

Location: Lake Pleasant Harbor Marina



Victor Felice at Lake Pleasant | Mermaid Rescue and Mermaid Revolution

"A decision that could effectively end organized sailing instruction, certification and full-service sailboat support in Arizona."

THE STORY After a nine-year presence at Lake Pleasant Harbor, Tiller & Kites' month-to-month lease was abruptly canceled, with late payments cited as the reason. Owner Victor Felice says years of receipts show payments were made on time, yet no clear explanation for the decision has been provided. Felice says he has repeatedly requested a long-term lease but has been unable to obtain answers from either Pleasant Harbor or Maricopa Water District.

The general manager responsible for the marina and RV resort has also departed, and the position is now advertised on major job sites — making answers even more difficult to obtain.

Why Tiller & Kites Matters

- **International credentials:** Introduced International Yacht Training to Arizona, connecting students with a certification system operating across six continents.
- **Access and service:** Arizona's only full-service sailboat training, repair, maintenance and rigging facility.
- **Public service:** Trained blind students; promoted women's sailing; supported Maricopa Youth Mariners; hosted the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary; and launched Sail48 for veterans.
- **International reach:** Supported record-setting Pacific rower Michelle Lee and the Argentine women's team that won the 2022 J/24 Jaeger Women's Trophy aboard Mermaid Rescue.
- **Tourism potential:** Developed a winter Sailing and Baseball concept with northern yacht clubs and the Cactus League, but held it pending a promised new lease.

What Is At Risk

Without a viable Lake Pleasant base, Arizona could lose its most complete sailing ecosystem: internationally recognized instruction, racing programs, youth and veterans initiatives, and the state's only comprehensive sailboat service operation.

AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS

Victor Felice — in person, by phone or on camera, including on-site at Lake Pleasant. Payment records and correspondence are available for review.

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SELECTED BACKGROUND

Ocean of Obstacles

Sail48 Veterans Program

VA Art Boat

J/24 World Champions