

Great Pumpkin Regatta
Organizing Authority: Sarasota Sailing Squadron
October 29th, 2022
Sarasota, FL



Amendment 2 – Oct. 22, 2022
Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.2. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices and results will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the Pavilion at SSS
- 2.2. An unofficial complimentary notice board may be maintained on the regatta's website
- 2.3. In the event of a conflict the Official Notice Board shall prevail

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before **1030** on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. The signals made ashore will be displayed from the SSS flagpole
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes"

5. CLASS FLAG

- 5.1. The class flag will be the class insignia on a flag unless otherwise listed on the notice board. **A "T" Flag will be used to combine fleets and scored Portsmouth.**

6. THE COURSE

- 6.1. PHRF
 - 6.1.1. Assigned at the skippers meeting or on the racecourse.
- 6.2. ONE-DESIGN
 - 6.2.1. The diagrams in *ADDENDUM 1* illustrate the one design courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left
 - 6.2.2. The course designation will be posted on the RC

7. MARKS

- 7.1. PHRF rounding marks
 - 7.1.1. Squadron marks and government marks
- 7.2. One-design rounding Marks
 - 7.2.1. Rounding marks and change marks will be identified on the notice board or on the RC boat **or in ADDENDUM 1.**

8. THE START

- 8.1. Start sequence
 - 8.1.1. PHRF races will be started by using [RRS 26]. First start 1300.
 - 8.1.2. One-design races will be started by using [RRS 26]
- 8.2. Start Line
 - 8.2.1. PHRF starting line will be between a race Committee Signal Boat displaying an orange flag and the course side of a port end permanent mark, or a port end pin boat displaying an orange flag

- 8.2.2. ONE-DESIGN starting line will be between a race Committee Signal Boat displaying an orange flag and the course side of a port end inflatable mark, or a port end pin boat displaying an orange flag
- 8.3. The RC may attempt to hail premature starters either audibly or by VHF. Failure to hail, the order or timing of the hail, or the failure to hear the hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1

9. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 9.1. One-design
 - 9.1.1. The race committee may adjust the bearing of a mark up to approximately 15 degrees or change the course length up to approximately 20% before the first boat rounds the previous mark without signaling a change. This changes RRS 33

10. THE FINISH

- 10.1. PHRF
 - 10.1.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of a inflatable mark or a permanent mark
- 10.2. One-design
 - 10.2.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of a inflatable mark

11. TIME LIMITS

	Race Target Time	Race Time Limit	Finish Window
PHRF	2 hours	3 hours	45 minutes
ONE DESIGN	20-40 minutes	60 minutes	10 minutes

- 11.1. Failure to meet the Race Target Time is not grounds for redress
- 11.2. A boat may be scored “in place” at the discretion of the Race Committee
- 11.3. A boat not finishing in the “Finish Window” will be scored TLE
- 11.4. A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A-5

12. 15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1. Boats **will** report their intent to protest and the number of the boat they intend to protest to the RC signal boat upon finishing either verbally or by VHF.
- 12.2. Scoring inquiries, protests and request for redress forms are available at the SSS office
- 12.3. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee Finish Boat docks after the last race of the day. The docking time and official starting time for protests to be lodged will be posted on the Official Notice Board at SSS

- 13. Notices will be posted after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to or named as witnesses. It is each boat’s sole responsibility to check the notice board to see if she is cited in a protest. Representatives of boats who are parties to hearings and their witnesses shall remain on call until excused by the Protest Committee

14. SCORING

- 14.1. One (1) race is required to constitute a series
- 14.2. Low Point System in Appendix “A” shall apply except that
 - 14.2.1. A boat recorded TLE shall be scored with 2 more points than the last boat to finish that race. This modifies RRS Appendix A5.2

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1. Check-in Procedures

- 15.1.1. Prior to the warning signal for the first race each day in which it intends to compete, each boat shall check in by sailing past the stern of the race committee signal boat, on starboard, hail her sail number and obtain verbal acknowledgement from the Race Committee
- 15.2. A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area between races shall notify the race committee Signal Boat or a patrol boat as soon as possible
- 15.3. Motorboat operators of a motorboat less than 26 feet in length shall be attached to an Engine Safety Cut-Off Switch before the engine is started and at all times when it is operational

16. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

16.1. One-design

- 16.1.1. Unless expressly permitted by the class rules, crew substitutions are prohibited unless there is an injury or emergency
- 16.1.2. Any substitutions shall attempt to be of similar size and must be authorized by petitioning the Race Committee”
- 16.2. Unless prohibited by class rules, substitution of damages or lost equipment will be allowed provided they comply with class rules

17. SUPPORT BOATS

- 17.1. Coaches/ team leaders must register with the Race Committee and declare the boats supported
- 17.2. Coach/team leaders and other support staff shall stay outside the racing area from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee has signaled a postponement, general recall, or abandonment
 - 17.2.1. The race area is defined by 100 yards from the lay lines
- 17.3. No wake of any kind, obstructing a competitor’s course or wind is permitted
- 17.4. Failure to keep clear is a protestable infraction may result in a penalty including a percentage or a DSQ of the supported competitor(s) at the discretion of the Protest Committee
- 17.5. Coach/support boats shall carry a working VHF radio and monitor the race on channel [71] One Design and [78] PHRF.
- 17.6. Support boats may be required to act as safety boats upon instruction from a race official

18. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 18.1. Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats

19. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 19.1. Except in emergency, 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 or any other communication device.

19.2. VHF Ch 71 - One Design

19.3. VHF Ch 78 - PHRF

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 20.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

ADDENDUM 1

COURSE DIAGRAM

Windward-Leeward Course Diagram, Reach Finish

Course LA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Reach Finish	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LA	Start – 1- 1a – 2p - Finish
LA2	Start – 1- 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2p -Finish

Course SLA – Shortened Windward/Leeward, Reach Finish	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
SLA	Start – 1.2 – 2p – Finish
SLA2	Start – 1.2 – 2s/2p – 4.7 –2p – Finish

