



Pumpkin Patch Regatta
October 12-13, 2013
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 Rules

This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the prescriptions of the U.S. Sailing Association, the rules of the A Class Catamaran Class, the F-16 Class, and the Nacra 20 Class, and these Sailing Instructions.

2 Schedule

Saturday, October 12

1130 – Competitors meeting at WRSC (Flagpole or inside if rain)

1230 – Warning Signal for first race of the day.

There is no limit to the number of races. The committee will attempt to maximize racing for the conditions available.

Sunday, October 13

1130 – Warning signal for first race of the day.

No warning signal will be made after 1430 hours on Sunday.

3 Notices to Competitors

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board located on the front window of the West River Sailing Club (WRSC) clubhouse.

4 Changes to Sailing Instructions

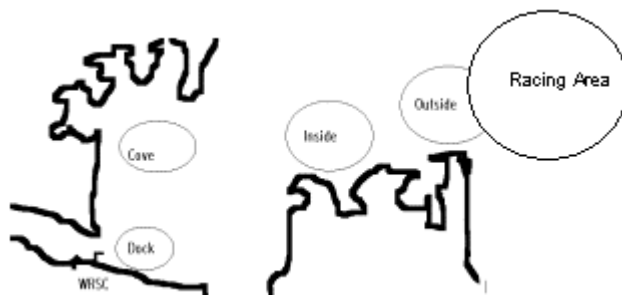
Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board before the RC signals the harbor start on October 12 or before 1030 on October 13, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

5 Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located in front of the WRSC clubhouse. RRS 'Race Signals/AP' is modified by adding: "When flag AP is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 1 hour after removal."

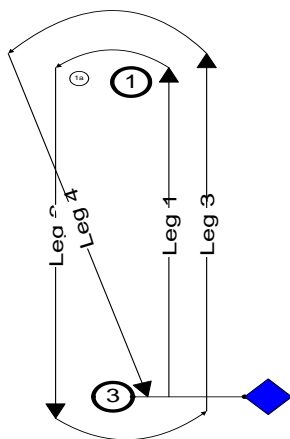
6 Racing Area

The venue shall be finalized by the PRO on race day. The RC signal boat will display flag "L" while proceeding to the racing area and taking check-ins. WRSC typically races on the West River or on the west side of the bay just outside of the river entrance.



7 Courses

The course to be sailed will be as follows: Port rounding of windward mark with offset, starting mark used as leeward mark, **TWO (2) laps** (four legs), downwind finish between RC boat and starting mark. Course length shall be set to attempt to achieve races of about 45 minutes in duration. Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33. See graphic below.



8 Marks

Starting, leeward, and finishing mark will be an orange cylinder. Windward mark will be an orange cylinder with a red offset ball.

9 Check – In

Before the first warning signal of the first race of each day, each boat shall pass the race committee signal boat on starboard tack and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the committee. Any competitor who leaves the race area before the completion of racing shall notify the RC before leaving the race area, or by phone (410-570-4611) immediately upon reaching shore.

10 The Start

The starting sequence will be in accordance with RRS 26. The starting line will be between a yellow flag on the RC signal boat and the course side of the starting mark. **All classes will start together using the A-Cat class flag.** A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

11 The Finish

The finish line will be between a staff displaying a yellow flag on the RC signal boat and the course side of the nearby finishing mark. Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means "No more racing today."

12 Time Limit

A race will be abandoned if no boat has rounded the first mark within 45 minutes after its start. The time limit for the first boat to finish is 1.5 hours. Boats not finishing within 30 minutes after the first finisher will be scored "DNF." This changes RRS 35 and A4.

13 Penalty System

Rule 44.1 of the RRS is modified as follows: "A boat may take a **One-Turn Penalty** when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 ..."

14 Protests and Requests for Redress

RRS 61.1(a) is changed by adding: "A boat intending to protest shall inform the race committee by hail until acknowledged as soon as possible after finishing. The hail shall include the sail number of the protested boat." The protest time limit in RRS 61.3 is one hour after the race committee signal boat docks. Protests shall be written on forms available in the WRSC clubhouse. The end of protest time will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible. A list of protests will be posted on the official notice board within 20 minutes of the end of protest time. This posting constitutes the notification required in RRS 61.1(b) and 63.2. Hearings will be held in the WRSC clubhouse as soon as possible.

15 Scoring

The scoring system is as follows: Low Point Scoring System found in Appendix A.

One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

- (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from 5 to 11 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When 12 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

16 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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, but does not apply to any communication received or transmitted to request or render assistance to a vessel in distress.

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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.

19 INSURANCE

By entering this regatta each participating boat certifies that it is insured with valid liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000.