



HUDSON YACHT CLUB
PUMPKIN RACE 2021
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



1. RULES

- 1.1. This race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, except where amended by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. All boats must have a valid 2021 SLVYRA PHRF handicap.
- 1.3. Boats must be properly registered with HYC to participate.
- 1.4. The helmsperson of any competing boat shall be a member in good standing of HYC. Guests of members are welcome!

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official sailing notice board of HYC located on the terrace.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions shall be posted 2 hours before a scheduled start. Any change to the schedule of races shall be posted by 0830 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast at the Web Pier.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The scheduled date of the Pumpkin Race is October 16, 2021.
- 5.2 A skippers meeting will be held at 0930 in the HYC gazebo.
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the race is 1030.
- 5.4 There will be one start for all competing keel boats.

6. CLASS FLAGS

The Class flag will be a Pumpkin Flag.

7. RACING AREAS

The race will be sailed to the west of Quarry point.

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1. The course shall be indicated on the race course board on the Race Committee Boat. Each red or green placard represents a mark of the course.

9. MARKS

Marks shall be orange or yellow inflatable buoys.

10. THE START

The start line will be between the mast on the Race Committee Boat, displaying an orange flag, and an inflatable buoy or SLVYRA mark at the other end of the line.

- 11. PUMPKINS**
11.1. The race committee will release a number of pumpkins within the race area.
11.2. Prior to finishing, a boat must pick up at least 1 pumpkin that was released by the race committee.
11.3. Pumpkins may not be retrieved prior to the start.
11.4. A boat may retrieve pumpkins by any method provided all crewmembers remain onboard.
11.5. After finishing, skippers shall bring the pumpkins retrieved during the race to the RC at the gazebo for assignment of scoring bonuses.
- 12. THE FINISH**
The finish line will be between the mast on the Race Committee Boat, displaying an orange flag, and a mark of the course, which may include the aforementioned SLVYRA mark.
- 13. TIME LIMITS**
Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 14. SCORING**
14.1. The High Point Scoring System of Pumpkin Points will apply.
- 15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
15.1. No Pumpkin Race Protests are allowed. We do, however, insist that all sailors follow the Racing Rules of Sailing!
- 16. MEASUREMENT / HANDICAPS**
16.1. **The race is a white sail race only.** The 2021 SLVYRA PHRF white sail handicap shall be assumed to apply.
16.2. Boat owners wishing to make a change in handicap status must do so in writing to the Club Measurer at the Club office 48 hrs before the scheduled start of the race.
- 17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**
17.1. Each boat intending to race shall, before the warning signal, come within hailing distance of the Race Committee vessel, and shall report its sail number and receive acknowledgement.
17.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 18. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**
18.1. Except in an emergency, 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
18.2. The Race Committee and HYC will monitor VHF channel 71.
- 19. PRIZES**
19.1. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place boat.
19.2. Additional prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the race committee.
- 20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**
Competitors participate in the racing 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 racing.
- 21. INSURANCE**
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 or the equivalent.