

**Watership Down, Short-Handed 2022 Series**  
Dates: January 29 through May 21  
Tiller & Kites – Maricopa Youth Mariners  
Pleasant Harbor Marina, Lake Pleasant, Peoria, Arizona

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. Rules.** The series will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2. Notices to competitors**

Notices, if any, will be posted on both the Facebook [Watership Down group page](#) and Arizona Yacht Racing's website, [www.arizonayachtracing.com](http://www.arizonayachtracing.com), prior to 9:30 AM on each race day.
- 3. Changes in Sailing Instructions**

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- 4. Registrants & Co-Skipper Declarations**
  - 4.1. Registrants will enter regatta as a team of Co-Skippers.
    - 4.1.1. Co-Skippers will compete as a team of no less than 2 and no more than 3.
    - 4.1.2. Each team member must skipper their pro-rata share of races - 50% (1/2) for teams of two or 33% (1/3) for teams of three.
    - 4.1.3. The same number/percentage of finishing scores from each Co-Skipper must be used in the final team score. If throw-outs come into play, they may not be used to reduce the number of finishes per Co-Skipper below their targeted team number/percentage.
    - 4.1.4. Teams may declare a different vessel on each race weekend.
    - 4.1.5. Teams must declare all required information to Race Committee
  - 4.2. Declarations of each Co-Skipper team are due prior to the warning signal prior to that day's race and can be made via text, email, or by hailing the Race Committee. If each team's declarations are communicated prior to the warning, they will be started using the PHRF or Portsmouth rating of the boat sailed that day, with a spinnaker (if applicable).
- 5. Signals made ashore**

Announcements from the RC will be made on VHF channel 72.
- 6. Skippers' meetings/awards:**
  - 6.1. Unless otherwise notified, there will be three in-person Skippers' Meetings during the entire regatta; one on the very first race day, one midway through the series (date TBD), and one on the final day. Also, unless otherwise designated, they will be held at Tiller & Kites, located due east of the Peoria Fire Station at Pleasant Harbor Marina.
    - 6.1.1. Meetings will start at 11:00 AM on those Saturdays for all racers.

6.2. On all other race days, all information otherwise delivered at an in-person Skippers' Meeting will be delivered in an electronic fashion to be announced prior to the start of the series.

6.2.1. Race Committee will outline and distribute, via email and the [Watership Down group page](#), any logistical changes from the previous week which would be discussed at the Skippers' Meeting for the convenience of racers coming from Scorpion Bay.

6.2.2. It is during the Skippers' Meetings where the starting "Rabbit" will be designated.

6.2.3. It is during the Skippers' Meetings where the declarations of each team will be announced.

## **7. Schedule**

**Saturday:** Targeted 1:24 PM warning. There will be only one race per day, thus only one warning.

## **8. Class/Fleet Boards**

8.1. There will be three classes – PHRF mono, PHRF multi, and Portsmouth.

## **9. Courses to be sailed**

9.1. Course to be sailed will be designated on the Race Committee boat with a number flag and will correspond to a course listed on the Course Chart A, attached. Course #10 will be communicated on channel 72 at the time of the warning signal.

9.2. The Finish Mark, which is the floating Tylenol looking fender, will be located off the east side of the Race Committee boat and acts as Mark #1.

## **10. Marks**

Rounding marks will be yellow, orange, or green inflatables.

## **11. Check-in and the Start**

11.1. Each boat must check-in no later than 1:15 PM by sailing aft of the Race Committee on starboard tack, hailing their sail number, and receiving a verbal or visual confirmation from the Race Committee of their intended participation.

11.2. Each race will be started via a Rabbit Start.

11.2.1. A standard five-minute start will be employed.

11.2.2. One minute prior to the start, the Rabbit will pass the stern of the Race Committee, sailing a heading to be determined by the RC and communicated to the Rabbit and the fleet on VHF channel 72.

11.2.2.1. The starting line is between the stern of the Rabbit and the designated pole on the RC boat.

11.2.3. At the start, all other competitors will start by passing between the Rabbit and the Race Committee boat.

11.2.4. During the start procedure, the Rabbit is 'above the law' regarding rights-of-way, even port over starboard, in an effort to allow them to begin the start exactly on time. All other entrants will avoid the Rabbit at all costs as during the start procedure, as they have surrendered ALL rights to her.

In this situation, the Rabbit can only call rights on boats which prevent her from starting on time.

