



December 3, 2018

Dear Board Members and Ensign Class Association Members,

Your hosts for the 2020 Nationals, Ensign Fleet 35 from Marquette, Michigan, cordially invite you to join us for the Ensign Class Association Mid-Winter Meeting and a fantastic fun filled weekend in Chicago January 11th and 12th, 2019. We have a block of rooms reserved at the historic Blackstone Hotel at an amazing price. The hotel is located at 636 S. Michigan Avenue (at E. Balbo Drive in The Loop).

We have dinner reservations on Friday night just down the street at the Chicago Firehouse Restaurant. Check out their menu using the link below.

On Saturday we have a meeting room reserved at the Blackstone. The room is known as the “Barbershop” and used to be an actual barbershop where Al Capone would have his hair cut. We will be served a wonderful lunch there as well.

If all that were not enough the Chicago Boat Show is in town, again, just down the street at the McCormick Place. I have made arrangements for a group ticket price to the Boat Show too!

Make your reservations on-line or over the phone and also complete and return the registration form included below. If you have any questions please e-mail or call me. To qualify for the group rates you must register by December 21st, 2018. So don't delay jump on-line or pick up the phone and register today!

Please see the detailed schedule below. We are looking forward to seeing you all in Chicago!

If you cannot attend the annual meeting, please fill in and return the proxy form attached below.

Neil J. Lynch
VC Regional Affairs
Ensign Class Association

The Blackstone Hotel- <https://www.theblackstonehotel.com/>

The Blackstone Reservations - https://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=Ensign%20Class%20Association%5ECHIAB%60SCASCA%6099.00%60USD%60false%603%601/11/19%601/13/19%6012/21/2018&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes

The Chicago Firehouse Restaurant - <http://www.chicagofirehouse.com/>

2019 Chicago Boat Show - <https://www.chicagoboatshow.com/>



Ensign Class Association Annual Meeting January 11 & 12, 2019

*The BLACKSTONE
636 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60605*

Hosted by Fleet 35 Marquette, MI

Registration

Name	
Address	
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:
E mail Address	

For room reservations, call The BLACKSTONE @ 1-866 508 0261 and ask for the Ensign Class Association group rate, or visit:

https://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=Ensign%20Class%20Association%5ECHIAB%60SCASCA%6099.00%60USD%60false%603%601/11/19%601/13/19%6012/21/2018&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes

Transportation from either O'Hare or Midway Airports available via Public transit, Taxi (\$30-\$40 each way) or Limo Service booked through the hotel's concierge.

Dinner Reservation – Chicago Firehouse Restaurant (separate checks) Number: _____

Noon Luncheon Reservation: (\$48.00 per person) Number: _____

Chicago Boat Show Group Rate: (\$8.00 per person per day) Number: _____

Payment for Lunch and Boat Show can be made upon arrival.

Please send your completed registration to Neil Lynch at:

Neil Lynch
370 North Road
Negaunee, MI 49866

or

ensign1643@gmail.com



Ensign Class Association Annual Meeting

January 11 & 12, 2019

Schedule

Friday January 11th, 2018

Fleet 35 Reception Dinner
The Chicago Firehouse Restaurant
5:00 PM – Cash Bar
7:00 PM Dinner
(reservation required above)

Saturday January 20th, 2018

Breakfast
(on your own)

Governing Committee Meeting
The Barbershop Room
9:00 AM

Luncheon
The Barbershop Room
12:00 Noon
(reservation required above)

Annual Membership Meeting
The Barbershop Room
1:00 - 3:00 PM

The 2019 Chicago Boat Show
McCormick Place
Friday & Saturday - Open until 8:00 PM
Sunday – 10:00AM to 5:00PM
(include number of tickets needed above)

**ENSIGN CLASS ASSOCIATION
PROXY**

The following proposal will be voted on at the Regular Meeting to be held January 12, 2019, 1:00 PM, Blackstone Hotel, 636 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60605 **or** you may vote by **e-mailing** this proxy by January 5, 2019 to Bud Brown, Vice Commodore Rules at sailorbud1085@gmail.com **or** by **mailing** this proxy with a postmark no later than January 2, 2019 to:

Bud Brown
14820 Sapling Way
Glenelg, MD 21737

PROPOSAL #1: To amend the Ensign Class Association Rules as follows:

CURRENT ECA RULE

**Part III. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
RULES**

9. RACES AND RULES

C. In addition to the contestant, there must be a crew consisting of not less than two nor more than **three** persons.

AMENDED ECA RULE

**Part III. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
RULES**

9. RACES AND RULES

C. In addition to the contestant, there must be a crew consisting of not less than two nor more than **four** persons.

Rationale

The proposal to change the number “**three**” to “**four**” responds to the requests of multiple competitors to sail with an additional person on the boat during Nationals and Regionals. Over the years competitors have requested that the Governing Committee grant an exception to allow them to sail with five persons. Most, but not all of the requests have been granted. This amendment will extend the option to sail with up to five persons to all Nationals competitors.

Proposal to amend PART III.9.C.

FOR ___ AGAINST ___

Name: _____ **Hull #:** _____ **Fleet affiliation (if applicable)** _____