

**Ensign National Championship Regatta**  
Organizing Authority: Ensign Class Association  
Hosted by Ensign Fleet 35 and Marquette Yacht Club (MYC)  
August 15 – 19, 2021  
**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 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]
- 1.3 Each boat shall be equipped with a VHF radio capable of receiving Channel 71. [DP][NP]
- 1.4 The US Sailing prescription to RRS 63.2 shall not apply.

**2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will 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 will be posted by 1800 on the day before it shall take effect or by the protest time limit, whichever is later.

**3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located on the windows on the west side of the MYC clubhouse and on the event's YachtScoring web site.
- 3.2 The race office will be located in the MYC clubhouse.
- 3.3 There will be a competitors' meeting at Monday, August 16 at 1000 hrs on the MYC patio.
- 3.4 Radio communications between boats and the Race Committee during racing will be carried out on **VHF channel 71**. Competitors are advised to maintain a listening watch on this channel at all times
- 3.5 [NP] The following communications may be made by the race committee using the designated VHF Channel in addition to any Race Signals (*this changes RRS 29, 32, 33 and 41*): Courses, including the bearing and distance to the first mark; postponements and abandonments; boats identified as OCS and general recalls; changing courses or marks and identify marks; shortening the course; time limits.
- 3.6 [DP] A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

**4 CODE OF CONDUCT [NP][DP]**

- 4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

**5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from a flagpole at MYC.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in race signal AP.

**6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1 The first warning signal on August 16 will be at 1130 hrs.

- 6.2 The first race on August 16 will be a practice race and will not count towards a boat's series score.
- 6.3 The first warning signal on August 17 – 19 will be at 1030 hrs.
- 6.4 Ten (10) races are scheduled for the championship series. Two races on August 16 (after the practice race), three races on August 17 and 18, and two races on August 19.
- 6.5 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 will there be more than four races per day nor will races be conducted before their scheduled day.
- 6.6 No warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs on Thursday, August 19.

**7 CLASS FLAG**

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

**8 RACING AREA**

The racing area will be in the open waters of Lake Superior, north and east of the Marquette harbor breakwall.

**9 THE COURSES**

- 9.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the course designation number.
- 9.2 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 will be left to port.
- 9.3 The RC signal boat will 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.

**10 MARKS**

- 10.1 Marks 1 and 2S and 2P (the gate) will be **orange** inflatable marks.
- 10.2 The offset mark will be a **white** ball.
- 10.3 New marks, as provided in instruction 12, will be **yellow** inflatable marks.
- 10.4 The starting and finishing marks will be inflatable marks distinct from the rounding marks.

**11 THE START**

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the mark as described in instruction 10.4.
- 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 a blue flag on the signal boat and the course side of the mark as described in instruction 10.4.

**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, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. *This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.*

## 15 HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC Signal Boat docks at the end of each racing day or when the RC signals 'No more racing today' ashore, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.2 Hearing request forms are available near the Official Notice Board or online ([US Sailing Hearing Request Form](#)).
- 15.3 Notices shall 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 shall be held in the protest room in the CYC clubhouse, beginning at the time posted on the official notice board.
- 15.4 Notices of Race Committee or Protest Committee protests shall be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

## 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 according to Ensign Class Rules, Part III, Rule 12C. *This changes RRS A5.2 and A5.2.*

## 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 Race Committee (RC).
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless authorized by the RC. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

## 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 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS [DP][NP]

- 20.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the jury.
- 20.2 Cleaning activities not involving hauling out are permitted.

## 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 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

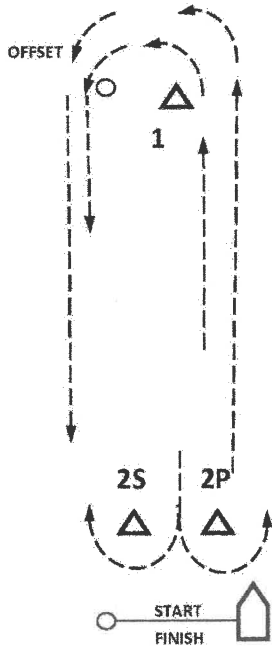
**ATTACHMENT A**  
**ILLUSTRATING THE COURSES**

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

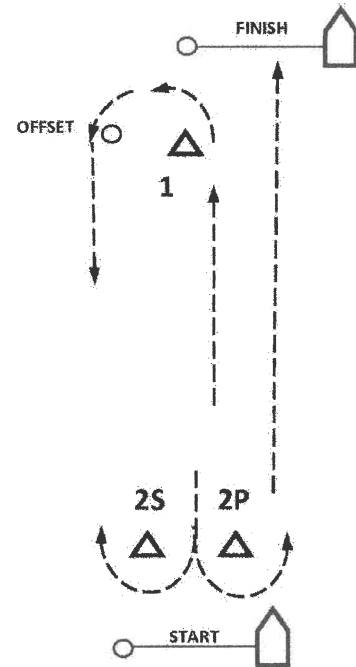


COURSE 3 and 5 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

**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.**