



Governor's Cup Regatta

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

December 6, 2025, 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 rules, which are available from fleet captains. Fleet captains can be found at arizonayachtclub.org/fleets.
- 2. Eligibility.** The regatta is open to all boats racing with a PHRF, Portsmouth or SCHRS rating.
- 3. 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, boats shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees by the registration deadline of midnight on Wednesday, December 3, 2025.
- 4. Fees.** The entry fee is \$15 per vessel.
- 5. Schedule.** Saturday, December 6, 2025: Optional Skippers Meeting at 11:30 am at Spring Canyon ramadas; 1:00 pm first warning. BBQ dinner to follow at the Spring Canyon ramadas.
- 5. 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.
- 6. Communications.** The official notice board is the Arizona Yacht Club Racing Page: arizonayachtclub.org/racing. All boats are strongly encouraged to carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 68 for crew safety and improved communication. On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts.
- 7. Check-in and Check Out.** Each boat must check in by sailing aft of the Race Committee on starboard tack and hailing sail number and number of persons onboard. A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible. If possible, use VHF channel 68.
- 8. Venue and Courses.** The race venue and courses to be sailed are described in Lake Pleasant Chart O. Course selection will be based on wind forecast and the course will be displayed on the committee boat overhead course board. The start and finish line will be between a red mark ball and the orange mast on the committee boat. Rounding marks will be inflatable yellow, green and red cylinders and tetrahedrons.
- 9. The Start.** There will be a single start. 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. As a courtesy, the RC may announce individual recalls on VHF channel 68 and may 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 61.1.
- 10. Time Limit.** To be scored, boats must complete the course before 4pm.
- 11. Hearing Requests.** Competitors are to submit protests within the protest time that ends at 5:30pm. A hearing request may use a US Sailing form or simply meet the requirements of RRS 60.3 and be delivered to the Principal Race Officer. If possible, hearings will be scheduled and principals informed within 30 minutes of the end of the protest time limit.

12. Prizes. 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.

13. Safety. All persons on board are strongly encouraged to wear a personal flotation device while underway. A boat, competitor, or support person shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger. Skippers should review the Emergency Action Plan available at arizonayachtclub.org or from the AYC Racing Captain.

14. Media Rights. By participating in this event, competitors grant to the Organizing Authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recording, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

15. 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.

16. Code of Conduct. Participants shall agree to adhere to [the AYC Code of Conduct](#).

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