



Great Pumpkin Regatta

Pursuit Race October 30, 2022



**RICHMOND
YACHT CLUB**

Notice of Race (NoR)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Great Pumpkin is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 2024.
- 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 The Sunday Great Pumpkin Pursuit Race is open to all PHRF rated boats and is also open to multihulls with a valid BAMA rating.
- 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 Sunday Pursuit Race is \$1.75 per foot. Registration and payment can only be made through the RYC Regatta Networks portal. The entry fee does not include a dinner at RYC. Registration for the Sunday Pursuit Race 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 The handicapped starting times for the Sunday pursuit race will also 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
10/30/22 Pursuit Race	Start times posted after 1500 hrs on 10/28

7 COURSES

7.1 The Sunday race will start in the vicinity of Southampton Shoal and will finish near the Richmond Yacht Club. The Sunday race will be the traditional Great Pumpkin Pursuit Race around Angel and Alcatraz Islands, with a reverse handicap start.

8 SCORING

8.1 Sunday's race will be scored using regular PHRF ratings for all boats.

8.2 Entered boats must have a current PHRF certificate.

9 PRIZES

9.1 Prizes will be awarded for the Sunday pursuit race to the first ten monohull finishers and first three multihull finishers. The trophy presentation will be held on the RYC deck after racing concludes on October 30th.

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.

13 ADDITIONAL REGATTA INFORMATION

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