

Watership Down, Short-Handed 2022 Series  
January 29 through May 21, '22  
Tiller & Kites - Maricopa Youth Mariners  
Lake Pleasant, Peoria, AZ

## PREFACE

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, as much as we can do on the lake, 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 among their Co-Skippers.
  - The team enters, not a boat.
  - Teams can be multi-skipper – single-boat or multi-skipper – multi-boat.
  - If multi-boat, all boats are invited to race every day.
  - Daily 1<sup>st</sup> place prizes will be available to all boats on the water, not just those designated as the team’s racer for a multi-boat team that day.
- Throw-outs, if any, must keep the team’s end-of-season score in line with the pro-rata skipper ratio.
  - Deviations of no more than one race will be given if the series ends up being decided with an odd number of races and an even number of skippers on a team.
- 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 and entice sailors of all skill levels to participate.
  - This actually gives the advantage to the boats with higher ratings.
- The shorthanded aspect goes for both competitors and Race Committee, thus the Rabbit Start.
- 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 the above, the declarations made to the RC are critical.
- Course Chart A and Marks – we have been playing with Navionics' Boating App attempting to pin-point GPS coordinates of marks and also to start using some of the electronics we have on many of the boats. Course Chart A, along with individual screen shots of the marks and their locations, are attached to this document for your preview. When finalized, we'll forward PDFs of the chart to everyone, as well as send the file so you may load it into your systems.
- Different from last year, we are going to try and grow from one to three starts per day. This decision was made recently and we will be pushing hard to gain traction on it. The first few races may have only one start, but we will be striving to achieve three starts – PHRF mono, Portsmouth, and multi-hull by the middle of the series. Independent of how many boats in each fleet are on the water, they will get a start. Their courses will be set so that all boats finish at about the same time. We feel strongly about getting the smaller boats back out on the water at Lake Pleasant, and to accomplish this, we plan to have at least two Sea Scout and/or our other youth programs in C-15s racing come late-spring.
- NEW – we are working to introduce teams which will include cross-fleet teams. This may not become a reality this season, but it is an ongoing conversation and we will solve it.

The underlying idea is simple – come race, different boats, different crews, different helmsmen, leading to a different approach on any given day.

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## NOTICE OF RACE

### 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 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 on the Facebook [Watership Down group page](#) and at [Arizona Yacht Racing](#).

### 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](http://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:

<u>All Classes - Series: All (each) boats</u>	<u>Fee: \$145</u>
<u>All Classes – Individual Days</u>	<u>Fee: \$ 45</u>

- 3.2 Other fees:

<u>Late Fees</u>	<u>Fee: \$25</u>
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### 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, Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- 5.2 Dates of racing:

Date

January 29, '22  
February 12, '22  
February 26, '22  
March 12, '22  
March 26, '22  
April 2, '22  
April 16, '22  
April 30, '22  
May 14, '22  
May 21, '22

5.3 Number of races:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Races per Day</u>
PHRF	10 races (targeted)	1
Portsmouth	10 races (targeted)	1
Multi-Hull	10 races (targeted)	1

5.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for each day is 1:00 PM.

5.5 On any scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 2:30 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 January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at both the [FB Watership Down](#) group page and [Arizona Yacht Racing](#).

## 8 THE COURSES

**New Course Chart for '22** - the courses to be sailed will be as follows: See Course Chart A (Sailing Instructions, but also attached here as a preview).

## 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 team's series score will be the total of all its scores.

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

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

(d) When nine (10) races have been completed, a team's series score will be the total of its race scores excluding its three worst scores, maintaining the pro-rata skipper's percentage.

## **11 SUPPORT BOATS**

*There will be no support boats for this series. All fleets will take care of themselves 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**

13.1 Series prizes will be given as follows: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes will be awarded. These awards will be presented at the series ending BBQ after the last race in May.

13.2 Daily first place prizes will be presented at the Tiller & Kites / Maricopa Youth Mariners offices/boat yard one hour after the RC boat returns to the marina.

