Notice of Race

Arizona Yacht Club Birthday Regatta for Charity

February 19-21, 2027, 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 and fleet rules, which are available from fleet captains. Fleet captains can be found at arizonayachtclub.org/fleets.
2. **Sailing Instructions**. Sailing Instructions are available at arizonayachtclub.org or from the AYC Racing Captain.
3. **Radio Communications**. All boats are strongly encouraged to carry a VHF radio. On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.
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 registrants by Feb 5, 2027, may have their own start. Boats registering for a fleet with fewer than five (5) entrants by Feb 5, 2027, will be placed in a handicap fleet. At their discretion, organizers may split a handicap fleet into High and Low rating fleets. Expected fleets include Hobie Wave, Sunfish, Santana 20, Laser, Flying Junior, Fireball, Buccaneer, Multi-hull, PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Sport Boat, and Portsmouth.
5. **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 16 Feb 2027.
6. **Fees**. Birthday Regatta Fees **include one ticket** to the Saturday evening party and dinner. Additional tickets may be purchased.
   Friday Charity Race: All Vessels - $25 (all proceeds go directly to charity)
   Birthday Regatta Early Registration

Up to 19' LOA = $120	College and High School Sailing Teams = $55
Over 19' LOA = $160	Cruising = $65

   Registrations after the 5 Feb Early Deadline are 15% more.
7. **Schedule**. The Charity Regatta on Friday will be scored separately from the Birthday Regatta on Saturday/Sunday.
   Day 1 (February 19) Friday Charity Race. No skippers meeting, first warning signal at 1pm. No warning signal after 4pm.
   Day 2 (February 20) Birthday Regatta. Skippers meeting at 7:45am, first warning signal at 9:30am. No warning signal after 4pm.
   Day 3 (February 21) Birthday Regatta. No skippers meeting, first warning signal at 9am. No warning signal after noon.
8. **Cruising Fleet**. The cruising fleet will participate in one PHRF long distance race on Saturday, February 20th. There will be no cruising fleet race on Sunday. The Cruising Fleet will start at the race committee starting line, but may be finished at a separate location. If that is the case, separate Sailing Instructions for the Cruising Fleet will be published. All other instructions are the same.
9. **Venue and Courses**. The race venue and courses to be sailed are described on Lake Pleasant Chart .
10. **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.
11. **Scoring**.
    a. The Charity Regatta will be scored separately from races on Saturday/Sunday.
    b. For the Charity Regatta and separately for the Birthday Regatta, one race is required to constitute a regatta.
    c. A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored “did not start”(DNS). This changes rule A5.1.
    d. Rule A5.3 will apply.
    e. After starting, a boat may retire (RET) from a race and receive a score equal to the number of fleet starters in that race, except if she starts alone in her fleet. If she starts alone, she shall sail the entire course to be scored as a finishing boat. This changes rule A5.1.
12. **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.
13. **Prizes**. Frist, Second, and Third place prizes will be awarded for fleets that have 5 registrants by 5Feb 2027. There will be one prize per fleet awarded for the Friday Charity Race.
14. **Disclaimer of Liability.** Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. Competitors acknowledge that sailing involves potential risks. As a condition of their participation in this regatta, competitors release all claims they may have against Arizona Yacht Club and its officers, directors, members, committees and employees for damage to property, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta. Competitors shall be responsible for damage or injury caused by their breach of The Racing Rules of Sailing or applicable governmental rules for the avoidance of collision. Additionally, everyone that participates grants the Arizona Yacht Club the right to use their images, recordings, and likeness for marketing, promotional, or other purposes without compensation.

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