



# Notice of Race

Arizona Yacht Club  
Spring Series 2027  
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 with race committee for crew safety and improved communication among race committee, fleet captains, and competitors.
4. **Eligibility.** The series 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. Expected fleets are Catalina 22, PHRF Spinnaker, Santana 20, PHRF Sport Boat, Portsmouth, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, Multihull, 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.** January 30-31, March 13-14, April 3-4. First warning signal: Saturdays at 12:30 PM. No warning signal will be displayed after 4PM. Sundays at 9:00 AM. No warning signal will be displayed after 12:30 PM.
8. **Make Up Day** – April 17 is designated a “make up day.” The use of this day is up to the sole discretion of the Racing Captain. It can only be used to replace a day that was cancelled, not for any individual fleet.
9. **Venue and Courses.** The race venue and courses to be sailed are described on Lake Pleasant Chart O.
10. **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 A5.1.
  - 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 came to the starting area. 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 A5.3.
  - 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.
11. **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.
12. **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.
13. **Media Rights:** By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures, and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for said event in which the competitor participated and in any material related to the event, without compensation.
14. **Code of Conduct:** Competitors agree to be held to the [AYC Code of Conduct](#) and the [Rules and Agreement for Lake Pleasant](#). Acknowledgement of and agreement with these documents is required in the sign up form.
15. **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.