



NOTICE OF RACE
2017 Ensign National Championship
Les Cheneaux Yacht Club
Cedarville, MI
August 14 – 17th, 2017

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

- a. The organizing authority is the Ensign Class Association, Ensign Fleet 31 and the Les Cheneaux Yacht club.

2. HEADQUARTERS

- a. The official regatta headquarters will be: Hessel/Clark Township Marina, Hessel MI 49719.

3. RULES

- a. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 – 2020.
- b. Boats shall comply with the Class Rules and the designer and manufacturer's original standards, which shall prevail in the event of conflict.
- c. Cabin doors may be eliminated.
- d. 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 Organization Authority will provide the bow decals and the bow numbers assigned to the boat by the order of registration to the regatta.
- e. Each boat shall be equipped with a VHF radio capable of receiving Channel 71.

4. ELGIBILITY

- a. 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.
- b. Those not qualifying under section 4.a 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 15th, 2017.

5. ENTRY AND REGISTRATION

- a. Entries shall be entered, paid and submitted on the Official Online Entry Form at <http://regattanetwork.com/event/14401>. Your US Sailing Membership number is required to complete the registration.
- b. Entry fees paid or post marked before May 1, 2017 shall be \$425; between May 2nd and July 1st 2017 shall be \$450; July 2, 2017 until the close of registration shall be \$475.
- c. Entry fee includes launch, haul-out, trailer storage, dock space and continental breakfast race morning, and four tickets for the Monday evening Island Cocktail cruise. Extra tickets available for purchase with registration.
- d. No entries will be allowed after 1600 on August 13, 2017.

- e. Social Events, Fees and promotional products are listed on the registration site at <http://regattanetwork.com/event/14401>
- f. The entry form is valid when accompanied by the applicable entry fee.

6. 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.

7. MEASUREMENT

- a. 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.
- b. The regatta committee reserves the right to weigh or measure any boat or sail 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.

8. SCHEDULE

13-Aug	12:00 - 5:00 PM	Registration, Launch, Measurement, and Inspection
13-Aug	9:00 AM	Ensign Class Association Governing Board Meeting (Tentative)
13-Aug	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Welcoming Reception Islander Bar
14-Aug	9:00 AM	Competitor's Meeting at Hessel Marina
14-Aug	11:00 AM	Warning Signal for Practice Race followed by Event Racing
15 - 17 Aug	11:00 AM	Warning Signal for the First Race
17-Aug	12:30 PM	No Warning Signal after this time - Haul out after racing
17-Aug	6:30 PM	Awards Dinner, LCYC

- b. Ten (10) races are scheduled for the championship series. Two races each on August 14th and the 17th. Three races each on August 15th and 16th. Races not sailed on the scheduled day may be sailed on the following day at the discretion of the race committee.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Sailing Instructions will be available at registration. The official Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the Hessel Marina.

10. VENUE

- a. Race Headquarters for the regatta will be at the Hessel Bay marina
- b. The regatta racing will be conducted in the general vicinity of Wilderness Bay, Hessel, MI. The sailing instructions will have more detailed locations.

11. SCORING

- a. Boats scored as "DNF" will be scored according to the Ensign Class Rules, Part III, Rule 12C; this changes RRS A4.2.
- b. In accordance with RRS A2.1, one throw-out will be allowed only when five or more races have been completed.
- c. The series will be valid if at least one race is completed.

12. RADIOS/COMMUNICATION

- a. The use of VHF radios will be permitted. VHF's will be used to communicate with the competitors.

13. PRIZES

- a. Prizes will be in accordance with Section 3 of the Ensign National Championship rules. Awards will also be given to the top ten finishers in the Championship Regatta and to the winner of each race including the practice race.

14. DOCKAGE

- a. Docking will be available at the Hessel Marina and is provided in the registration fee. Rafting of boats in the slips will take place. Please prepare with fenders and extra lines.

15. CONTACT INFORMATION:

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