

2026 Ensign Region 2/3 Championship Regatta

July 18-19, 2026

Niantic Bay Yacht Club, Niantic, CT

Organizing Authorities: Ensign Class Association, Ensign Fleet 73 and the
Niantic Bay Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. This event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Ensign Class Rules.

2. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. 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.
- 2.2. 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.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice board on the events page of the Ensign Regional Championship on Club Spot (accessible through NBYC.org under public racing or directly at <https://nbyc.org/regatta/k0Kwpqm3w9>).
- 3.2. A Skippers Meeting will be held at 0930 on Saturday .
- 3.3. The RC will monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF Channel 01a.
- 3.4. Official boats will be marked by flying a blue or yellow "RC" flag or Judge's flag.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials and monitor VHF Ch. 01A.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the NBYC flagpole.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes'. This changes RRS Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. Seven (7) races are scheduled. The completion of one race shall constitute a series.
- 6.2. The First Warning is scheduled at 1100 each day of racing.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. Class flag for the championship will be the Ensign Class insignia.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. The courses to be sailed will be windward leeward courses designated by the number of legs.
- 8.2. An even number of legs, I.E. "4", indicates 4 legs starting to windward, then leeward, windward and finishing to leeward.

- 8.3. An odd number of legs I.E. "5" indicates 5 legs with a windward start and a windward finish. The Finish line for a windward finish will be between the windward mark and RC boat flying a blue flag.
- 8.4. The compass bearing and distance to the windward mark will be posted no later than the warning signal.
- 8.5. The windward mark shall be rounded to port and may have an offset mark positioned approximately 10 boat lengths abeam which shall also be rounded to port.
- 8.6. The leeward mark will be placed to windward of the Start Line. The leeward mark may be a gate. In the absence of a gate, the leeward mark is to be left to port.
- 8.7 On the last leg of a course with an even number of legs the leeward mark is not a mark of the course.
- 8.7. See the attached diagram in Appendix A.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. The initial Windward and Leeward marks will be tetrahedrons.
- 9.2. The windward Offset mark will be a small ball.
- 9.3. The Start and Finish pin will be a cylinder.
- 9.4. The initial Change mark will be a cylinder.

10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and the course side of a red inflatable mark or the staff displaying an orange flag on an anchored Pin boat.
- 10.2. The RC will attempt to hail the sail numbers of boats OCS on a loud hailer and/or VHF radio. Failure to hail, hear the hail, or the timing of the hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 10.3. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A(4), A(5).

11. CHANGE OF COURSE

- 11.1. When a course change is signaled, the RC will place a cylindrical mark in the new location. Subsequent changes will alternate between the original mark and the change mark.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Signal Boat and the course side of the Finish pin.

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 shall not be grounds for redress. This Changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 13.2. A race in which no boat has finished within 90 minutes of the start signal shall be abandoned.

13.3. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat properly sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. SI 13.3 shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 35, 61.1(a), A4 and A5.

13.4. 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 35 and A4.

14. HEARING REQUESTS

14.1. Request for Hearing may be filed on the Club Spot Event Page. Paper request forms are available at the NBYC clubhouse. Paper Requests shall be delivered to a race official.

14.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Signal Boat docks after the last race of the day. This changes RRS 60.3(b)(1).

14.3. As a courtesy, flag "Bravo" may be flown ashore from the NBYC flagpole during the protest filing period. The timing or whether or not this flag is flown shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

14.4. Notices of Requests for Hearings will be posted on the official notice board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

14.5. Hearings will be held in the NBYC clubhouse beginning at the time posted on the official notice board.

15. SCORING

15.1. A boat scored DNF will receive points equal to one half the number of boats not finishing, rounded to the next higher number, plus the number of boats that finished. This changes RRS A5.2.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1. [DP] Before the warning signal 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. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

17. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

17.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

Appendix A

Course 3 – 1, Offset, 2, Finish

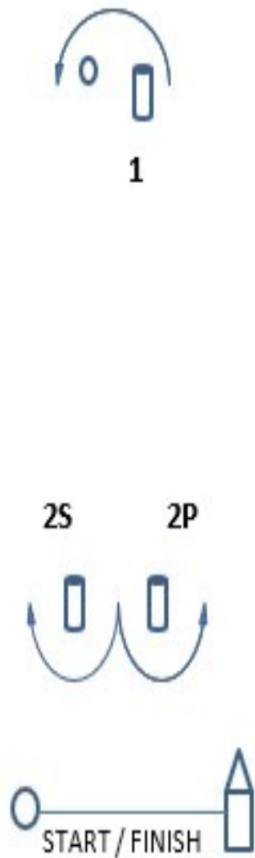
Course 4 – 1, Offset, 2, 1, Offset, Finish

Course 5 – 1, Offset, 2, 1, Offset, 2, Finish

Course 6 – 1, Offset, 2, 1, Offset, 2, 1, Offset, Finish

Course Layout

Course 4/6



Course 3/5

