

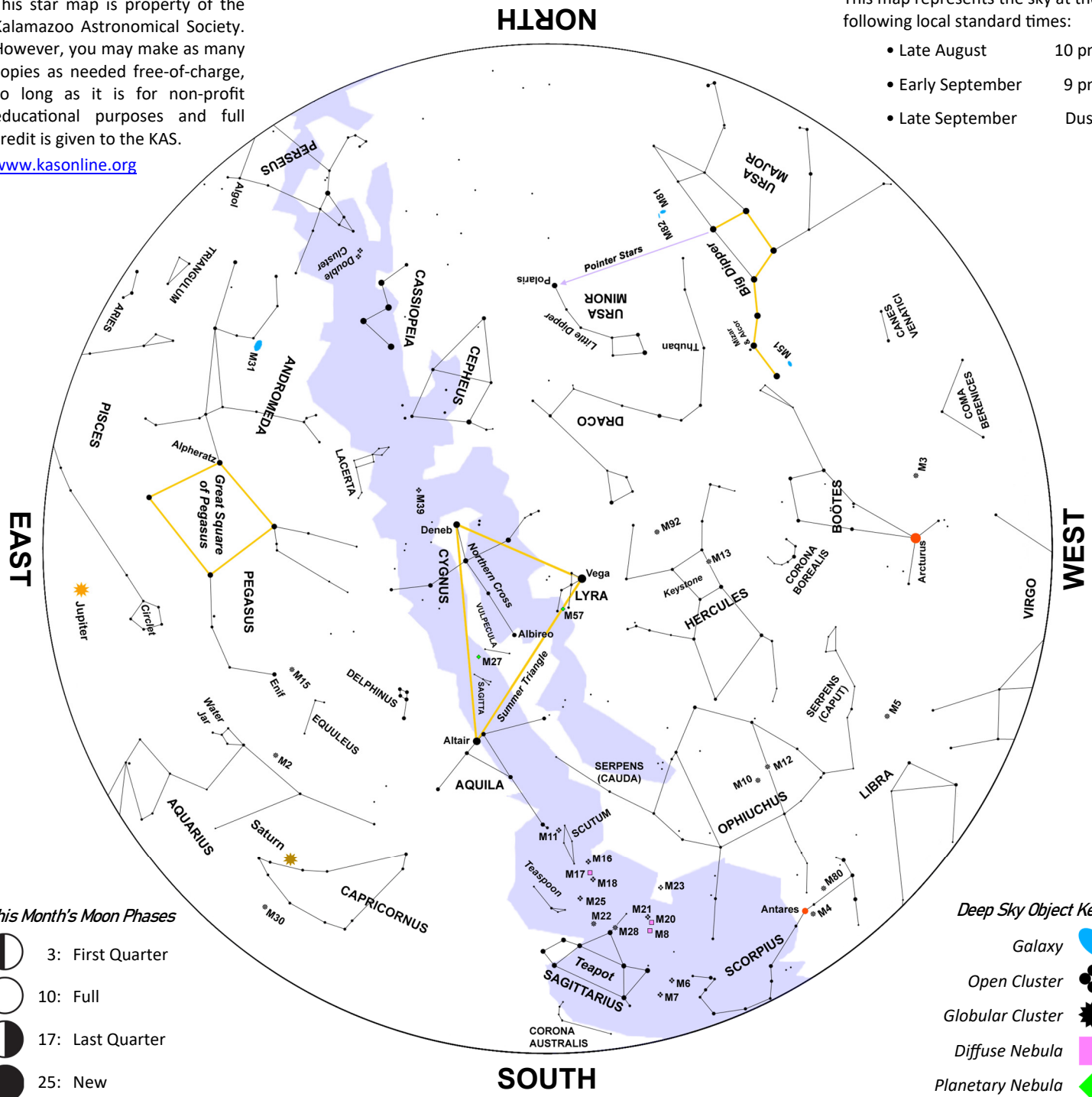
September Night Sky

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This map represents the sky at the following local standard times:

- Late August 10 pm
- Early September 9 pm
- Late September Dusk



This Month's Moon Phases

- 3: First Quarter
- 10: Full
- 17: Last Quarter
- 25: New

Deep Sky Object Key

- Galaxy (blue circle)
- Open Cluster (black cross)
- Globular Cluster (black star)
- Diffuse Nebula (pink square)
- Planetary Nebula (green diamond)

The Moon makes its monthly rounds in the morning and evening sky in September. We begin on the 3rd when a first-quarter Moon moves to within 5° to the upper left of Antares, the heart of Scorpius the Scorpion.

A waxing gibbous Moon appears 7° to the lower right of Saturn on the evening of Sept. 7th. It then visits Jupiter during the morning

hours of Sept. 11th, sitting less than 5° below the mighty gas giant.

Switching to dawn, a waning crescent Moon will be less than 3° below Pollux in Gemini on Sept. 20th. Look high in the east. Next, the Moon visits Cancer the Crab and poses about 3° to the upper left of the Beehive Cluster. The thin moon and cluster will look stunning together in binoculars.

Jupiter steals the spotlight on Sept. 26th when it reaches opposition. This marks Jupiter's official entry into the evening sky. The Jovian giant will also be closer to Earth than it has been since October 1963, at a distance of 367 million miles.

We end the month back where we started, with the Moon near Antares. This time only 1½° separate the two.