



Great Pumpkin Regatta

Saturday October 29, 2022



RICHMOND
YACHT CLUB

Fleet Races Sailing Instructions

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 one-design fleets must sail under their class rules. PHRF boats must sail under the Northern California PHRF Rules and Guidelines which can be found at http://yra.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/RulesAndGuidelinesJan_2022.pdf
- 1.3 RRS 40 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 SCORING

- 2.1 One race must be completed to constitute a series.
- 2.2 The scoring system is as follows: Time on Time (TOT).
- 2.3. Three races are scheduled on Saturday. All races will count toward the final score. There will be no throw outs. This changes RRS A2.
- 2.4. Saturday's scoring, based on regular PHRF ratings, will be used for the purpose of awarding overall prizes.
- 2.5 Boats entered in the races must have a current PHRF or BAMA certificate.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 0930 on the day it will take effect. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, which is located in the junior room downstairs. Notices may also be posted on the RYC website.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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

6 RACE SCHEDULE - SATURDAY

6.1

Race Signal	Time
Race 1	11:25
Race 2	Immediately following race 1
Race 3	Immediately following race 2

6.2 After each race a warning signal for the succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable, A series of short sound signals and a radio announcement may be made to alert boats that another race will begin soon.

7 FLEET ASSIGNMENTS / DIVISIONS

7.1 Fleet assignments will be available on the RYC website and at the Club after 9:00 PM, October 27th.

8 RACING AREAS

8.1 There are three race areas.

Deep Water Course	West of the Berkeley Pier
Start Line & Finish Line Boat	RYC Pelican
VHF Channel	69
OC Course	Olympic Circle Area
Start Line & Finish Line Boat	Toro Grande
VHF Channel	79
Southampton Course	East of Southampton
Start Line & Finish Line Boat	Buoy Toy
VHF Channel	71

9 COURSES

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

9.2 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 A & B.

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

9.4 The race committee will attempt to announce courses and starting groups on the assigned VHF channel for each race area. The absence of this announcement or the failure of a boat hearing the announcement shall not be grounds for redress.

10 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

10.1 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.

10.2 Saturday's Race Committee may use the following VHF channels to communicate information about the day's racing.

Deep Water Course VHF Channel 69
OC Course VHF Channel 79
Southampton Course VHF Channel 71

10.3 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.

11 MARKS

11.1 Marks will be inflatable cylinders or tetrahedrons.

12 RESTRICTED AREAS

12.1 For safety, each of the lines bounded by the following two points is an obstruction:

12.1.1 The Bell Buoy (GR Bell) off the West end of Alcatraz Island and the closest point ashore

12.1.3 The buoy (G 3) South of Point Blunt on Angel island and the closest point ashore

- 12.1.4 A 200' circle around Southampton shoal platform.
- 12.2 The I beam and Anita Rock buoy near St. Francis YC shall be passed on the bay side.
- 12.3 The Richmond Long Wharf vicinity such that a boat may not go between the Wharf and a line connecting buoy R "2CR" FI R 4s marking Castro Rocks, buoy R "2" Q R (1/2 nm west of the Long Wharf), buoy G "3" FL G 4s (1/3 nm south of the Long Wharf) and the Richmond shore northeast of G "3".

13 CHECK-INS

- 13.1 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. Do not attempt to check in by VHF radio.

14 STARTS

- 14.1 Classes may be started in any order, although in the first race of the day expect the classes will be started in the order listed in Attachment A .
- 14.2 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.
- 14.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 14.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number on the designated VHF channel. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request.
- 14.5 General Recall: If there is a second general recall, that group will start after the last scheduled group of starters.
- 14.6 A boat that does not start within 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 14.7 The start line is restricted.

15 FINISH

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

16 TIME LIMIT

- 16.1 The time limit for each race shall be 90 minutes.
- 16.2 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.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 One race must be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 The scoring system is as follows: Time on Time (TOT).
- 17.3 Three races are scheduled on Saturday. All races will count toward the final score. There will be no throw outs. This changes RRS A2.
- 17.4 Scoring, based on regular PHRF ratings, will be used for the purpose of awarding overall prizes.
- 17.5 Boats entered in the race must have a current PHRF certificate.

18 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 18.1 Protest forms will be available near the official notice board. Protests shall be delivered to a Race Committee representative in the Race Office within the protest time limit, which shall be 30 minutes 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 the main entrance to the club and on the website.

- 18.2 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.
- 18.3 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.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 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.
- 19.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 19.3 Boats shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway (see US Dept. of Commerce chart 18649 for designated narrow channels and fairways of SF Bay) or fishing or other vessels with restricted ability to maneuver. Boats identified who endanger their own safety, other sail boats, or that of a commercial or government vessel will be subject to protest by a Race Committee (RC) or contestant and face possible disqualification. RRS 60.3 is modified to add (d) to read: A hearing for allegations of the above will be instigated by a protest committee if notified by government, commercial or individual vessel of possible infraction. It shall also extend the time limit under RRS 61.3 to accept the information.

20 GENERAL

- 20.1 The organizing authority is the Richmond Yacht Club, located at Point Richmond, California.
- 20.2 The race chairman is Fred Paxton. Contact Fred Paxton at f.paxton@comcast.net.