## **14 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.

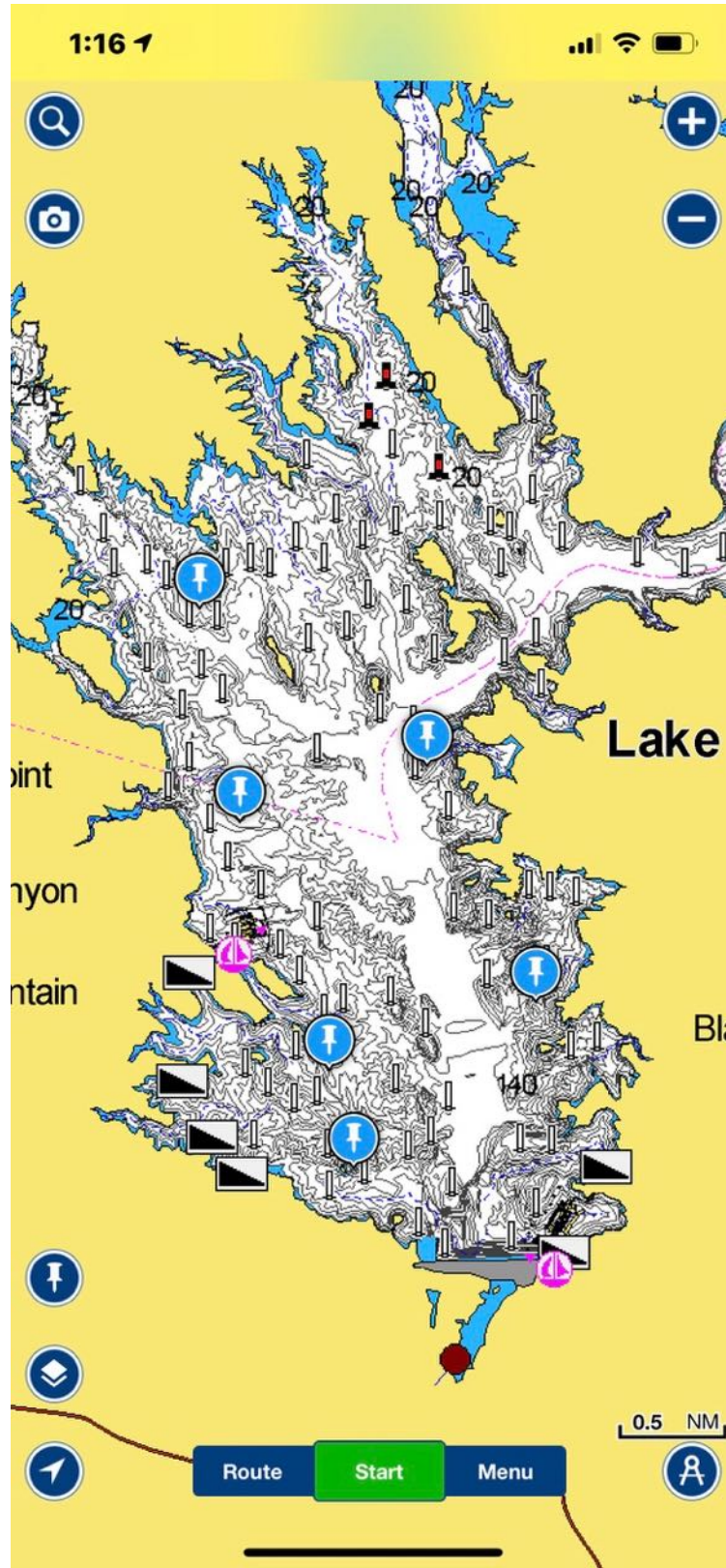
## **15 INSURANCE**

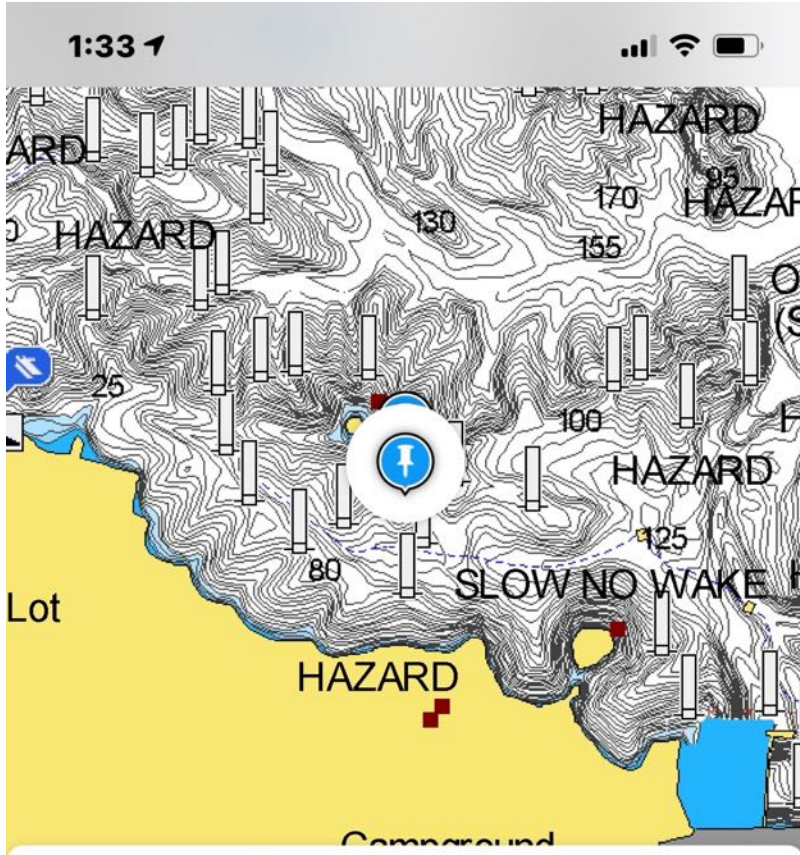
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance

