



HUDSON YACHT CLUB PUMPKIN RACE 2026

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1. The helmsperson of any competing boat shall be a member in good standing of HYC. Guests of members are welcome!

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

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4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The scheduled date of the Pumpkin Race is [October 24, 2026](#).
- 5.2 A skippers meeting will be held at [0900](#) in the HYC bar, exceptionally, children are welcome in the clubhouse!
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the race is [1000](#).
- 5.4 There will be one start for all competing boats.

6. CLASS FLAGS

The Class flag will be a Pumpkin Flag.

7. THE COURSE

Standard windward leeward course as per the SSI

- 7.1. **The race committee will release a number of pumpkins within the race area.**

- 7.2. **Prior to finishing, a boat must pick up at least 1 pumpkin that was released by the race committee.**

- 7.3. **Pumpkins may not be retrieved prior to the start.**

- 7.4. **A boat may retrieve pumpkins by any method provided all crewmembers remain onboard.**

- 7.5. **After finishing, skippers shall bring the pumpkins retrieved during the race to the RC at the gazebo for assignment of scoring bonuses.**

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. This is a combination score the considers Hadicapped time to sail the posted course and points awarded related to each pumpkin boarded during the race.

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!