- 11.2.5. The Rabbit relinquishes her 'above the law' status as soon as the last starboard tack starter crosses her stern, OR when the RC hails, via VHF channel 72, that she has fulfilled her duties, at which time she now competes with the same rights as all other boats. The call to clear the Rabbit will be accompanied by three horn blasts.

11.3. *Boats shall avoid the Rabbit and Race Committee boat at all costs.*

### **Finishing**

- 11.4. The finish line will be between the transom of the Race Committee boat and the Tylenol mark which will be located due east of the RC boat.
- 11.5. 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 using VHF channel 72.

### **Time Limit.**

- 11.6. The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes prior to sunset as per <https://sunrise-sunset.org/us/peoria-az>
  - 11.6.1. If no boats finish before this time, the race will be scored as the teams are positioned on the water.
  - 11.6.2. In this situation, no handicapping will be used to adjust finishing positions.
- 11.7. Boats failing to finish within 120 minutes after the first boat finishes will be marked as time limit expired ("TLE") but scored as they are positioned on the racecourse.
  - 11.7.1. No PHRF or Portsmouth handicapping will be used for finishing scores marked TLE.
- 11.8. No warning signal shall be made after 2:25 PM.

**12. Protests.** Competitors are to notify the Race Committee of any protests immediately after finishing and then submit protests to the Race Committee by 6:00 PM Saturday. A fillable PDF protest form will be made available and will be accepted via email at [hello@arizonayachtracing.com](mailto:hello@arizonayachtracing.com).

### **13. Scoring.**

- 13.1. Seven races are required to constitute a regatta.
  - 13.1.1. At eight races, each team receives one (1) throw out.
  - 13.1.2. At nine races, each team receives two (2) throw outs.
- 13.2. Each registrant shall sail to their boat's PHRF rating, per SoCal.
  - 13.2.1. Each registrant does not have to sail the same boat each race.
- 13.3. Each boat is allowed one crew member per seven and a half feet (7' 6") of their boats LOA, as shown on their SoCal PHRF, Portsmouth, or comparable certificate.
- 13.4. If the combined ages of a two-person Co-Skippered team is greater than 130, this team is allowed an additional crew member.

- 13.5. If the combined ages of a three-person Co-Skippered team is greater than 195, this team is allowed an additional crew member.
- 13.6. Every registrant may have up to three (3) crew members aged fifteen years, or younger, without penalty.
- 13.7. If a registrant sails with fewer than her allowed crew, not counting any crew members 15 years of age or younger, they will receive a ten percent (10%) rating bonus for that race.
- 13.8. If a registrant sails with greater than her allowed crew, not counting any crew members 15 years of age or younger, they will receive a ten percent (10%) rating penalty for that race.
- 13.9. If their chosen boat's PHRF rating includes a spinnaker and the boat decides to race without a spinnaker, for either the entire series or an individual race, this boat shall have a twenty-five percent (25%) rating bump added to their rating.
- 13.10. A boat starting later than fifteen (15) minutes after the starting signal will be scored "did not start" (DNS) and receive a score equal to the number of competing boats plus one (1). This changes rule A4.
- 13.11. After starting, a boat may retire (RET) from a race and receive a score equal to the number of competing boats in that race plus one (1). This changes rule A4.
- 13.12. Boats identified as TLE shall be scored as they are positioned on the race course. As per 13.2, no PHRF or Portsmouth ratings will be applied. This changes rule A4.
- 13.13. Boats identified as DNC (Did not start, did not come to the starting area) shall receive points equal to the number of registrants in the fleet, plus one (1).
- 13.14. The fleet will consist of one or more registrants.

**14. Prizes.** A daily 1<sup>st</sup> prize will be awarded to each fleet along with a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prize at the end of the series.