## **16 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact Victor Felice at:  
[race@ArizonaYachtRacing.com](mailto:race@ArizonaYachtRacing.com) or 480-577-4077.

Course Chart A





# Start-Finish - Mark #1



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Distance  
**26 NM**

Coordinates  
**33° 51.253' N • 112° 16.827' W**



Boat To



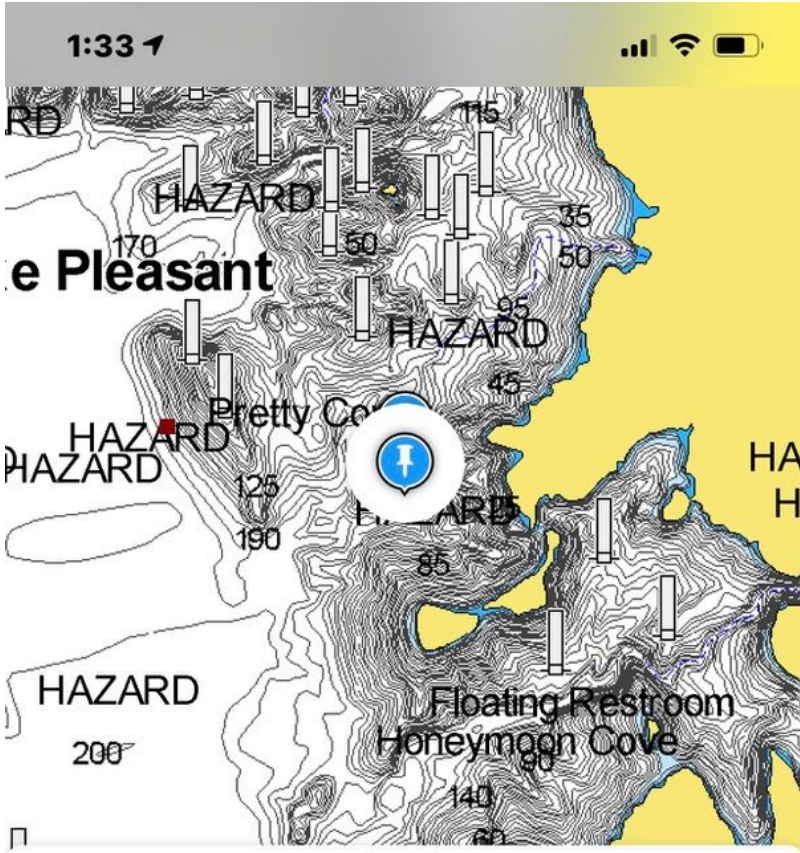
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**26 NM**

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**33° 52.095' N • 112° 15.721' W**



