

2024 Ensign National Championship Regatta

August 10 – 15, 2024

Niantic Bay Yacht Club, Niantic, CT

Organizing Authorities: Ensign Class Association, Ensign Fleet 73 and the
Niantic Bay Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. This event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. (DP) All boats are required to display bow numbers provided by the Organizing Authority.

2. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 1 hour prior to the first scheduled race on the day it will take effect.
- 2.2. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted on the day before it will take effect at 1800 hours or within 1 hour after the Signal Boat docks, whichever is later.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice board on the events page of the Ensign National Championship on yachtscoring.com.
- 3.2. A courtesy notice board will be located under the tent outside the NBYC clubhouse. The timing or lack of posting notices there shall not be grounds for redress.
- 3.3. A Skippers Meeting will be held at 0830 on Monday, August 10.
- 3.4. The RC will monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF Channel 68.
- 3.5. Official boats will be marked by flying a blue or yellow "RC" flag or Judge's flag.
A photo boat may also be in the vicinity of the course.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials and monitor VHF Ch. 68.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the NBYC flagpole.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. Eleven (11) Championship races are scheduled plus a practice race.
- 6.2. The First Warning is scheduled at 1100 each day of racing.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. Class flag for the championship will be the Ensign Class insignia.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. The courses to be sailed will be windward leeward courses designated by the number of legs.
- 8.2. An even number of legs, I.E. "4", indicates 4 legs starting to windward, then leeward, windward and finishing to leeward.

- 8.3. An odd number of legs I.E. "5" indicates 5 legs with a windward start and a windward finish. The Finish line for a windward finish will be approximately 100 yards to windward of the windward mark.
- 8.4. The compass bearing and distance to the windward mark will be posted no later than the warning signal.
- 8.5. The windward mark shall be rounded to port and may have an offset mark positioned 10 boat lengths abeam which shall also be rounded to port.
- 8.6. The leeward mark may be a gate. It will be positioned approximately 100 yards to windward of the Start Line. In the absence of a gate, the leeward mark is to be left to port.
- 8.7. See the attached diagram in Appendix A.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. The Windward and Leeward marks will be yellow inflatables.
- 9.2. The windward Offset mark will be a small pink ball.
- 9.3. The Start and Finish pin will be a red inflatable.
- 9.4. The initial Change mark will be an orange inflatable.

10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and a red inflatable or the staff displaying an orange flag on an anchored Pin boat.
- 10.2. The RC will attempt to hail the bow numbers of boats OCS on a loud hailer and/or VHF radio. Failure to hail, hear the hail or the timing of the hail shall not be grounds for redress.
- 10.3. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes **RRS A4 and RRS 60.1(a)**.*

11. CHANGE OF COURSE

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the RC will place an orange mark in the new location. Subsequent changes will alternate between the original mark and the orange change mark.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Signal Boat and the course side of the Finish pin.

13. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 13.1. The course length will be set to allow for an approximate race time of 60 minutes. Actual race time shall not be grounds for redress.
- 13.2. A race in which no boat has finished within 150 minutes shall be abandoned.
- 13.3. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes **RRS 35, A4 and A5**. SI 13.3 shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat.
- 13.4. Boats may be finished on the course at the discretion of the RC. The RC determines the method and order of finishing. This changes **RRS 35 and A4**.

14. HEARING REQUESTS

- 14.1. Request for Hearing forms are available on the Events Page on yachtscoring.com or at the NBYC clubhouse. Requests shall be delivered to a race official or may be emailed to protest.inbox.gjh@gmail.com.

- 14.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Signal Boat docks after the last race of the day. This changes **RRS 61.3 and RRS 62.2.**
- 14.3. A courtesy flag “Bravo” may be flown ashore from the NBYC flagpole during the protest filing period. The timing or whether or not this flag is flown shall not be grounds for redress.
- 14.4. Notices of Requests for Hearings will be posted on the official notice board (yachtscoring.com) no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 14.5. Hearings will be held in the NBYC clubhouse beginning at the time posted on the official notice board.
- 14.6. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day or no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes **RRS 66.**
- 14.7. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes **RRS 62.2.**

15. SCORING

- 15.1. A boat scored DNF will receive points equal to one half the number of boats not finishing, rounded to the next higher number, plus the number of boats that finished. This changes **RRS A4.2.**

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. [DP] Before the start of the first race of the day and after any postponement ashore, competitors are requested to sail past the stern of the Signal Boat on starboard tack and hail her sail number to check in.
- 16.2. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

17. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 17.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

Appendix A

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Sailing Instructions

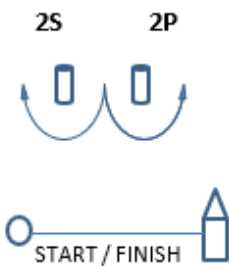
COURSE 4 and 6 - Mark rounding order:

Course 4:

START – 1 – offset – 2P/2S – 1 – offset – FINISH

Course 6:

START – 1 – offset – 2P/2S – 1 – offset – 2P/2S – 1 – offset – FINISH



COURSE 3 and 5 - Mark rounding order:

Course 3:

START – 1 – offset – 2P/2S – FINISH

Course 5:

START – 1 – offset – 2P/2S – 1 – offset – 2P/2S – FINISH

