

The Ensign Youth Championship Trophy

This year the Regatta Committee is promoting youth sailor participation in this event where teams would be competing for both the National Championship and the Youth Championship.

The Ensign Youth Championship Trophy is awarded to the highest placing youth team (aged 24 years and younger) at Nationals. It was first awarded to Joel Florek and crew at the 2012 Nationals in Marquette, MI. They beat the other youth competitors on Lake Superior and placed 22nd out of 39 Ensigns—even placing 12th in one race! A great showing for their first Nationals.

The Niantic Bay Sailing Academy has already registered a youth team, and at this time at least four other yacht clubs have expressed strong interest in putting together a youth team.

Anyone youth team can participate, no need to be associated with a sailing team or yacht club. Competing in both a national event and racing against other youth teams would not only be a fun experience, but also a great goal to work towards during the 2024 sailing season!

The Ensign Class Association has funded a Youth Sponsorship Program for the express purpose of supporting youth sailing and making events like our National Championship more accessible to youth teams. Information about this program can be found on the Ensign Class Association website and page 16 of the Ensign Class yearbook. Inquiries should be directed to ECAtreasurer@ensignclass.com.



Members of the Niantic Bay Sailing Academy out for a sail!