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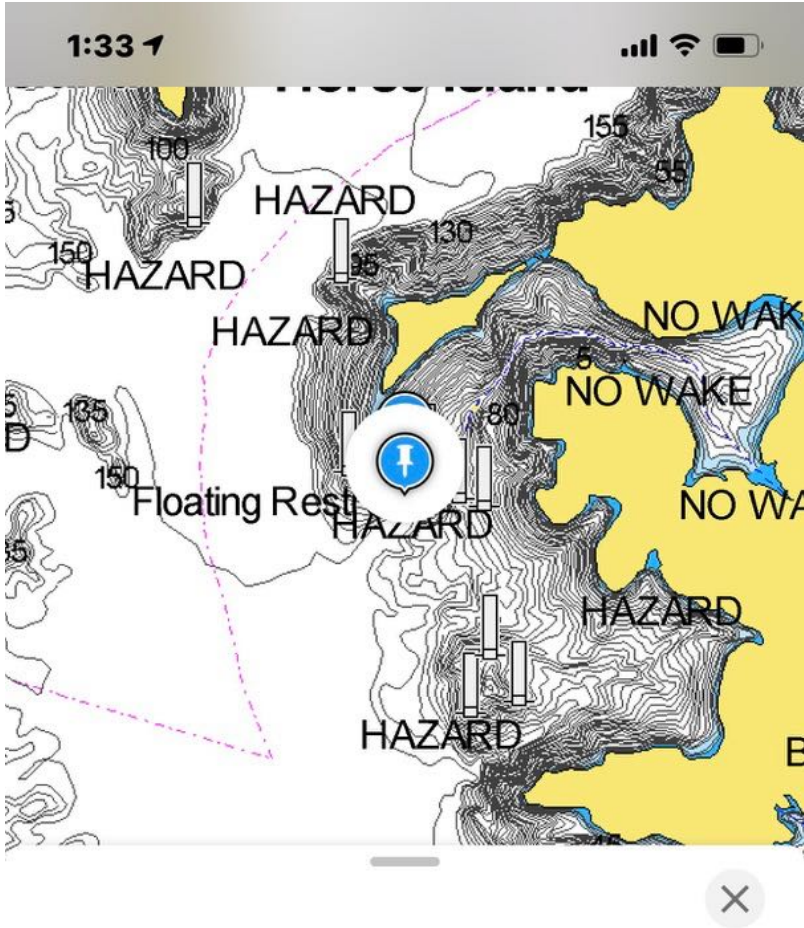
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**27 NM**

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**33° 53.285' N • 112° 16.375' W**



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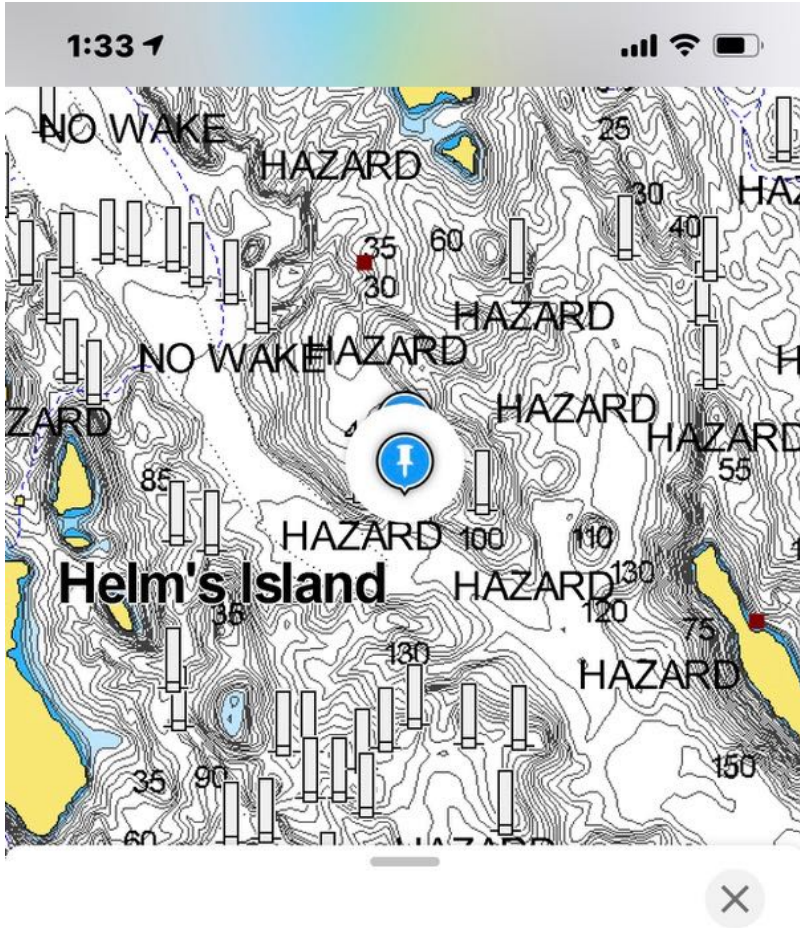


