



2019 Great Pumpkin Regatta (420 Races)
Hosted by the Corpus Christi Yacht Club
October 26, 2019

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, rules of the South Texas PHRF, the Notice of Regatta, and these Sailing Instructions. If said rules are contradicted in anyway by these Sailing Instructions, then these Sailing Instructions are controlling.
- 1.2 Any amendments to the Sailing Instructions will either be e-mailed out to the registrants or posted on Sailing Center window facing east towards the pool at the Corpus Christi Yacht Club (CCYC).
- 1.3 The Race Committee (RC) reserves the right to also amend the Sailing Instructions orally and on the water if necessary.

2. ENTRIES

- 2.1 Any sailor or team who files an entry form by 9:00 hrs October 26, 2019 is eligible to race. Sailors may enter as individuals or as a team consisting of 2 sailors. Experience on a 420 is NOT required. Further, it is not required that a sailor be a member of a team. Individual entrants will be assigned to a team at Skippers meeting. There is also no requirement for a club affiliation.

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 All written Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Sailing Center window facing east towards the pool at the Corpus Christi Yacht Club (CCYC).

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change in the Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be posted on the Sailing Center window as soon as practical. In the event of unforeseen circumstances, changes in Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be communicated orally to each Team.

5. SIGNALS

- 5.1 Signals for races will be made from the YC Pier. The starting sequence will be signaled with the use of a whistle. See Appendix U attached here for reference.

6. BOATS

- 6.1 Boats will be assigned based on registration timing by Regatta Network. Once a boat has been assigned, there will be no changes of boats between Teams unless directed to by the RC.
- 6.2 Boats will be sailed only with equipment made available by the CCYC. Team members may not make any alterations to the boat without prior approval of the RC. No outside

equipment or material may be used on the boat for purposes of gaining a competitive advantage.

7. **SCHEDULE**

- 7.1 Close of registration will be 9:00 hrs on Saturday, October 26, 2019.
- 7.2 The Skipper's Meeting will be at 9:30 hrs on Saturday, October 26, 2019.
- 7.3 First signal for the first race will be 10:30 hrs on Saturday, October 26, 2019.
- 7.4 Start times may be changed upon proper notification.

8. **RACING AREA**

- 8.1 The racing area will be the Corpus Christi Marina.

9. **THE COURSE**

- 9.1 The Course for each race will be discussed at the skippers meeting.

10. **MARKS**

- 10.1 The Marks of the Course shall consist of hippity hops. The white "no wake" marks located in the Corpus Christi Marina may also be used at the discretion of the RC.

11. **THE START**

- 11.1 The start of each race will be at a line between a staff bearing an orange flag on the main yacht club pier and an orange mark. The line will be open at all times.
- 11.2 The Audible-Signal Racing System, pursuant to The Racing Rules of Sailing, Appendix U shall be used. See attached for reference.

12. **THE FINISH**

- 12.1 The finish of each race will be at a line between a staff bearing an orange flag on the RC Boat and a nearby orange mark (the same line as the starting line).

13. **SAFETY**

- 13.1 A team retiring from a race or the Regatta shall notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 13.2 All sailors ***must*** wear a coast guard approved personal floatation device.

14. **PROTESTS**

- 14.1 RC will hear all protest, But strongly advises against protesting.

15. **SCORING & FLEETS**

- 15.1 The Low Point Scoring System will apply in the Regatta. In the event of a Championship Race, participants' previous scores are excluded.
- 15.2 If there are enough Boats for all Teams, then there will be 1 Fleet. 3 or more races are planned. 1 race will constitute a regatta.

16. **AWARDS**

16.1 Awards will be given out at the conclusion of the regatta to the top three teams.

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