

Watership Down, Short-Handed 2020 – 2021 Series
December 12, '20 through May 22, '21
Tiller & Kites, Maricopa Youth Mariners, and Tumbleweed Sailing
Lake Pleasant, Peoria, AZ

NOTICE OF RACE

PREFACE:

Starting next year, in the '21 – '22 season, this will be a full year-long regatta, targeting thirteen races in total, starting in early November and ending in late May or early June. To get it going this season, however, it will be shortened, with nine races in total, so we may run proof-of-concept and allow people to try it and give feedback.

This regatta has been designed to provide sailors of all types, beginners to cruisers to racers, with a different approach to utilizing and growing their skills while competing on the water. Though not a normal part of a Notice of Race, this Preface is meant to give an overview of the event and explain the intent, the “why”, behind many of its aspects.

- The races will be distance races, therefore, one race per day. Depending on the time of the year, mainly regarding the time of sunset, these will be between seven and twelve miles in length.
- Registrants will enter as Co-Skipper teams and must share the helm pro-rata with their Co-Skippers.
 - The team enters, not a boat.
- Throw-outs, if any, must keep the end-of-season score in line with the pro-rata skipper ratio.
 - Each team will be scored on 50/50, or 33/33/33, time on the helm.
 - Deviations of no more than one race will be given if the series ends up being decided with an odd number of races overall.
- Rating bonuses and penalties will be done on a percentage basis, not a fixed amount, in order to maintain a level playing field across all boats.
 - This actually gives the advantage to the boats with higher ratings.
- The short-handed aspect goes for both competitors and Race Committee, thus the Rabbit Start.
 - The short-handed idea addresses our social distancing guidelines on both the competitors' and Race Committee boats.
 - Regarding social distancing, we have noticed, through conversations and social media, that most folks have started hanging out in small, contained groups again, and from what we can tell, most groups

resemble their crews. The entire crew may not be there, but a partial crew is, so we believe the short-handed structure works.

- Pay attention to the allowed number of crew per LOA of the boat being sailed as there are both penalties and bonuses related to this.
- Pay attention to the Rabbit changing every race and the rules surrounding the Rabbit.
- Throw-outs come at the very end, so this series will not be decided until the very end.
 - Building on this, pay attention to DNCs being registrants plus one, not competitors plus one.
- Understand the age bonuses, both young and old.
- It is worth noting again that a team registers, not a boat. The team may race different boats every race per skipper availability, crew availability, etc.
- Per all of the above, the declarations made to the RC are critical.

The underlying idea is simple – come race, different boats, different crews, different helmsmen, leading to a different approach on any given day. Now, on the NOR...

1 RULES

- 1.1* The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 Racing rules 26 and A4 will be amended as follows: Rule 26 (SI Section 11.1), Rule A4 (SI Sections 15). The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.4 Under RRS 87, all class rules which derived your PHRF rating apply and are not changed.
- 1.5 The Sailing instructions, and all supplementary sailing instructions, will be posted on the official notice board located at www.arizonayachtracing.com.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats with a PHRF or Portsmouth rating.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the registration form, located at www.arizonayachtracing.com, and paying the required fee.
- 2.3 Late entries will be accepted per the website.

3 FEES

- 3.1 Required fees are as follows:

Class: All boats

Fee: \$125

3.2 Other fees:

Late Fees

Fee: \$25

4 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

4.1 There is no qualifying series. The regatta is the final series.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration: before 5:00 PM, Friday, January 29th.

5.2 Dates of racing:

Date

February 6, '21

February 27, '21

March 6, '21

April 3, '21

April 10, '21

April 24, '21

May 8, '21

May 15, '21

May 22, '21

5.3 Number of races:

Class

Number

Races per Day

PHRF

9 races (targeted)

1

Portsmouth

9 races (targeted)

1

5.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for each day is 1:30 PM.

5.5 On any scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 2:45 PM.

6 MEASUREMENT

8.1 Each boat shall produce a valid PHRF or Portsmouth rating certificate.

8.2 A boat shall comply with RRS 78.1 at all times.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SIs will be available online after December 1st, at www.arizonayachtracing.com.

8 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be as follows: See Course Chart A (Sailing Instructions).

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

9.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply. The penalty will be 5 places.

9.2 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

10 SCORING

10.1 The scoring system is as follows: PHRF/Portsmouth rating, time and distance.

10.2 Seven (7) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

(a) When seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score, maintaining the pro-rata skipper's percentage.

(c) When nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores, maintaining the pro-rata skipper's percentage.

11 SUPPORT BOATS

There will be no support boats for this series. The fleet will take care of itself and redress will be given where deemed appropriate.

12 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

13 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes will be awarded.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

21 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance

22 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Victor Felice at race@ArizonaYachtRacing.com – 480-577-4077.