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**29 NM**

Coordinates

**33° 54.080' N • 112° 17.756' W**



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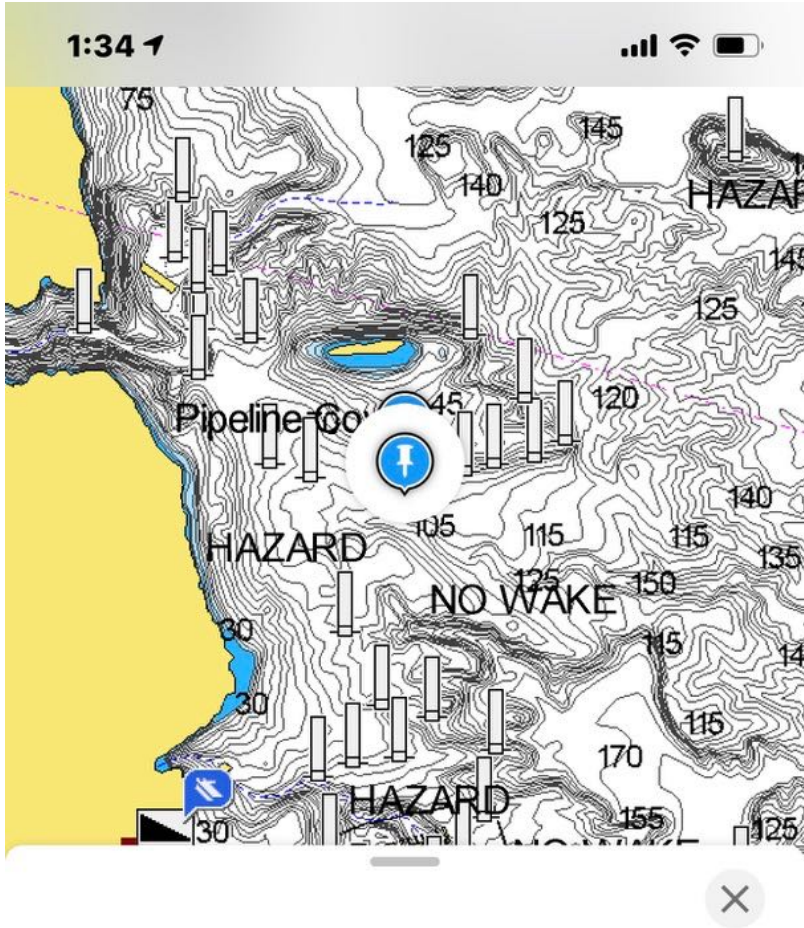


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**28 NM**

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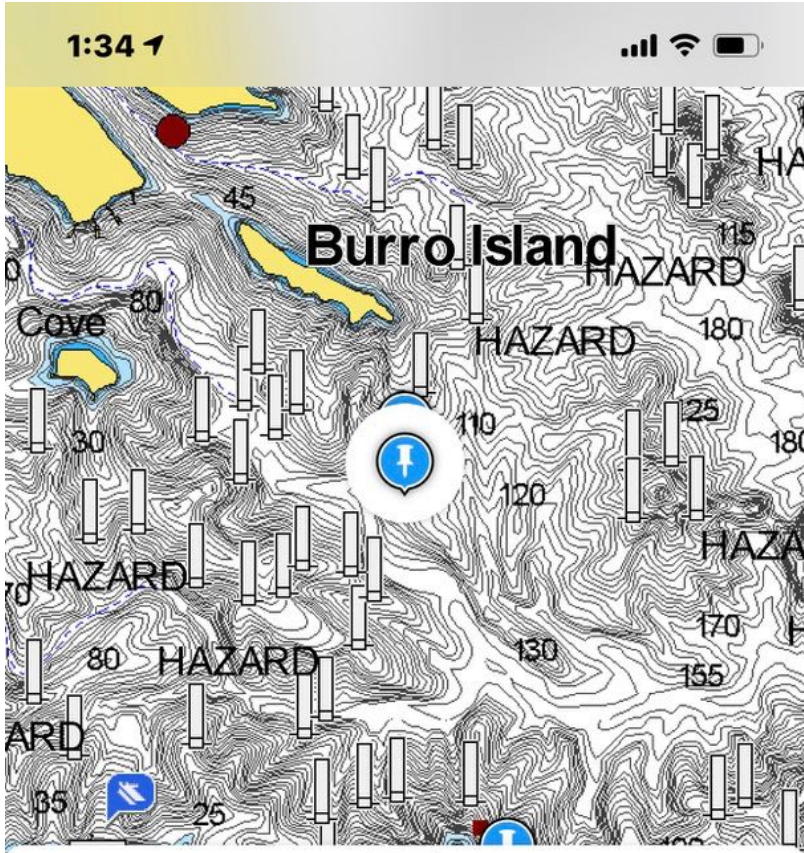


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Distance

**27 NM**

Coordinates

**33° 51.747' N • 112° 16.970' W**



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