



Ensign Region II & III Championship Regatta

July 25 – 26, 2009

Sponsored by Fleets 4 and 5

Hosted by Wickford Yacht Club

North Kingstown, Rhode Island

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the 2009 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as adopted by the ISAF: the prescriptions of US Sailing, the prescriptions of the Ensign Class Association (ECA), and by the sailing instructions.

1.2. All boats and sails shall conform to Part II of the Ensign Class Association Rules. The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect any or all boats. RRS 78 shall apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at Wickford Yacht Club.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed or made orally at Wickford Yacht Club.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1. Saturday July 25

5.1.1. Skippers meeting 10:30

5.1.2. 1st Start 12:30

5.1.3. 3 Races Scheduled, more races may be sailed if conditions permit.

5.1.4. No Race Started after 16:30

5.2. Sunday July 26

5.2.1. 1st Start 11:00

5.2.2. 3 Races Scheduled more races may be sailed if conditions permit.

5.2.3. No race will be started after 15:00

6. RACING AREAS

Attachment A shows the location of racing areas located East of Wickford Harbor.

7. THE COURSES

7.1. Courses will be Windward – Leeward per the diagrams on Attachment A

7.2. Approximate course length will be 4 miles; target time per race will be 1 hour.

7.3. Courses will be designated on a course board on the signal boat.

7.4. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing and length of the first leg.

8. MARKS

- 8.1. Turning Marks will be orange cylindrical shapes.
- 8.2. Gate marks will be orange inflatable shapes or buoys.
- 8.3. Failure of the Race Committee to set or maintain the gate marks shall not be grounds for redress. Leeward gate marks will be inflated race marks but in the event that the gate is not maintained, boats will leave the remaining single mark to port.

9. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The area between Fox Island, Rome Point is designated as an obstruction. See Attachment A.

10. THE START

- 10.1. Races will be started by using rule 26.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange Flag on the Signal Boat on the starboard end of the line and either a staff displaying an orange flag on the pin boat or an inflatable starting mark on the port end of the line.
- 10.3. If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the last minute before her starting signal or at the start, as a courtesy the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on the race committee VHF working channel (Sec. 18). Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

11. **CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE** The direction and distance to the next mark may be changed up to 10 degrees and 0.25 nm without any signal. The new mark shall be in place before any boat begins the leg. This changes RR 33. Subsequent legs may be changed to maintain the course shape.

12. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange Flag on the Signal Boat on the starboard end of the line and either a staff displaying an orange flag on the pin boat or an inflatable finishing mark on the port end of the line.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1. If no boat reaches the 1st mark before 1 hour from the start of the race, the race shall be abandoned.
- 14.2. If no boat finishes before 2 hours from the start the race, the race shall be abandoned.
- 14.3. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. Protest forms are available at the official message board at the Wickford Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 15.3. On the last race day any request to reopen must be submitted by the protest time limit in 15.2
- 15.4. 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 upstairs at WYC beginning at the time posted.
- 15.5. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee, or jury will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

16. SCORING

- 16.1.** Appendix A low point scoring will be used.
- 16.2.** DNF scoring will be made according to Ensign Class Rule Section III rule 12.C.
- 16.3.** 6 races are scheduled one race shall constitute a regatta.
- 16.4.** If 5 or more races are completed there will be one throw out.

17. Check-In

- 17.1.** All boats shall sail by the signal boat prior to the first warning signal of the day's racing and check in.
- 17.2.** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18. Radio Communication

- 18.1.** The race committee will communicate with competitors on VHF channel 78.
- 18.2.** If the race committee determines that channel 78 is not useable due to excessive interfering traffic the race committee will communicate the change on channel 78 and with a notice on the course board on the signal committee boat. The optional channels are 68, 69, 71 and 72.

19. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows: 1st through 3rd Place.
Region II and III Perpetual Trophy to first place finisher.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, 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.

Ensign Region II & III Championship Regatta – Attachment A

