



Arizona Yacht Club

Governor's Cup Regatta

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

Lake Pleasant Arizona

December 9, 2023

RULES

The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing.

ELEGIBILITY

The regatta is open to all boats with a PHRF, Portsmouth or SCHS rating.

ENTRIES

Online entry must be completed by 4pm Wednesday, December 6. The entry is available at www.arizonayachtclub.org.

FEES

The entry fee is \$15 per vessel. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

SCHEDULE

First start: Saturday, December 9, 1 pm. This is a pursuit race and each boat's start time will be assigned based on PHRF time-on-distance handicap so that all boats theoretically will finish at the same time.

PHRF

All boats' ratings will be converted to PHRF rating, as inexact as that is. PHRF boats shall sail under the Southern California PHRF ratings or the rating agreed by the boat's AYC fleet.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to participants will be posted on the AYC website, www.arizonayachtclub.org and the Regatta Committee may communicate changes to the Sailing Instructions verbally on the water.

An optional MEETING

Optional meeting will be held at 11:30am at Spinnaker Point.

RADIO COMMUNICATION

All boats are strongly encouraged to carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 68 for crew safety and improved communication with the race committee. On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts on VHF channel 68.

CHECK-IN AND CHECKOUT

Each boat must check in by sailing aft of the Race Committee on starboard tack and hailing sail number. A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible. If possible, use VHF channel 68.

THE COURSE

Long and short course charts are posted on the AYC website. Course selection will be made based on the wind forecast and emailed to entrants with the start times on Friday, December 8. The course will use yellow columns for marks. The start and finish line will be between a red mark ball and the orange mast on the committee boat.

Each boat will decide its **start direction** and **sequence of marks**. Each boat will determine which way to round a mark before entering the three-length zone of that mark. **USE CAUTION WHEN ROUNDING.**

THE START

There will be a staggered, pursuit start with a modified starting sequence. Starting times will be sent by email to entrants by 4pm Friday, December 8. Starting times will also be available from the race committee. The RC may postpone the race under Rule 27.3. In the event of postponement, the RC will announce the amount of delay, which will be a multiple of 10 minutes. Each boat is expected to add the

announced delay to her published starting time. At her assigned start time, a boat will start with no signal given by the RC. As a courtesy, the RC will announce individual recalls on VHF channel 68 but will *not* display Flag X or sound a horn. Failure of a boat to hear a hail or failure of the RC to hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes Rules 29.1 and 62.1(a). *CAUTION: WATCH OUT FOR BOATS STARTING IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION.*

TIME LIMIT

To be scored, boats must complete the course before 4pm.

PROTESTS

Competitors are to submit protests within the protest time that ends at 5:30pm. [Protest forms are available here](#) or on the US Sailing app or may be a simple email meeting the requirements of RRS 61.2. Send the protest to racingcaptain@arizonayachtclub.org. Protest and redress hearings will be virtual and parties and witnesses to hearings shall have access to a device that has internet accessibility with audio and video capability.

AWARDS

For purposes of awarding the Governor's Cup Trophy, the entrants will be divided between monohull and multi-hull divisions. The Governor's Cup will be awarded to the top-finishing boat in the division with the most entrants. The winner will have his or her name engraved on the perpetual trophy and AYC members may have possession of the Governor's Cup Trophy until the scheduled date of the next Governor's Cup Regatta. The organizers may give additional prizes arbitrarily and capriciously.

SAFETY REGULATIONS

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 risks of exposure to communicable disease.

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