

NOTICE OF RACE

2021 Ensign National Championship



**Marquette Yacht Club
Marquette, MI
August 15-19, 2021**

1. **ORGANIZING AUTHORITY** – The organizing authority is the Ensign Class Association, Ensign Fleet 35, and Marquette Yacht Club.
2. **HEADQUARTERS** - The official Regatta Headquarters will be the Marquette Yacht Club, Marquette, MI 49855.
3. **RULES**
 - 3.1 This Regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024; 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. Class Rules shall not be altered by the NOR or Sailing Instructions.
 - 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 removed.
 - 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.
 - 3.5 Each boat may be equipped with a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on 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 12, 2020.

5 ENTRY AND REGISTRATION

- 5.1 Entries shall be made via the link to Yacht Scoring on the official website www.ensignnationals2020.com. A payment of \$450 can be made electronically or mailed to: William I. McDonald, 115 S. Lakeshore Blvd, Ste A, Marquette, MI 49855. An early entry rate of \$425 is available for entries received before **April 3, 2021**. U.S. Sailing members are entitled to a \$25.00 discount on the entry fee. Entries received after July 3, 2021 require the payment of an additional late fee of \$50. The entry fee must be paid by check payable to Ensign Fleet 35, or on-line through the website at www.ensignnationals2020.com. No entries will be accepted after 1600 on August 15, 2021.

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, haulout, mast in and out, trailer storage, dockage (may be rafting).

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 measurement stamp. Only two suits of sails can be measured. The organizing authority reserves the right to weigh or measure any part of a participants boat and/or rigging at anytime or in the event of a protest.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACING EVENTS

Sat. Aug. 14th	0900-1800	Registration and Measurement
Sun. Aug. 15th	0900-1800	Registration and Measurement
Mon. Aug. 16th	1000	Skipper's Meeting at MYC Patio
	1130	Practice Race Warning signal
	1230	1 st Championship Race Warning Signal
		Up to three races back to back
Tue. Aug. 17th	1030	Up to three races back to back
Wed. Aug. 18th	1030	Up to three races back to back
Thu. Aug. 19th	1030	Up to three races back to back
	6:30	Awards

6.1 No race shall be started after 1500 on Thu. Aug. 19th.

6.2 The Organizing Authority 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 official Regatta Headquarters at the Marquette Yacht Club, 201 E. Main St, Marquette, MI 49855.

8 RACING AREA AND COURSES

The racing area shall be the waters of Lake Superior in Marquette Bay. Courses will be windward/leeward as diagrammed in the Sailing Instructions.

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 throwout will be allowed when five or more races have been sailed. The series will be valid if at least one race is completed.

10 PRIZES

The **Pearson Perpetual Ensign Trophy**, the **First Place JAM 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 3. Additionally, trophies will be awarded for first through tenth place overall and a Youth Championship Award will be presented.

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.

12 DISCLAIMER

Competitors agree to be bound by the International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021/2024, by the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race. 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.

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".

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.

As part of the registration process, each individual participating crewmember will be required to sign a declaration accepting this disclaimer of liability.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION AND CONTACTS –

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