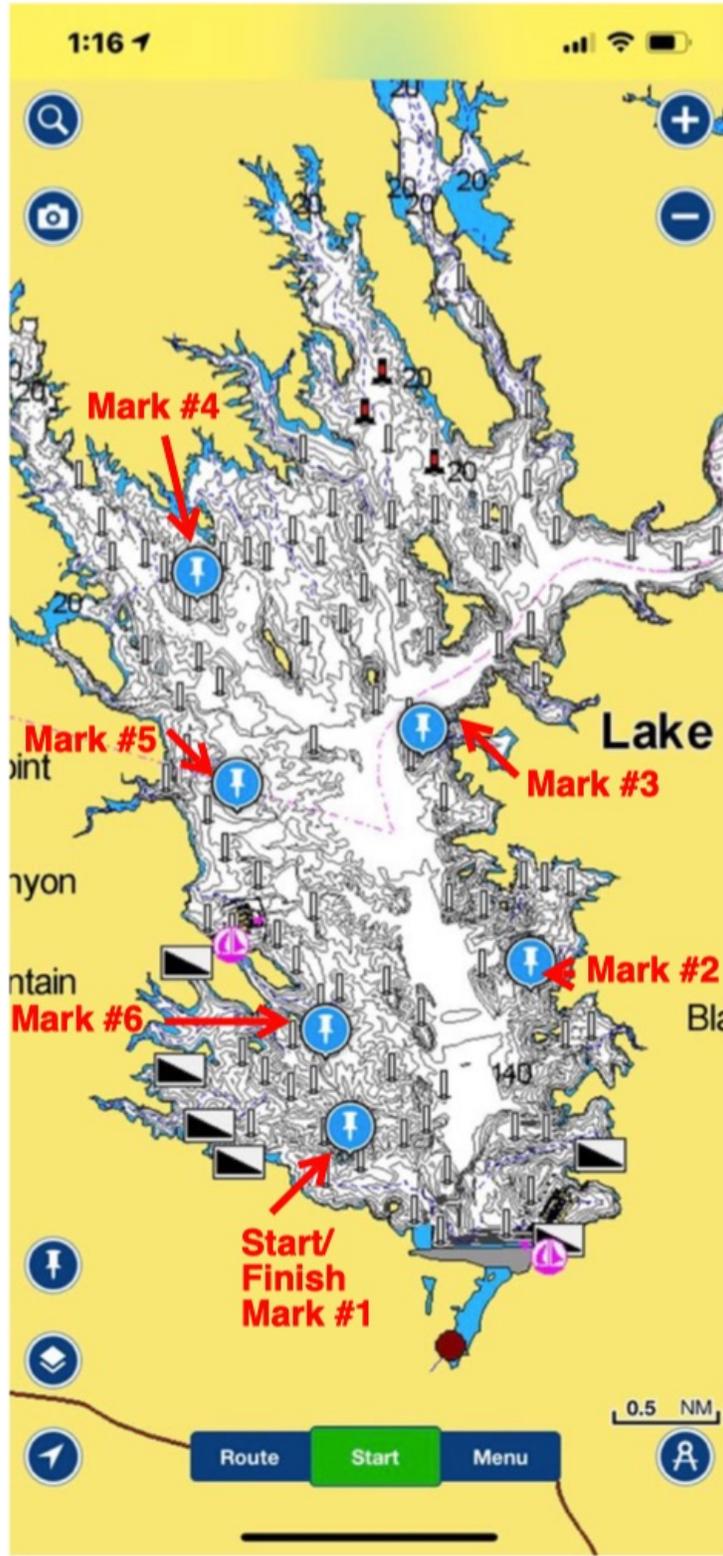
### **15. Safety Regulations**

- 15.1. All boats must check in by sailing aft of the Race Committee, on starboard tack, and hailing their SAIL NUMBER before their first race each day.
- 15.2. 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 using VHF Channel 72.
- 15.3. All boats shall have an operable VHF radio and conduct a radio check with the RC immediately after hailing their sail number as part of the check in process.

### **16. Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Neither Arizona Yacht Racing nor Maricopa Youth Mariners will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Course Chart A



Course #1	S – 6s – 2 – 5 – 2s – 6 - F	7.84 nm (approx.)
Course #2	S – 3 – 4 – 2 - F	8.13 nm (approx.)
Course #3	S – 6 – 1 – 3 - F	6.39 nm (approx.)
Course #4	S – 2 – 1 – 3 - F	7.00 nm (approx.)
Course #5	S – 6s – 3 – 5 – 2s – F	6.64 nm (approx.)
Course #6	S – 6 – 1 – 3 – 5 - F	7.30 nm (approx.)
Course #7	S – 3 – 4 – 3s - F	7.96 nm (approx.)
Course #8	S – 6 – 1 – 2 – 1s – 6 - F	6.21 nm (approx.)
Course #9	S – 6 – 1 – 2 – 1 – 6 - F	6.76 nm (approx.)
Course #10	TBD by RC on day of race	