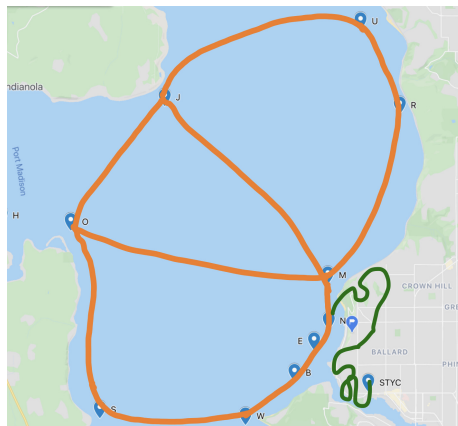**STYC NOTICE OF RACE/Sailing Instructions**

Great Pumpkin Race

Sunday, October 30, 2022

1. **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.

2. **Eligibility and Entry Deadline**: This race is open to STYC members with PHRF-NW or STYC 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), 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.

3. **Special COVID-19 Requirements:** STYC would like to remind everyone participating that sailboat racing is voluntary and is done at your own risk. Compliance with Federal, State, and Local rules and regulations is required by the club and enforcement is the responsibility of the skipper. In particular, skippers are responsible for ensuring everyone in their crew complies with all guidelines, rules, and regulations to prevent the spread of COVID-19 while participating in STYC races. Further, please be especially careful of COVID protocols while on the dock and using the facilities at the marina.

4. **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) 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.

5. **Race Distance and Course**: 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:
    a.   Long course N M R U Z P W B N.
    b.   Medium course N M R U Z B N
    c.   Short course N M Z B N.

Pursuit start times will be based on the medium course length. Actual course to be sailed will be posted on the website by 0900 Sunday and announced on the VHF at 1000 on Sunday. The announcement will specify if the short, medium or long course is used depending on conditions at the time.

6. **Time Limit**: The time limit is 1630. There is no extension of the time limit.

7. **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).

9. **Skippers' Meeting**: Skippers meeting will be online at 8:00 pm Friday, October 28. 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.

10. **Awards Gathering**:   All competitors are welcome to join us for pumpkin pie and cider at the marina following the race. Awards will be announced at the gathering. Details will be announced by email. All STYC events will be held in alignment with CDC guidelines and local guidelines. If guidelines change and STYC decides to cancel in-person awards, skippers will also be notified via email.