



NOTICE OF RACE
2026 Great Pumpkin Regatta
October 17-18, 2026
Thistle Fleet 110
Thistle Class Association
Birmingham Sailing Club
Vincent, AL 35178



1. **Rules:** The Regatta will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
2. **Eligibility and Entry:** The Great Pumpkin Regatta is open to boats and competitors meeting the eligibility requirements as described in the (TCA) rules. Eligible participants must register in advance for the regatta by completing the on-line registration as described in this Notice of Race. To register for the regatta and to purchase meals go to [2026 Great Pumpkin Regatta](#). The entry fee is \$65.00 by Wednesday, October 14. The fee is \$85 after October 14. Skippers under 21 are free.
3. **Schedule: (Central Time Zone)**

Saturday (October 18)
1130 Skipper's Meeting on the patio
1300 Warning Signal for Race 1. Up to 3 races will be held.
Sunday (October 19)
0930 Warning Signal for remaining races. No race to start after 1230 CT.
** See schedule addendum for other activities.
4. **VHF Radios:** The Race Committee may use VHF radios to inform competitors of safety information and to hail boats that are on course side of the starting line (OCS) at the start and general information to assist in the management of the event. No transmissions will be allowed by any competitor while on the water.
5. **Sailing Instructions:** The Sailing Instructions will be available online at [Great Pumpkin Documents](#). The Sailing Instructions may be modified or amended.
6. **Scoring:** A total of 5 races are scheduled and all races sailed will be scored. Boats will be scored in accordance with Appendix A of the RRS as modified by the following statements. One race completed constitutes a regatta.
7. **Prizes:** The Great Pumpkin Perpetual Trophy will be presented to the winner and keeper trophies to the top five.
8. **Insurance and Damages:** A. The Organizing Committee does not assume any responsibility of any sort regarding the participants and boats. Competitors should have their own insurance covering all risks.

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