

Notice of Race

2026 Ensign Region 2/3 Championship

Organizing Authority (OA) – Niantic Bay Yacht Club

July 18-19, 2026

Hosts - Niantic Bay Yacht Club and Ensign Fleet #73

8 Shore Road Niantic, CT 06357

1. RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* with U.S. Sailing prescriptions.

1.2 The Ensign Class Rules shall apply.

1.3 Appendix V2 Post-Race Penalties of the RRS is in effect for this event.

1.4 [DP] All competitors and support persons are required to comply with all reasonable requests of the OA.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than 1600 hours on July 17th, 2026 on the Notice Board on Club Spot.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The online official notice board is located on Club Spot, a physical notice board is located inside the NBYC Club House

3.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs. Failure of the race committee to make any announcement on the VHF radio, or a boat's failure to hear any broadcast shall not be grounds for redress.

3.3 [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 Entry is open to all members of the Ensign Class Association (ECA) who meet the eligibility requirements of the class rules, Part IV Regional Championship Rules, Section 6 Eligibility.

4.2 Those not qualifying under section 4.1 of the 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 1, 2024. Applications must be emailed to gary@teamtailgunner.com.

4.3 Entries shall be entered and submitted on the Official Online Entry Form found on **Club Spot. Registration Open Early May 2026**. The registration deadline is 1200 hours on July 17, 2024.

4.5 The entry form is only valid if accompanied by the applicable entry fee.

5. FEES

5.1 The Regatta Entry Fee amount is determined by the date that payment is made.

5.2 Entry fees are as follows:

<u>Date of Entry</u>	<u>Entry Fee</u>
Until July 4, 2026	\$210
July 5-July 17, 2026	\$235

5.3 Entry Fee includes admission for 4 to a dinner on Saturday July 18th.

5.4 Additional Saturday Dinner Tickets are available for \$25 each.

5.5 Entry Includes Post Racing Refreshments

6. ADVERTISING

6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1 Arrival & Launching.

Friday July 17th, 2026 From 0900 to 1600 hours

7.2 Registration

Friday July 17th From 1600 to 1800 hours

Saturday July 18th From 0800 to 0930 hours

7.3 Dates of Racing: Saturday July 18th, 2026-Sunday July 19th, 2026

7.4 Number of Races: A total of 7 races are scheduled

7.5 The scheduled time of the Warning for the First Race each day is 1100 hrs.

7.6 No warning will be made after 1500 on July 19th.

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

8.1 The race and protest committees reserves the right to inspect, weigh, or measure any part of a participant's boat and/or rigging at any time or in the event of a *protest*.

9. VENUE

9.1 The racing area will be in Niantic Bay and the surrounding waters (NOAA Electronic Chart (ENC) US5CT1EU. Traditional NOAA Chart 13211)

10. COURSES

10.1 Courses will be described in detail in the Sailing Instructions.

11. SCORING

11.1 The scoring system shall be in accordance with Appendix A of the RRS.

11.2 One completed race is required to complete the series.

11.3 If four or fewer races are completed in any division, no race scores will be excluded in that division. If five or more races are completed, then the worst score for each competitor will be dropped.

12. BERTHING

12.1 Launching and Hauling will be available at Niantic Bay Yacht Club.

12.2 Slips and Moorings will be available at Niantic Bay Yacht Club.

13. LAUNCHING AND HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

13.1 [DP] All competitors shall be launched no later than 1600 on July 17th, 2026.

13.2 [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out after 1600 on July 17th, 2026 until after finishing the final race except with prior permission of the Protest Committee.

14. RISK STATEMENT

14.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include, but are not limited to, strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. Neither the Organizing Authority, nor the host will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

15. INSURANCE

15.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum protection and indemnity coverage of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

16. PRIZES

16.1 The Region 2 Championship Trophy Shall be awarded to the winner of the regatta

16.2 A Youth Championship Award will be presented if there are at least 2 youth participants.

16.3 Keeper Trophies for First through Third will be awarded. Additional trophies may be awarded to top finishers based on the number of boats registered. Keeper Trophies will be awarded to the winner of the Youth Championship.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

17.1 For Further information please contact,

Gary Woodruff, Regatta Chairperson gary@teamtailingunner.com or text message to 860-221-8767.