



## **Ensign National Championship Regatta**

Organizing Authority: Ensign Class Association

Hosted by Ensign Fleet 31 and Les Cheneaux Yacht Club (LCYC)

August 13 – 17, 2017

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SI means that instruction is not grounds for protest or a request for redress by a boat. This changes rule 60.1.*

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Cabin doors may be eliminated.
- 1.3 Sponsor or other regatta stickers may be required to be attached to each side of each boat as required by the Organizing Authority. [DP][NP]
- 1.4 Each boat shall be equipped with a VHF radio capable of receiving Channel 71. [DP][NP]
- 1.5 The US Sailing prescription to RRS 63.2 shall not apply.

#### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND INFORMATION MEETING(S)**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located at regatta headquarters at the Hessel/Clark Township Marina.
- 2.2 There will be a competitors' meeting at Hessel Marina on Monday, August 14 at 0900 hrs.

#### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted not less than 90 minutes prior to the first scheduled race on the day it shall take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races shall be posted by 1800 on the day before it shall take effect or by the protest time limit, whichever is later.

#### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from a flagpole at the Hessel Marina.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 90 minutes" in race signal AP.

#### **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 The first warning signal for on each day of racing shall be 1100 hrs.
- 5.2 The first race on August 14 shall be a practice race and shall not count towards a boat's series score.
- 5.3 Ten (10) races are scheduled for the championship series. Two races on August 14 (after the practice race), three races on August 15 and 16, and two races on August 17.
- 5.4 If the Race Committee (RC) is unable to complete the race(s) scheduled for a particular day, then that race(s) will be sailed on subsequent days. In no event shall there be more than four races per day nor will races be conducted before their scheduled day.
- 5.5 No warning signal shall be made after 1230 hrs on Thursday, August 17.

#### **6 CLASS FLAG**

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

**7 RACING AREA**

The chart in Attachment A shows the racing areas. Each day of racing, a notice will be posted to inform boats which racing area will be used that day (Inside or Outside).

**8 THE COURSES**

- 8.1 The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, including the course designation number.
- 8.2 The RC intends to have a gate at the leeward end of the course. However, a single leeward mark may be set, in which case it shall be left to port.
- 8.3 The RC signal boat shall display on its starboard side the designated course number on a placard and may also display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.

**9 MARKS**

- 9.1 Marks 1 and 2S and 2P (the gate) shall be **orange** inflatable marks.
- 9.2 The offset mark shall be an **orange** ball.
- 9.3 New marks, as provided in instruction 12, shall be **yellow** inflatable marks.
- 9.4 The starting and finishing marks shall be inflatable marks, or an anchored boat displaying a staff with an orange flag.

**10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

[RESERVED]

**11 THE START**

- 11.1 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the mark or the staff displaying an orange flag as described in instruction 9.4.
- 11.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes rules A4 and A5.*

**12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1 To change the position of the next mark, the RC shall 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 shall be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2 When a change mark is used to replace a weather mark, no offset mark shall be used.

**13 THE FINISH**

The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the mark or the staff displaying an orange flag as described in instruction 9.4.

**14 TIME LIMITS**

14.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Class	Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Race Target Time
Ensign	60 minutes	150 minutes	60 minutes

If no boat has passed Mark 1 (the initial windward mark) within the Mark 1 time limit the race shall be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. *This changes RRS 62.1(a).*

- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. *This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.*

**15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the notice board location. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC boat docks after the last race of the day or 60 minutes after the RC signals "No more racing today," whichever is later. *This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.*

- 15.3 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 at the location posted on the notice board at the times posted.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee, or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a PC decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. *This changes RRS 62.2.*
- 15.6 If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, UFD, or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than one hour after the protest time limit. *This changes RRS 62.2.*

## **16 SCORING**

- 16.1 One (1) race shall constitute a series.
- 16.2 In accordance with RRS A2, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores with her worst score excluded after five or more races have been completed.
- 16.3 Boats scored DNF will be scored points equal to one-half the number of yachts not finishing, rounded to the next highest number, plus the number of yachts that finished. *This changes RRS A4.2.*

## **17 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP]**

- 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 numbers to check in.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

## **18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP][NP]**

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors beyond the final entry list shall not be allowed without prior written approval of the RC.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless authorized by the RC. Request for substitution shall be made to the Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP][NP]**

- 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 member of the Technical Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **20 RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP][NP]**

- 20.1 All radio communications between the RC and the competitors shall be on VHF channel 71.
- 20.2 Various race information, including notification of OCS boats after the start, may be provided by the RC as a courtesy to competitors. This does not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the RC's visual signals which shall govern the conduct of the racing. Errors or omissions regarding this instruction shall not be grounds for redress. *This changes RRS 62.1(a).*
- 20.3 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all boats.

## **21 AWARDS**

Awards 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.

## **22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority shall not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.



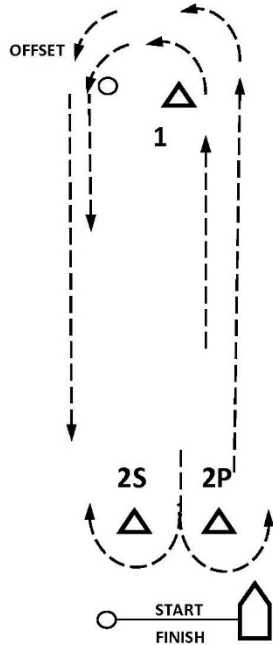
**ATTACHMENT B**  
*ILLUSTRATING THE COURSES*

COURSE 4 and 6 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

**Course 4: START – 1 – Offset – 2P/2S – 1 – Offset – FINISH**  
 (2 laps / 4 legs, downwind finish)

**Course 6: START – 1 – Offset – 2P/2S – 1 – Offset – 2P/2S – 1 – Offset – FINISH**  
 (3 laps / 6 legs, downwind finish)

Mark 2 may be either a gate or a single mark

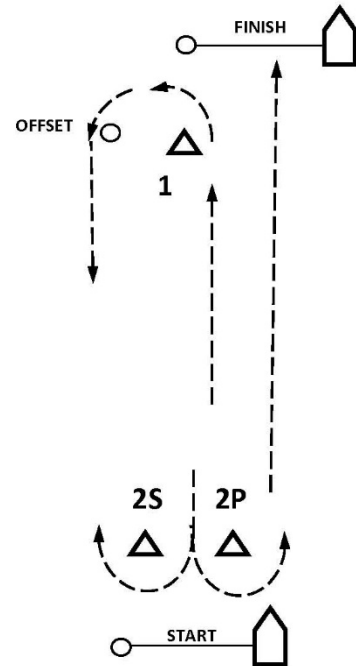


COURSE 3 and 5 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

**Course 3: START – 1 – Offset – 2P/2S – FINISH**  
 (1 ½ laps / 3 legs, upwind finish)

**Course 5: START – 1 – Offset – 2P/2S – 1 – Offset – 2P/2S – FINISH**  
 (2 ½ laps / 5 legs, upwind finish)

Mark 2 may be either a gate or a single mark



**If there is only one leeward mark (Mark 2), it shall be left to port.**  
**When a change mark is used to replace a weather mark, no offset mark shall be used.**