



Great Pumpkin - Pursuit Race

October 29, 2023

Sailing Instructions



RICHMOND
YACHT CLUB

1 SCORING

- 1.1 Sunday's race will be scored using regular PHRF for all boats.
- 1.2 Boats entered in the race(s) must have a current PHRF certificate.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 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.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 The online official notice board is located at: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27147>

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast on the 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 - SUNDAY PURSUIT RACE

- 5.1 The pursuit race warning signal is scheduled for 11:25

6 PURSUIT RACE START TIMES

- 6.1 Start times for all boats will be available on the RYC website and at the club by 9:00 PM, October 28th.

7 RACING AREA & COURSE

- 7.1 The course for the race will be from the start near the Southampton platform, around Angel Island & 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 is 10.7 miles.

8 START

- 8.1 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 horn only. Time may be announced on the VHF channel 69 by the Race Committee. The race committee will use GPS time.
- 8.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and an inflatable mark.
- 8.3 The sail numbers of over early boats may be called on Chan 69. 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.
- 8.4 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.

9 FINISH

- 9.1 The finish line will be between a staff flying an orange flag on the race committee boat Pelican, and a rib with an orange flag on the other end of the finish line. Competitors should ensure that their sail numbers are visible to the finish line crew while finishing.

10 TIME LIMIT

- 10.1 The time limit for the Great Pumpkin Pursuit race will be 1700 hours on Sunday. Boats finishing after that time will be scored as DNF. If conditions require a postponement the race committee may announce an extended finish time. This changes RRS 35.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 The Sunday Pursuit Race Committee will use VHF channel 69 to communicate information about the day's racing and the sail numbers of boats that are OCS or have violated RRS.
- 11.3 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.

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
 - 12.1.2 The buoy (G 3) South of Point Blunt on Angel island and the closest point ashore
 - 12.1.3 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 No check-ins are required.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 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.
- 14.3 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.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1 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.
- 15.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

- 15.3 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.

16 CONTACT INFO

- 16.1 The race chair is Fred Paxton. Contact Fred Paxton at f.paxton@comcast.net.