



# Notice of Race

Arizona Yacht Club Fall Series 2023  
Lake Pleasant, 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. **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 series registrants by the start on the first day 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 may be combined with a handicap fleet. Current active fleets are Catalina 22, PHRF Spinnaker, Santana 20, PHRF Sport Boat, Portsmouth, and Thistle.
5. **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.
6. **Fees.** AYC members Lake Pleasant (LP) only, \$75; Non-members LP only, \$135; Junior members LP, \$30; AYC members LP & Tempe Town Lake, \$95; Non-members, \$175; Day only, \$25.
7. **Schedule.** September 30-October 1, October 7, October 28, November 11, November 18-19. If one of the series days is cancelled because of too much or too little wind, entrants will be notified of a weather makeup day on December 2. First warning signal: Saturdays at 12:30 pm and Sundays at 8:30 am. No warning signal will be displayed after 4 pm on Saturdays or 12 pm on Sundays.
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 series.
  - b. A boat starting later than fifteen (15) 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 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 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.
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: 3-4 entries, one award; 5-6 entries, two awards; 7-9 entries, three awards; 10+ entries, four awards.
12. **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.
13. **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.

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

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