



2016 Ensign National Championship
August 15 – 18, 2016
Ensign Fleet 76 and Mattapoissett Yacht Club
Mattapoissett, MA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Cabin doors may be removed (this changes ECA Rules II-4.A)
- 1.3 The US sailing prescriptions to Rules 60.3, 63.2 and 63.4 shall not apply
- 1.4 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will apply

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2.1 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Mattapoissett Yacht Club.

- 2.2 There will be a competitor's meeting at 0830 hours on August 15, 2016 at the Ensign National's event centre located at the Mattapoissett Boat Yard

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 90 minutes prior to the first scheduled race of the day it will take effect except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect or one hour after the Race Committee boat docks, whichever is later.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the MYC flag pole.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.
- 4.4 There will be a Harbor Start signal 60 minutes before the first scheduled warning signal each race day

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The warning signal for the practice race will be at 1100 hours on August 15
- 5.2 The warning signal for the first race shall be at 1230 hours on August 15
- 5.3 The first warning signal for August 16, 17 & 18 shall be 1100 hours each day
- 5.4 The Race Committee will attempt to run as many as 3 races on each day, conditions permitting. There is no maximum number of races per day. The warning signal for each successive race shall be made as soon as practical after the preceding race.
- 5.5 The R flag flying from the signal boat indicates further races are planned for that day
- 5.6 No warning signal will be made after 1500 hours on August 15, 16 or 17.
- 5.7 No warning signal will be made after 1400 hours on the last day of the regatta, August 18.



6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The class flag shall be the Ensign Class insignia on a white flag

7 RACING AREAS

7.1 The racing area shall be the waters of Buzzards Bay outside of Mattapoisett Harbor

7.2 All boats shall pass east of navigation marks C3 and C7

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment 1 show the courses, including the course designation number

8.2 The Race Committee intends to have a gate at the leeward end of the course. However, a single leeward mark may be set, in which case it is to be left to port

8.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.

9 MARKS

9.1 The Starting & Finishing Mark shall be an orange cylinder with West Marine logo

9.2 The weather mark (Mark 1) shall be an orange tetrahedron

9.3 In case of a course change, the replacement weather mark shall be a yellow cylinder with West Marine logo

9.4 The Offset Mark for the weather mark shall be an orange ball

9.5 The Gate Marks (2S & 2P) shall be yellow tetrahedrons.

9.5 A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 12.2

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the starting mark as described in 9.4

10.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes rule A4.*

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

11.2 The next leg of the course may be changed less than 10 degrees in bearing or 2 tenths of a nautical mile without signalling the change and without changing the mark(s). *This changes RRS33.*



12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 12.2 In the event the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, the signal boat will be at the starboard end of the finish line displaying a blue flag. The signal boat may not be the original signal boat.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 U.S. Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix T Sections A and B will govern penalties both during the race and post-race.

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Time limit</u>	<u>Mark 1 time limit</u>	<u>Target time</u>
Ensign	150 minutes	45 minutes	60 minutes

- 14.1 If no boat passes the initial windward mark within 45 minutes, the race will be abandoned
- 14.2 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 rules 35, A4 and A5.*
- 14.3 Boats may be finished on the course at the discretion the Race Committee. The Race Committee determines the method and order of finishing. *This changes RRS 35 and A4*
- ## 15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS
- 15.1 U.S. Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix T, Section C and Section D will be in force.
- 15.2 Protest forms are available at the race office, located at Mattapoisett Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.3 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or 1700 hours, whichever is later.
- 15.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at Mattapoisett Yacht Club, beginning at the time posted.
- 15.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.6 A list of boats that, under instruction 14.3, have been penalized for breaking rule 42 will be posted.
- 15.7 Breaches of Sailing Instructions 10.3, 14.3, 17, 18 and 19 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. *This changes rule 60.1(a).* Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.



- 15.8** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. *This changes rule 66.*
- 15.9** 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 rule 62.2.*
- 15.10** Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5.
- 16** **SCORING**
- 16.1** At least one race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2** When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.3** A boat scored Did Not Finish (DNF) will receive points equal to one-half the number of boats not finishing, rounded to the next highest full number, plus the number of boats that did finish. *This change rule A4.2*
- 17** **SAFETY REGULATIONS**
- 17.1** 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 their sail number.
- 17.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18** **REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**
- 18.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 18.2** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19** **EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**
- A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 20** **25 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**
- Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.
- 21** **RADIO COMMUNICATION**
- 21.1** All radio communication between competitors and the Race Committee will be on VHF channel 71
- 21.2** Various race information, including notification OCS boats after the start may be provide by the RC as a courtesy to competitors. This does not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe RC visual signals which shall govern the



conduct of races. Errors or omissions on the part of these broadcasts will not be grounds for redress. *This changes RRS 62.1(a)*

21.3 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications or weather/wind forecasts not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile devices and applications.

22 PRIZES

Awards will be presented at the Awards Banquet after the conclusion of racing on the last day of the event.

23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. 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.

24 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$100,000 per incident or the equivalent.



ADDENDUM A ILLUSTRATING THE COURSE

2016 Ensign National Courses

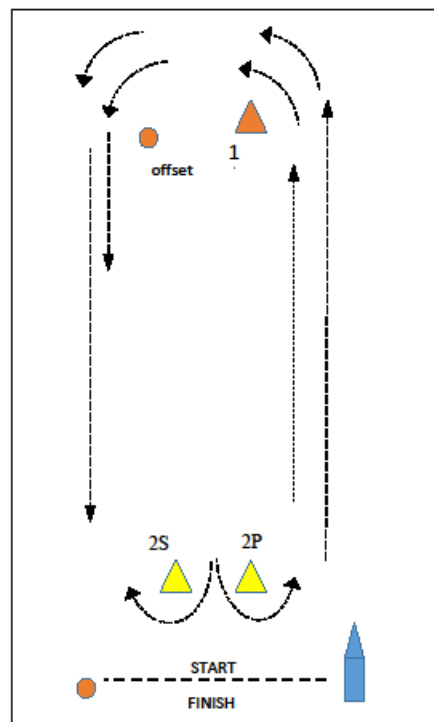


Championship Courses C4, C6 Diagram and Rounding order

Course 4 – START – 1 – offset – 2P/2S – 1 – offset – FINISH (2 laps / 4 legs)

Course 6 – START – 1 – offset – 2P/2S – 1 – offset – 2P/2S – 1 – offset – FINISH (3 laps / 6 legs)

ALL DOWNWIND FINISH MARK 2 may be either a gate or a single mark





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Championship Courses C3, C5 Diagram and Rounding order

Course 3 – START – 1 – offset – 2P/2S – FINISH (1 ½ laps / 3 legs)

Course 5 – START – 1 – offset – 2P/2S – 1 – offset – 2P/2S – FINISH (2 ½ laps / 5 legs)

ALL UPWIND FINISH MARK 2 may be either a gate or a single mark

