



**2017  
Pumpkin Series  
Pultneyville Yacht Club  
Pultneyville, NY**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1 RULES**

The series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at The Pultneyville Yacht Club clubhouse.

### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1730 on the day it will take effect and/or will be announced on the water by the RC via channel 9

### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

Signals made ashore will be displayed at PYC yardarms and or RC boat.

### **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

Dates of racing:

Sept 16  
Sept 23  
Sept 30  
Oct 7  
Oct 14

### **6 CLASS FLAGS**

This is an open class, single fleet series and no class flags will be required.

### **7 RACING AREAS**

Attachment C.1 shows the location of racing areas. The racing areas may be expanded beyond what is shown on attachment C.1 and will be communicated at the skipper's meeting

### **8 THE COURSE**

The course for the race will be determined by the race committee on the day of the race and communicated at the skipper's meeting.

### **9 MARKS**

Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be orange cylinder 9 inches in diameter. The Zero mark is a white & orange cylinder 9 inches in diameter. An inflatable orange tetrahedron or yellow can may be used for an additional mark. Marks to be used for the race will be communicated at the skipper's meeting.

### **10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

The following areas are designated as obstructions: The area in and around the channel marks.

## **11 THE START**

11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made approximately 1 minute before the starting signal.

11.2 The starting line will utilize the permanent race marks & or regular staffed Race Committee boat.

11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing.

11.5 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at any time during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 9. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

## **12 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will utilize the permanent race marks & either the ACB or regular staffed Race Committee boat.

## **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

13.1 The penalties are as follows: Rule 44.1 & 44.2 is in effect.

13.2 As provided in rule 67, the protest committee may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken rule 42.

## **14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

Boats failing to finish within 5 hours after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

## **15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

15.1 Protest forms are available at the club house, located at racing bulletin board. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

15.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the club house.

15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

15.5 A list of boats that, under instruction 14.3, have been penalized for breaking rule 42 will be posted.

15.6 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

## **16 SCORING**

The Bonus Point System of Appendix A will apply

## **17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

17.1 Check-Out and Check-In: Boats will check in with the race committee either in person on the water or via VHF channel 9 10 minutes before the warning signal.

17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **19 TRASH DISPOSAL**

Boats shall not put trash in the water

## **20 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

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 & portable internet devices.

## **21 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Fleet Captain. Series winners will be awarded at the Pultneyville Yacht Club year end Cups & Flags.

## **22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the series 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 series.

## **23 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.