



On the 3rd weekend of October, Circleville Festival in Ohio holds its annual half mile (800 meter) *Pumpkin Regatta Race!*

These gigantic pumpkins range in weight from 150 lbs. to 1 ton! The pumpkins are carved, hollowed out and completely dried.

Fun in Stillwater, MN. They host a *Pumpkin Regatta*, too!

How can these huge squash serve as boats? Why do they float?

Giant pumpkins float because they are mostly hollow inside. Lots of air in their interior makes them less dense than water. Of course pumpkins are heavy, yet their large size allows them to displace lots of water, causing them to be buoyant.



While it sounds fun and maybe a little crazy, it is a boat race, and the boats are the giant pumpkins. These huge fruits (yes, fruits—they have seeds) are carved and hollowed out by the racers, and then put into the water with levers, carts, or pure manpower. They are raced as if they were kayaks. See more at

<https://www.pumpkinshow.com/>