



RCRA Pumpkin Race 2017

Sunday, October 29

General: This race is strictly for fun! **Protests will NOT be allowed.** Anyone who protests, will be DSQ'd immediately. Race will be non-spin – no double headsails allowed. Use of whisker poles is allowed.

Fees: Bring one pumpkin pie and a container of whipped cream to Oak Harbor following the race! Paper plates, napkins, and plastic forks will be provided!

Elegibility: This race is open to anyone with a sailboat who has ever raced with RCRA or has dreams of racing with RCRA.

Rules: Except as indicated below, this race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (as loosely interpreted by RC). Remember have fun but keep it safe!

Rendezvous: 1030 on Rock Creek – open area between Water Oak Point, White Rocks Marina, and MYC (see *chart*). Boats shall anchor in this area with all sailing gear stowed and sails bagged and below decks (where possible) prior to starting.

Sailing Instructions:

- RC will be on VHF channel 71.
- The normal start sequence will not be used.
- After 1030 (and not later than 1100), once all boats are anchored and all crew are below inside the cabin, one long blast of a horn will signal the “start”.
- At the horn signal, all boats will fire up their engines, raise anchor and motor out to RCRA Mark “B”. Sails must be hoisted and engine killed before rounding “B”
- Do not exceed the 6kt speed limit in the creek and be sure to honor all rules of the road! And, PLEASE watch out for non-racing boats as well!
- Leave RCRA “B” to starboard. The first boat with sails up and engine off (*you must hail the RC*) will receive a two minute bonus on their finish time!
- Complete Lap 1.
- After completing Lap 1, proceed to the “Pumpkin Patch” (*area designated by the orange inflatable*) and pick up a pumpkin. (*hint - crabbing nets work great!*)
- Each pumpkin will have a code word written on it. Hail the RC boat on VHF 71 with your Boat Name and code word to receive your “special” sailing instruction to be completed during Lap 2.
- Course may be shortened, if necessary – listen for instructions from RC.

Sailing Course:

Lap 1:

Round RCRA “C” to port

Round RCRA "A" to port
Round RCRA "B" to port
Retrieve a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch, hail the RC for your special instruction and continue with Lap 2.

Lap 2:

Round RCRA "C" to port
Round RCRA "A" to port
Round RCRA "B" to port

Finish: RCRA 5 (leave to starboard) Second boat to finish MUST retrieve the inflatable and return it to Oak Harbor!

Awards: Maybe. See you at the awards dinner, November 11.

