



GREAT PUMPKIN REGATTA

Richmond Yacht Club

October 29 and 30, 2016

Sailing Instructions

Rules

The regatta will be governed by the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, the rules of each class of boat, the notice of race, and these sailing instructions. If some of these rules are inconsistent, the rule in the document furthest toward the end of this list overrides the others.

Boats shall stay clear of all commercial traffic. A boat's failure to stay clear of commercial traffic before, during, and after racing may be the basis for disqualification

The regatta is designated a Category A event.

Notices to competitors

If changes to the sailing instructions are made, they will be posted on the race committee bulletin board in the clubhouse by 900 hours of the day they will take effect and code flag L will be flown from the mast on the clubhouse deck. Code flag L will also be hoisted by the committee boats. Copies of any postings will be available from the committee boats (for the convenience of boats not sailing out of the RYC harbor). A message on the radio will also be made.

Signals made ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm of the mast on the upper deck of the clubhouse. If a postponement is made ashore, the warning signal on the water will be made not less than one hour after the postponement flag is lowered.

Format of races

Each class is scheduled to have three 'round-the-buoys races on Saturday. A single race will be held on Sunday, with each boat starting at a time calculated to bring all the boats together at the finish.

Awards

Trophies for each day will be awarded after the racing that day. Monohulls and multihulls will have separate trophies.

If protests are undecided, the trophies may be awarded based on the preliminary standings.

Express 27 class rule

For the Express 27 class RRS 44.1 is modified as follows: A boat may take a penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. The penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty unless she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing within the zone of a rounding or finishing mark in which case the penalty shall be a Two-Turn Penalty.

Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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.

Class racing on Saturday

Grouping of classes and schedule of races

Three races are scheduled for each class on Saturday. The first warning gun will be at 11:25 AM. The second race for each class will start soon after all the boats of that class get back to the starting area, and likewise for the third race. No race will be started after 4 PM. In the first race, barring unexpected circumstances, the fleets will start in the order given in the lists of fleets posted on Friday, October 28.

Course areas

There will be three course areas for the 'round-the-buoys racing on Saturday. One will be in the Olympic Circle area, one in the Southampton area, and one in deep water in the slot between the other two courses.

Fleets

DEEP WATER

Flag	Boat	PHRF	# boats	
A	PHRF A	-15 +21	5	TIME
B	Sport Boat	27-75	6	TIME
C	PHRF C	27-36	5	TIME
D	PHRF D	42-66	6	TIME
E	PHRF E	73-99	12	TIME
F	PHRF F	81-89	5	TIME

OLYMPIC

Flag	Boat	PHRF	# boats	
G	Sf 30	123-141	5	TIME
WW class flag	Wabbit	126	4	
H	Exp 27	129	16	
J	Moore 24	150	6	
K	J24	168	5	
O	U20	144	5	

SOUTHAMPTON

Flag	Boat	PHRF	# boats	
Q	PHRF Q	108-159	7	TIME
R	PHRF R	111-138	9	TIME
T	PHRF T	105-178	11	TIME
Santana flag	Santana 22	237	9	
V	PHRF V	180-243	5	TIME
W	Cal 20	273	5	

The fleets and class flags and PHRF assignments will be posted on the bulletin board and on the web site by 3 PM on Friday, October 28.

Courses

The three courses will each have a windward mark and a leeward mark. The starting line will be to leeward of the leeward mark, and the finishing line will be to windward of the windward mark. The starting line and the finishing line will each have a pin on the port end and an orange flag on the committee boat on the starboard end.

There will be two race configurations. Race configuration 1 is windward mark - leeward mark - finish line. Race configuration 2 is windward mark - leeward mark - windward mark - leeward mark - finish line. The race configuration will be shown by the 1 or 2 number pennant. Marks are to be left to port.

Marks

The windward and leeward marks will be yellow or orange cylinders or tetrahedrons. The two marks on a course will have the same color.

