



NOTICE OF RACE
2016 Ensign National Championship
Mattapoissett Yacht Club
Mattapoissett, MA
August 14–18, 2016

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The organizing authority is the Ensign Class Association, Ensign Fleet 76, and Mattapoissett Yacht Club.

2 HEADQUARTERS

The official Regatta Headquarters will be: Mattapoissett Yacht Club, 32 Ned's Point Road, Mattapoissett, MA 02739

email: Ensignfleet76@gmail.com

3 RULES

3.1 This Regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013- 2016, prescriptions of US Sailing; the Ensign Class Association Class Rules; this Notice of Race; the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto. In the event of conflict between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions (and any amendments thereto) shall prevail.

3.2 Boats shall comply with the Class Rules and the designer and manufacturer's original standards, which shall prevail in the event of conflict.

3.3 Cabin doors may be eliminated.

3.4 The event is designated RRS Category A, for advertising. Participating boats may be requested to apply a sponsor's decal and bow numbers to both sides of the bow for the duration of the regatta, commencing immediately following registration until one hour after the finish of the last race. The Organizing Authority will provide the bow decals and the bow numbers assigned to the boat by the order of registration to the regatta.

3.5 Each boat shall be equipped with a VHF radio capable of receiving Channel 71.

4 ELIGIBILITY

4.1 Entry is open to all members of the Ensign Class Association (ECA) who meet the eligibility requirements of the class rules, Part III, section 6.

4.2 Those not qualifying under section 4.1 of this Notice of Race may apply to the ECA Governing Board for an exemption; such applications must be received by the ECA Governing Board no later than June 10, 2016.

5 ENTRY AND REGISTRATION

5.1 Entries shall be entered, paid and submitted on the Official Online Entry Form at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/11775>

For participants who prefer to pay by check, printed entries shall be mailed to:

Ensign Nationals 2016
c/o Mattapoissett Yacht Club
PO Box 421
Mattapoissett, Ma 02739

Entries must be accompanied by a non-refundable entry fee. The Regatta Entry Fee amount is determined by the date that on-line process is completed or the day a check payment is postmarked. Checks shall be payable to Mattapoissett Yacht Club

Before April 15, 2016	\$450.00
Between April 16, 2016 & July 31, 2016	\$475.00
After July 31, 2016	All entries \$500.00

No entries will be accepted after 1600 on August 14, 2016.

5.2 The entry form is valid when accompanied by the applicable entry fee.

5.3 All owners shall be required to sign a declaration that their boat fully complies with Class Rules and that they will abide by said Class Rules while racing.

5.4 Entry fee includes: launch, haul out, trailer storage, mooring, 4 regatta t-shirts and 4 tickets for the Sunday night Social Event. Extra tickets for the Sunday social event will be available at registration. Boats will be launched and hauled on the travel lift at Mattapoissett Boat Yard. There will be 2 boats per mooring, tied bow to stern. Each Ensign must provide a suitable line for tying to the mooring or another boat.

5.5 Measurement - Only sails without a measurement stamp from a prior Ensign Nationals will be measured. All sails to be used will be checked for the presence of a National Championship measurement stamp. The regatta committee reserves the right to weigh or measure any boat throughout or after the regatta. The Committee reserves the right to weigh and/or measure to validate that the boat still complies with the rules prior to competing in the National Championship.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sat. Aug. 13th	0900-1600 1400 - 1700	Registration, Weighing, Measurement Launching
Sun. Aug. 14th	0900-1600 1200 - 1700 1800	Registration, Weighing, Measurement Launching Opening Ceremony - @ MYC

Mon. Aug. 15th	0830	Skipper's Meeting at MYC
	1100	Practice Race Warning signal
	1230	1st Race Warning Signal No races start after 1500 hours
	1800	Social Event at MYC

Tue. Aug. 16th	1100	First race Warning Signal. No races start after 1500 hours
	1800	Social Event at MYC

Wed. Aug. 17th	1100	First race Warning Signal. No races start after 1500 hours
	off night	

Thu. Aug. 18th	1100	First race Warning Signal. No races start after 1400 hours
	1830	Awards Banquet at Shining Tides/Mattapoisett YMCA

6.1 No race shall be started after 1400 on Thu. Aug. 13th.

6.2 The Race Committee reserves the right to modify the above schedule according to prevailing weather conditions and/or other unforeseen reasons.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available at registration. The official Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto will be posted on the bulletin board at the Mattapoisett Yacht Club.

8 RACING AREA AND COURSES

The racing area shall be the waters of Buzzards Bay, outside Mattapoisett harbor. Courses will be determined by the Race Committee, announced at the Skipper's Meeting, and posted on the Race Committee Boat.

9 SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System as described in Appendix A of the RRS shall apply. Boats scored as "DNF" will be scored according to Ensign Class Rules, Part III, Rule 12C; this amends RRS Appendix A4.2. One throw-out will be allowed only when five or more races have been completed. The series will be valid if at least one race is completed.

10 PRIZES

Prizes for first through tenth place overall shall be awarded. An award will also be given to the winner of each individual race. The Pearson Perpetual Ensign Trophy, the Most Beautiful Ensign Trophy, the Faget Trophy, the Ray and Ann Torpey Award, and the Doug Wood Mid- Fleet Award will be awarded according to the ECA rules, Part III, section 3A-F. The Youth Championship Award will be presented if there are two or more qualified entries according to the ECA rules, Part III, section 3.G.

11 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled during the regatta without written permission of the Jury. Cleaning activities not involving hauling out are permitted. Haul out order will be determined by order of finish in the last race of the Regatta. After the boat is loaded onto the trailer, the skipper/crew is responsible for moving the trailer into an area where the mast can be removed and stowed and then to designated parking at Veteran's Memorial Park at Ned's Point to complete de-commissioning.

12 DISCLAIMER

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. Competitors are to be acquainted with ISAF RRS Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

Competitors agree to take any and all responsibility for the seaworthiness of their yacht, the rigging, the crew's ability and the safety equipment. Competitors also agree to take any and all responsibility for damages caused to third persons or their belongings, to themselves or to their belongings, ashore and at sea as a consequence of their participation in the regatta, relieving of any responsibility the Organizing Authorities, all event sponsors and all persons involved in the organization under whatever qualification and to accept full responsibility for the comportment of the yacht's crew, representatives and guests.

In any case, competitors agree that the Organizing Authorities, the sponsors and their agents, have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members or others or for the loss of, or damage to any vessel or property.

Participating crew members will be required to sign a declaration accepting this disclaimer of liability.

13 Insurance

Each Participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent. A copy of the Liability Insurance Policy declaration page must be included with the entry form. The carrier and policy number is required on all applications.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

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