DNS). This changes rule A4.
  - c) Rule A5.3 will apply. A5.3 will be modified so that boats that do not come to the starting area will be scored two points more than the number of boats that start. A boat starting one race during a day will be scored as if she came to the starting area for all races that day. This rule cannot be changed by fleet rules.
  - d) 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 A5.
  - e) A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst 20% (rounded down).
  - f) Day entries will not be scored for the series. This changes rule A2.2.
9. **Prizes.** Prizes are based on number of fleet entries: 3-4 entries, one award; 5-6 entries, two awards; 7-9 entries, three awards; 10+ entries, four awards.
10. **Championship Race Qualification.** The annual champion of an active AYC fleet shall be the AYC member entrant with the lowest combined score, determined by combining an entrant's net scores for each of the fall and spring series. The Junior fleet is not included in the Championship Race. To be eligible to compete in the Championship Regatta, the entrant must have 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.
11. **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.

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

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