



Sailing Instructions

Arizona Yacht Club Spring Series 2026
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. **Changes to Sailing Instructions.** Sailing Instructions may be changed up to 5PM the day before racing and posted at the [AYC website](#). Changes to the sailing instructions may be made on the water by displaying flag L, come within hail, with one sound.
3. **Schedule.** First warning signal at 2PM. No warning signal will be sounded more than two-and-a-half hours after the first scheduled warning.
4. **Class Flags.** Class flags will be displayed for Laser, C14.2, and Sunfish fleets. A flag with Pm will show for Portsmouth fleet. A Jolly Roger symbol will show for Juniors.
5. **Racing Area and Courses.** Tempe Town Lake Chart D shows the courses and course designations. All rounding marks are left to port. Gates may be used.
6. **Marks.** Rounding marks will be inflated yellow or orange cylinders and tetrahedrons. Juniors will use blue and orange inflated cylinders.
7. **Check-in and Checkout.** Each boat must check in before her first race each day by sailing past the Race Committee shore position and hailing fleet and sail number. A boat that retires from a race or retires from racing before the end of the race day shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
8. **Starting and finishing line.** The starting line and finishing line will be between two small white balls. After sailing the weather leg, the line between the start and finish marks is an obstruction the boats shall not cross unless finishing. Unless corrected, a boat violating this rule will be scored NSC without a hearing.
9. **The Start.** The races will use three-minute starts. This changes RRS 26. To save time and when possible, after the first start the race committee will use rolling three-minute start sequences for subsequent fleets. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
10. **On Course Side.** If any part of a boat's hull is on the **course side** of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee may attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress request.
11. **Safety.** All persons on board are 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.
12. **Penalty System.** RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
13. **Protests.** Competitors are to submit protests within the protest time that ends at 8PM on race Sundays. [Protest forms are available here](#) or on the US Sailing app or may be a simple email meeting the requirements of RRS 60.3. Send the form 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.

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