Starting signals

The class whose start is coming up will be identified by a letter code flag. The letter for each class will be posted on the bulletin board in the club house and on the club web site on Friday, October 28. If more than one flag is displayed, these fleets will start together.

If a general recall is made, the recalled class will start again immediately in the next start.

Time limits

The time limit for the first boat in a class in each race is 90 minutes. A boat finishing more than 30 minutes after the finishing time of the first boat in its class will be scored DNF. No race will be started after 4 PM.

Radio communication

The race committee may use VHF channel 72 in the Olympic Circle, 79 in the Southampton area, and 65 in the deep water area for communication with the fleet.

Protests

The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee finish boat of the course of the protesting boat reaches the dock. Protest procedures shall use the standard format.

Scoring

The low point scoring system of the Racing Rules of Sailing (Appendix A) will be used. There is no throwout race. This changes RRS A2. For handicap divisions, the race Committee will score the event using time on time as the basis

The Great Pumpkin Race - the Pursuit Race on Sunday

Schedule

There is one race on Sunday.

Course

The course is a circumnavigation of Alcatraz and Angel Islands, with each boat selecting either to leave both islands to starboard or to leave both islands to port. The course length is 12.5 nautical miles.

Three areas are restrictions. A boat may not pass through the following waters:

- Between the buoy off Point Blunt and Angel Island
- Between the buoy west of Alcatraz and Alcatraz
- Between the entrance to Tiburon harbor and Sam's Anchor Cafe

Starting line

The starting line will lie approximately 3/4 mile northeast of Southampton Shoal. A race committee boat will lie on each end, with orange flags marking the line.

Finishing line

The finishing line will lie approximately 1/4 mile to the west of the end of the Potrero Channel breakwater. A committee boat will lie on each end, with orange flags marking the line.

Handicap and starting order

PHRF handicaps (time on distance) will be used. The formula for the starting times is

Start time after first class = 56.25 - 0.20833 x handicap. The answer is in minutes.

Using this formula the starting times of all the boats entered will be posted on the club web site and on the club bulletin board on Saturday at 1800 hours. If a boat has a different PHRF rating from the one shown, please use the correct rating for the boat.

Starting system

The old starting system (yellow, blue, red shapes) will be used as shown in the table below. The time will also be announced occasionally on channel 79 by the race committee. The starting time for a boat will be from the start time of the scratch boat, which is the Cal 20. Unless there is a postponement, the times of raising and lowering the shapes will be

Message	Signal	Time of raising	Time of lowering
Warning	Yellow shape	11:50 AM	11:54 AM
Preparatory	Blue shape	11:55	11:59
Start for Cal 20	Red shape	12:00 (Cal 20 start)	After last start

Recalls and protests

OCS will be called on channel 79, and the X flag will not be displayed. This changes RRS 26. Protests by any of the top ten finishers will be heard after the race; protests by subsequent boats will be heard at RYC on the following Wednesday at 7 PM. Protests must be lodged within thirty minutes after the committee boat docks.

Finishing and time limit

Please, if possible, note the time and the boats just ahead and just behind you at the finish. Sometimes a sail number is hard to see from the committee boats, and a note could help the scorers. A boat finishing after 1700 hours will be scored DNF without a hearing.

Radio communication

The race committee will use channel 79.

Awards

The trophies for the pursuit race will be awarded to the first 5, 12th, 15th, 26th, last 2 monohulls. Trophies will be awarded to the first five catamarans. Every child under 14 will get an award.

Costumes

The race committee, in consultation with the social committee, will make the Debs at Sea Award for the crew with the most noteworthy costumes.

Pumpkins

Pumpkins will be scattered along the race course. A boat that picks up a pumpkin can present the pumpkin at the awards ceremony and receive a Spiritual Award.

Trivia quiz

A trivia quiz sheet will be available at the auxiliary Bloody Mary bar on Sunday morning and should be opened only after leaving the dock. The completed trivia quiz sheet should be returned to the big decorated TRIVA box at the auxiliary bar after the race. The quiz will be used to determine the winner of the Donald Crowhurst Award, which is an intellectual award.