



## STYC NOTICE OF RACE/Sailing Instructions

### Great Pumpkin Race

Sunday, October 22nd, 2023

**Amended on October 21st, 2023**

- Rules:** This race is governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing except as modified by the STYC General Sailing Instructions (GSI), these Sailing Instructions, and the USCG VTS Navigation Rules.
- Eligibility and Entry Deadline:** This race is open to STYC members with PHRF-NW ratings. Non STYC members with a valid PHRF-NW rating are eligible to enter provided the skipper is a member of a PIYA or US Sailing accepted club. Entries must be received on the STYC website ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)), no later than 2400, on the Wednesday before the race. See the GSI for the late entry policy. Non-members and Associate Members must submit a \$35 entry fee with the completed entry. Valid PHRF-NW certificates must be received by the regular registration deadline, or at the time of registration for late entries.
- Divisions and Starting Times:** There will be both NFS and FS divisions. This is a pursuit style race. Class breaks and actual start times will be posted on the STYC website ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)) by 1800 the Friday before the race. NFS and FS will be separate Divisions. GPS time is your official start time. The Race Committee will make no sound or flag signals during the start sequence except for OCS or delays. All boats, regardless of division or class, will start in reverse order based on the Time on Distance handicapping method. The slowest rated boat(s) will start first and the fastest rated boat(s) will start last. PHRF rating of 250 will start at 1000.
- Race Distance and Course:** **Due to marks not being on station/not being able to be verified to be on station, the course will be chosen at the discretion of the PRO using fixed STYC course marks (please refer to the GSIs for map and descriptions).** The start and finish line will be at the N mark. ~~The long course is 21.897 NM, the medium course is 14.763 NM and the short course is 10.724 NM.~~ The final course selection will be posted with the class breaks on the race website. ~~The Great Pumpkin Course is the long course, the Sugar Pumpkin is the medium course, and One Slice of Pie is the short course.~~ If north wind, round all marks to port. If south wind, round all marks to starboard. ~~These are the course options for north wind, for south wind use the reverse:~~
  - ~~Long course N M R U Z P W B N.~~
  - ~~Medium course N M R U Z B N.~~
  - ~~Short course N M Z B N.~~Pursuit start times will be based on the **original** medium course length. **Actual course to be sailed will be posted on the committee boat and announced on the VHF on channel 72 at 0930 on Sunday, 10/22/23.** The announcement will specify the course **based on STYC mark letters as defined in the STYC GSIs.** ~~if the short, medium or long course is used depending on conditions at the time.~~
- Time Limit:** The time limit is 1630. There is no extension of the time limit.
- Communication:** The race committee will utilize VHF channel 72 for on water communications. A failure by the race committee to issue a communication, the failure of a competitor to hear the communication, or any other issues regarding the communication shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- Skippers' Meeting:** Skippers meeting will be online at 8:00 pm Friday, October 20th. It will be possible to attend either online or via telephone. Meeting details will be available on the race webpage. The STYC GSI are available on the STYC website. If there are questions, email [race@styc.org](mailto:race@styc.org).



10. **Awards Gathering:** All competitors are welcome to join us for pumpkin pie and cider **at the Ballard VFW at 1700 on Sunday, October 22nd.** ~~marina following the race.~~ Awards will be announced at the gathering. Details will be announced by email.