



# Ensign Class Association 2021 Region II and III Championship Regatta



July 31-August 1, 2021  
Thames Yacht Club, New London, CT  
Organizing Authorities: Ensign Class Association, Ensign Fleet 57 and the  
Thames Yacht Club (TYC)

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024* (RRS) and the *Ensign Class Association (ECA) Rules* as modified herein.
- 1.2 Cabin doors may be removed. This changes ECA Class Rule II-4.A
- 1.3 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. This changes RRS Rule 63.7.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS and INFORMATIONAL MEETING

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the deck on the waterside of the TYC clubhouse.
- 2.2 There will be a skippers meeting at 0900 hours on Saturday, July 31 in the TYC clubhouse.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 1 hour prior to the first scheduled race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted on the day before it will take effect at 1800 hours or within 1 hour after the Signal Boat docks, whichever is later.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the TYC flagpole.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes race signal AP.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACING EVENTS

#### 5.1

| Day & Date        | Activity         | Time          | Remarks        |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Saturday, July 31 | Skippers Meeting | 0900          |                |
| Saturday, July 31 | Racing           | 1100          | Warning Signal |
| Saturday, July 31 | Racing           |               | *, **          |
| Saturday, July 31 | Dinner           | 1800 (approx) |                |
| Sunday, August 1  | Racing           | 1100          | Warning Signal |
| Sunday, August 1  | Racing           |               | *, ***         |
| Sunday, August 1  | Awards Ceremony  | 1700 (approx) |                |

\* **The number of races to be sailed on a given day is at the discretion of the Race Committee according to prevailing weather or conditions. A maximum of 6 races will be sailed for the Championship Regatta.**

\*\* **No race shall be started after 1700**

\*\*\* **No race shall be started after 1500**

**5.2** On Sunday, Aug 1, no race shall be started after 1500.

## **6 CLASS FLAGS**

Class flag will be the Ensign Class insignia on a white flag.

## **7 RACING AREAS**

The racing area will be in Fisher Island Sound and surrounding waters.

## **8 THE COURSES**

**8.1** The diagrams in Attachment 1 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. Offset marks will be used at the discretion of the race committee.

**8.3** No later than the warning signal, the Signal Boat will display on its starboard side the designated course number. She may also display the approximate compass bearing and/or distance of the first leg.

**8.4** The course length will be based on target times and course conditions. This changes ECA Rule IV - 9.C. Course length and/or time will not be grounds for redress.

**8.5** The Race Committee may shorten the course as necessary, at their discretion if the following minimum course has actually been sailed: a windward leg and a leeward leg. This condition refers to legs that have been sailed and not necessarily as originally signalled. This modifies ECA Rule III – 10.D.

## **9 MARKS**

**9.1** Marks will be yellow or orange inflatable marks.

**9.2** The offset mark will be a small orange, red or pink ball.

**9.2** The starting and finishing marks will be inflatable marks or an anchored boat(s) displaying a staff with an orange flag.

## **10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

The following areas are designated as obstructions:

- Sea Flower Reef
- Horseshoe Reef
- Black Ledge
- Dumplings Islands

## **11 THE START**

**11.1** Races will be started using RRS rule 26.

**11.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.

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

- 11.4 The RC will attempt to hail the numbers of boats OCS at the start on a loud hailer and/or VHF radio. Failure of the RC to hail, failure of a competitor to hear the hail or timing of the hail shall not be considered grounds for redress.

## **12 THE FINISH**

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat or other race committee boat and the course side of the mark or staff displaying an orange flag as described in instruction 9 (Marks).

- 12.2 If the finish boat is displaying signal flag "A" that means "No more races today."

## **13 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 13.1 The course length will be set to allow for an approximate race time of 60 minutes. Actual race time will not be grounds for redress. This changes ECA Rule IV – 9.C.

- 13.2 A race in which no boat has finished within 150 minutes shall be abandoned.

- 13.3 The RC may abandon the race at any time if they believe that it is unlikely that a substantial percent of the boats starting will not complete the race within the time limit.

- 13.4 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Exceeded (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS rule A5.

- 13.5 Boats may be finished on the course at the discretion of the RC. The RC determines the method and order of finishing. This changes RRS rules 35 and A4.

## **14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 14.1 Protest forms are available at or near the official notice board. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

- 14.2 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the Signal Boat docks after the last race of the day or 1500 hours, whichever is later.

- 14.3 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 in the protest room, located as noted on the official notice board, beginning at the time posted on the official notice board.

- 14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS rule 61.1(b).

- 14.5 Breaches of instructions 11.3 (late start), 16 (Safety), and 19 (Radio) will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be DSQ or a lesser penalty if the protest committee so decides.

- 14.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

(a) Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;

(b) No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66.

- 14.7 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 RRS rule 62.2.

## **15 SCORING**

- 15.1 At least 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

**15.2** In accordance with the provisions of RRS rule A2, a boat's worst score will be excluded only if 5 or more races have been completed.

**15.3** A boat scored TLE will be scored in accordance with ECA Rule III – 12.C.

## **16 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**16.1** 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 her sail number to check in.

**16.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **17 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 measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **18 OFFICIAL BOATS**

Official boats will be marked by flying a blue or yellow "RC" flag or Judge's flag.

## **19 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

**19.1** All radio communications between the RC and competitors will be on a VHF channel 72 announced at the competitors meeting and posted on the official notice board.

**19.2** Various race information, including notification of OCS boats, may be provided by the RC as a courtesy to competitors. Errors, omissions, failure to hear or timing of these broadcasts will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS rule 62.1(a).

**19.3** Except in an emergency, 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.

## **20 PRIZES**

Prizes will be given as outlined in the Notice of Race at the Awards Ceremony after the conclusion of racing on the last day of the event.

## **21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 3, 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.

# Attachment 1

## COURSE 4 and 6 - Mark rounding order:

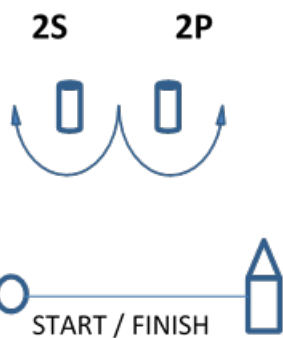
Course 4:

START – 1 – offset – 2P/2S – 1 – offset – FINISH

Course 6:

START – 1 – offset – 2P/2S – 1 – offset – 2P/2S – 1 – offset – FINISH

Mark 2 may be a gate or single mark. If a single mark it is to be rounded to port.



## COURSE 3 and 5 - Mark rounding order:

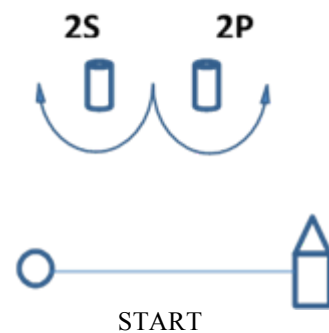
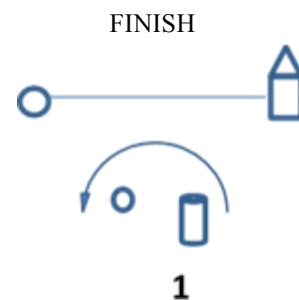
Course 3:

START – 1 – offset – 2P/2S – FINISH

Course 5:

START – 1 – offset – 2P/2S – 1 – offset – 2P/2S – FINISH

Mark 2 may be a gate or single mark. If a single mark it is to be rounded to port.



# Gold Course



Start  
1  
2  
3  
1  
(or 1 + offset mark)  
Finish (downwind)

○ = optional offset mark

