



RICHMOND YACHT CLUB

GREAT PUMPKIN Regatta 2019

October 26th and 27th

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority: Richmond Yacht Club, Point Richmond, California

1 RULES

- 1.1** This regatta will be governed by the RULES as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2** Competitors shall wear life jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy while racing, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. Code Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, which is located in the main club house. Changes may also be posted on the RYC website.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast on upper deck at RYC.
- 4.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes "Race Signals".

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1	<u>RACE</u>	<u>DAY AND TIME</u>	<u>TIME OF FIRST WARNING SIGNAL</u>
	1	Saturday, October 26th	11:25
	2	Saturday, October 26th	Immediately following Race #1
	3	Saturday, October 26th	Immediately following Race #2
	4	Sunday, October 27th	12:00

- 5.2** After the first race each day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, a series of short sound signals and a radio announcement may be made.

Saturday, October 26, 2019 Fleet Racing

6 CLASS FLAGS & RACING FLEETS

Fleets and Class Flags are as shown on **Attachment A**. Fleet assignments will be available on the RYC website and at the Club by 8:00 PM, October 25th.

7 RACING AREAS

There are 3 Racing Areas.

Deep Water Course	South of the Olympic Circle Area.
Start Line Boat	Buoy Toy
Finish Boat	Dog House
VHF	79

OC Course area	Olympic Circle area
Start & Finish Boat	Toro Grande
VHF	72

Brooks Island Course area	Way east of Southampton shoals
Start and Finish boat	RYC Pelican
VHF	71

8 THE COURSES

8.1 Attachment B shows the courses for the Deep Water, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

Attachment C shows the courses for Brooks Island Course and Olympic Circle, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.3 There may be an Offset Mark “O” set 5-8 boat-lengths from the weather mark. If present, the offset mark is to be passed in sequence as designated in the course descriptions on **Attachment B**.

8.4 The course to be sailed will be designated by flag displayed from the Race Committee signal boat.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks will be yellow or orange inflatable cylinders or tetrahedrons, offset mark will be orange ball.

9.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 12, will be a different color than the mark being replaced.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following object shall be left to shoreward:

Bell buoy 7 off the west end of Alcatraz.

Above obstruction is not a mark of the course.

11 THE START

- 11.1** Races will be started by using RRS 26. Classes may be started in any order, although in the first race of the day expect that classes will be started in the order listed in **Attachment A** .
- 11.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of an inflatable mark. There may be a limiting mark near the signal boat.
- 11.3** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.4** A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practical.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee boat and an inflatable mark. Competitors should adjust their sails so finish line crew can see sail numbers immediately after finishing. Stick around after your finish and be ready to start next race, listen to your VHF or watch for your fleet flag on starting boat.

17 TIME LIMITS

- 17.1** The time limit for each race shall be 90 minutes.
- 17.2** Boats in a fleet failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in the fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14 SCORING

- 14.1** Saturday's PHRF races will be scored "Time on time".
- 14.2** A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.

Sunday, October 27th, 2019 Pursuit Race

15 THE COURSE

Courses for the race will be from the start near the Southampton platform, around Angel Is & Alcatraz in either direction, leaving both islands either to port or both to starboard, and back to the finish line near Red # 6 channel mark in the Richmond Channel. Course length will be 10.7 miles.

16 THE START

16.1 The initial start shall be in accordance with Rule 26. The Warning flag will be a blue flag. After the initial start, the blue flag will be re-hoisted and will remain flying until the last start. All starts subsequent to the first start may be called to attention by a sound only. Hour and minute may be announced on the VHF by the Race Committee. The race committee will use GPS time.

16.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and an inflatable mark.

16.3 The sail numbers of OCS boats may be called on Chan 79. The X flag may not be displayed. Boats not re-rounding an end of the line to restart will automatically be penalized 10 places at their finish times. This changes RRS 29.

16.4 If there is a postponement in the initial start, the signal boat will display the number of minutes of postponement with number signal flags. Competitors shall adjust their start times accordingly.

16.5 Start times will be posted on the RYC website and at the Club after 10:00am on October 26th.

17 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between staff flying orange flag on RC signal boat and orange mark. Competitors should ensure that their sail numbers are visible to the finish line crew while finishing.

18 TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the GREAT PUMPKIN race will be 1730 hours on Sunday. Boats finishing after that time will be scored as DNF. This changes RRS 35.

All Racing – Saturday and Sunday

19 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

19.1 Protest forms will be available near the official notice board in the main club house. Protests shall be delivered to a Race Committee representative in the Race Office within the protest time limit, which shall be one hour after the committee boat returns to the dock. The return time will be posted on the official notice board inside and to the left of main entrance to the club and on the website.

19.2 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Notices will also be posted on the Web site Note that fleets with protests on Saturday will have their trophy presentations on Sunday afternoon during the pursuit race awards.

