

NOTICE OF RACE

2021 Ensign Region 5 Regional Championship



**Marquette Yacht Club
Marquette, MI
October 1-3, 2021**

1. **ORGANIZING AUTHORITY** – The organizing authority is 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 69.

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 in person on Friday, October 1 between 1700 and 1800 at the Marquette Yacht Club. You can email Chad Lewis at chad.lewisboatshop@gmail.com in advance with your intent to race.
- 5.2 The entry form is valid when accompanied by the entry fee of \$50.
- 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).

6 **SCHEDULE OF RACING EVENTS**

Fri. Oct. 1st	1700-1800	Registration
Sat. Oct. 2nd	1000-1700	Up to six races back to back
Sun. Oct. 3rd	1000	Up to two races back to back
	1300	Awards

6.1 No race shall start so late on Sunday, October, 3, as to prevent watching the Packer game.

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 Region 5 championship trophy, as well as trophies for 1st through 3rd place will be awarded.

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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