



NOTICE OF RACE
2019 Thistle Great Pumpkin Regatta
October 19-20, 2019
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 (GPR) is open to boats and competitors meeting the eligibility requirements as described in the (TCA) rules. **(All Skippers must be dues paid TCA members; all boats must be Registered Thistles)**. Eligible participants should register in advance for the regatta by completing the on-line registration as described in this Notice of Race. To register for the regatta, reserve lunches and dinners, visit www.greatpumpkinregatta.com for the link to the on-line registration. The GPR entry fee is \$45.00 or \$40.00 for members of US Sailing. Entries after October 16, 2019 will be accepted with a \$10 late fee.
3. **Schedule: (Central Time Zone)**
 - Saturday (October 19)
 - 0930 – 1100 Final registration (BSC Club House)
 - 1130 Skipper's Meeting (BSC Club House)
 - 1300 Warning Signal for Race 1. Up to 3 races will be held.
 - Sunday (October 20)
 - 0930 Warning Signal for remaining races. No race to start after 1230 CT.
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.
5. **Sailing Instructions:** The Sailing Instructions will be available online at www.greatpumpkinregatta.com. These 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:** Prizes will be awarded to the top 5 finishers, to the highest finishing female skipper and the highest finishing junior (under 25) skipper.
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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