19.3 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b). Notices will be posted on the official Notice board and on the Web site

20 SAFETY REGULATIONS

20.1 Check-in: Boats are requested to check in with the Race Committee by sailing by the committee boat, on starboard tack, prior to the first warning signal (Saturday), or 15 minutes prior to her start **No radio check in on Saturday. On Sunday's pursuit race no check is required.**

20.2 Boats leaving the racing area prior to the conclusion of racing are requested to notify the Race Committee by VHF before leaving the course area. If that is not possible, the competitor shall notify a shoreside member of the Race Committee or a club staff member (Bartender, Harbormaster) immediately after arriving ashore.

20.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

21 RADIO COMMUNICATION

21.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

21.2 On Saturday, the Race Committee may use the following VHF channels to communicate information about the day's racing and the sail numbers of boats that are OCS or have violated RRS 30.

- Deepwater Course -- 79
- OC Course – 72
- Brooks Island Course -71

Neither failure of the Race Committee to communicate the sail numbers of recalled boats in a timely manner, nor failure of a recalled boat to receive or hear transmitted information, will be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

21.3 On Sunday, the Race Committee may use VHF channel 79.

22 PRIZES

22.1 For Saturday racing, prizes will be awarded to first through third place finishers in each class with more than 5 boats, and first and second place finishers with 5 boats. The trophy presentation will be held on the **RYC dock after the racing on October 26th.**

22.2 Prizes will be awarded to the first ten PHRF finishers and the first three multihull finishers of the GREAT PUMPKIN Race on Sunday. Prizes will be awarded on Sunday, October 28th, as soon as possible after completion of the event.

22.3 Unclaimed prizes will be held at the RYC Office for a period of one month only. Call at (510) 237-2821 to be sure someone will be in the office for pickup.

23 INTERFERENCE WITH COMMERCIAL VESSELS

Boats shall not impede the passage of ship traffic while racing. Rule 9 of the Inland Rules of the Road applies with respect to all shipping traffic on San Francisco Bay and its tributaries. A violation of Rule 9 is subject to protest by any competitor or by the Race Committee. Compliance with the RRS 60-63 will not be required with respect to a protest involving a Rule 9 infraction. A violation of Rule 9 may not be exonerated by a Turns or Scoring penalty. Any complaint received by the Race Committee from the United States Coast Guard or the captain or bar pilot of any ship that has sounded five blasts on its horn during the course of a race shall result in an automatic protest by the Race Committee if the captain, bar pilot or Coast Guard identifies an offending boat by sail number. In any case where a ship has sounded five blasts on its horn, a presumption shall be created at the protest hearing that the protested yacht(s) has (have) violated Rule 9 and the protested yacht(s) shall have the burden of proving that it(they) did not impede the progress of the ship. Race Committee chase boats patrolling the race course may hail boats to alter course to avoid impeding ship traffic. Failure of any boat to comply with the hail of the Race Committee shall result in an automatic protest by the Race Committee. A protest of a Rule 9 infraction by a competitor may be made at any time prior to the conclusion of the regatta, but not more than 24 hours after the incident. A protest by the Race Committee for an infraction of Rule 9 may be made at any time up to two days after the conclusion of the regatta. The Richmond Yacht Club will cooperate and provide relevant information to any investigations by the Coast Guard or other competent governmental authority of violations of Rule 9.

24 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.

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Attachment A

Fleets and Class Flags

Deep Water Course (VHF 79)

Division	Class Flag
1. PHRF A	A
2. PHRF B	B
3. PHRF C	C
4. J-105	Q
5. PHRF E	E

OC Course (VHF 72)

Division	Class Flag
1. PHRF D	D
2. Wabbit	Class Flag
3. Express 27	Class Flag
4. Santa Cruz 27	K
5. Moore 24	Class Flag

Brooks Island Course (VHF 71)

Division	Class Flag
1. Ultimate 20	Class Flag
2. J 24	Class Flag
3. PHRF G	G
4. PHRF H	H
5. Santana 22	Class Flag
6. Cal 20	F

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Attachment B Deep Water fleets only

Courses



Marks

W – Weather Mark

L – Leeward Mark

O – Offset Mark

Courses

1 – Start – W(p) – O(p) - Finish

2 – Start – W(p) – O(p) – L(p) – W(p) – O(p) - Finish

3 – Start – W(p) – O(p) – L(p) – W(p) – O(p) – L(p) – W(p) – O(p) - Finish

Restricted Area

Start and Finish line are to be kept clear except when starting or finishing

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Attachment C
Brooks & OC fleets only

Course Diagram

Windward mark

Offset Mark ♦ ♦

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Leeward Mark

Start line _____ RC _____ Finish

Marks

W – Weather Mark

O -Offset Mark

L – Leeward Mark

Courses

1 – Start – W(p) - O(p) - Finish

2 – Start – W(p) – O(p) - L(p) – W(p) – O(p) - Finish

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