



# Great Pumpkin Regatta

Buoy Races October 29, 2022



**RICHMOND  
YACHT CLUB**

## Notice of Race (NoR)

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The Great Pumpkin is governed by:
  - 1.11 The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 2024.
  - 1.12 One Design Fleet rules for specified one design classes.
- 1.2 All participants in this regatta are required to follow all relevant state, county, and yacht club Covid safety requirements. Contra Costa Covid mandates can be found at <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/>. Richmond Yacht Club Covid guidelines can be found at <https://www.richmondyc.org/Default.aspx?p=dynamicmodule&pageid=103&ssid=100110&vnf=1>.
- 1.3 RRS 40.2 is changed as follows: All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices that are USCG or ISO approved. The "Y" flag will not be displayed.
- 1.4 The use of powered equipment is permitted as long as those boats have declared this information on their PHRF rating. This modifies Rule 52.

### **2 ELIGIBILITY**

- 2.1 All PHRF rated boats are welcome. One design boats can race and be scored as a class with 4 or more boats registered by 6 PM, October 28. All other boats will be put into PHRF divisions. Examples of classes in recent years include Cal 20, Express 27, Express 37, J 70, Moore 24, Olson 25, Open 5.7, Santana 22, SF 30, Ultimate 20, Wylie Cat 30, Wylie Wabbit, Alerion 28, Melges 24, J 105, J 24.
- 2.2 Boats must register separately for the Saturday buoy races and the Sunday Pursuit Race. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration found on the Richmond Yacht Club website.

### **3 ENTRY FEE**

- 3.1 The entry fee for one design and PHRF fleets is \$3.00/foot for Saturday buoy racing only. Registration and payment can only be made through the RYC Regatta Networks portal. The entry fee includes one dinner. Registration for Saturday Buoy Races closes on Thursday October 27th at 6PM.

### **4 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1 Sailing instructions will be available after 3:00 pm on Thursday, October 27 at the Richmond Yacht Club, and on the Richmond Yacht Club website.
- 4.2 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 0930 on the day it will take effect. Change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.
- 4.3 Handicapped divisions and one design class starts for Saturday's Buoy Races will be posted on the RYC website after 1500 hrs, October 28th.

### **5 COMMUNICATION**

- 5.1 The Race Committee may use VHF radio to communicate information about time to start and OCS.
- 5.2 Participating boats shall notify the Race Committee if they are dropping out of the race or will be unable to finish the race within the stated time limit found in the Sailing Instructions.

## 6 SCHEDULE

6.1

Date	First Warning
10/29/22 - Race 1	1125 hrs
10/29/22 - Race 2	Immediately following Race #1
10/29/22 - Race 3	Immediately following Race #2

## 7 COURSES

7.1 The Saturday racing areas will be on three courses – Southampton, Olympic Circle, and Deep Water (southwest of the Olympic Circle). Racing will be around temporary marks.

## 8 SCORING

8.1 One race must be completed to constitute a series.

8.2 The scoring system is as follows: Time on Time (TOT).

8.3. Three races are scheduled on Saturday. All races will count toward the final score. There will be no throw outs. This changes RRS A2.

8.4. Saturday's scoring, based on regular PHRF ratings, will be used for the purpose of awarding overall prizes.

8.5 Entered boats must have a current PHRF certificate.

## 9 PRIZES

9.1 Prizes will be awarded for Saturday racing to first through third place finishers in each class with more than 6 boats, and first and second place finishers for 5 boats. The trophy presentation will be held on the RYC deck after the racing on Saturday October 29th.

## 10 RISK STATEMENT

10.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

10.2 The skipper of the boat is solely responsible to comply with State and County Health orders with regard to the health and safety of his/her crew and releases the Richmond Yacht Club of any liability in case new infections occur by racing the boat and COVID-19 tracing of crew members becomes necessary.

## 11 INSURANCE

11.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

## 12 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

12.1 The organizing authority is the Richmond Yacht Club, located at Point Richmond, California.

12.2 The race PRO is Fred Paxton. Contact Fred Paxton at [f.paxton@comcast.net](mailto:f.paxton@comcast.net).

## 13 ADDITIONAL REGATTA INFORMATION

Additional information regarding on-shore activities will be published in a separate document labeled "Additional Information."