

Notice of Race

2024 Ensign Region V Championship

Ensign Class Association (ECA), The Les Cheneaux
Yacht Club and Fleet 31
is the Organizing Authority (OA)

June 27th – June 30th

Les Cheneaux Yacht Club
P.O. Box 509
Cedarville, MI 49719

www.ensignfleet31.com

1. RULES

1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined by *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.

1.2. Boats shall comply with the class rules.

1.3. Cabin doors may be eliminated.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. Sailing instructions will be available at registration or on the Ensign Fleet 31 website at <https://www.ensignfleet31.com>

2.2. The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

3.1. All boats shall carry a functioning VHF Radio. The channel for transmitting and receiving will be determined by the PRO in the Sailing Instructions.

3.2. While racing, except in an emergency, a boat 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 III National 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 15th, 2024.
- 4.4. The entry form is valid when accompanied by the applicable entry fee.
- 4.5. All owners shall be required to sign a declaration that their boat fully complies with the Class Rules and that they will abide by said Class Rules while racing.
- 4.6. Entry fee includes launch, haul out, mast in and out, trailer storage, dockage or mooring (may be rafting), and Friday evening party. The awards dinner is separate and will be charged at \$40/person.
- 4.7. The organizing authority reserves the right to weigh or measure any part of a participants boat, rigging and/or sails at anytime or in the event of a protest.

5. FEES

- 5.1. An entry form will be posted on the Fleet 31 website listed below.
<https://www.ensignfleet31.com/>.
- 5.2. Printed entries including a check made out to Ensign Fleet 31 should be mailed to:

Ensign Fleet 31
361 S. Meridian St.
Cedarville, MI 49719

- 5.3. Entries must be accompanied by an entry fee. The Regatta Entry Fee amount is determined by the date that the check payment is post marked.

- 5.4. Entry fees are as follows:

Before June 1st, 2024 - \$175
June 1st – June 15th 2024 - \$225
After June 15th 2024 - \$275

The Saturday evening awards dinner will be \$40 / participant.

No entries will be accepted after 1800 hrs on June 27th.

6. ADVERTISING

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

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. Registration / Launching:
Thursday 6/27/2024, from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm Breezeswept docks or the Cedarville Launch ramp. Thursday evening cocktail party at the Les Cheneaux Distillery.

Friday, June 28th. 10:00 am Skippers meeting at the Les Cheneaux Yacht Club. First warning signal at 11:00 am. Friday evening cookout immediately following the last race at the LCYC.

Saturday, June 29th. First warning signal at 11:00 am. There will be no warning signal after 3:00 pm. Haul out 4:00 – 7:00 either Breezeswept or the Cedarville ramp. Awards dinner beginning at 7:00 pm.

Sunday, June 30th. Haul out upon request.

The organizing authority reserves the right to modify the above schedule according to prevailing weather conditions and/or other unforeseen reasons.

8. VENUE

8.1. The racing area will be on Lake Huron in the general vicinity of the Les Cheneaux Yacht Club.

9. COURSES

9.1. Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. Scoring

10.1. The Low Point Scoring System as described in Appendix A of the RRS shall apply (this changes Ensign Class rule under National Championship)

10.2. One throw-out will be allowed when five or more races have been sailed. The series will be valid if at least one race is completed.

11. Prizes

11.1 Trophies will be awarded to the 1st – 5th finishers of the regatta.

12. Disclaimer

12.1 RISK STATEMENT

12.1. Competitors agree to be bound by the World Sailing 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 effects of Covid or related diseases, the crew's ability and the safety of 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 seas as a consequence of their participation in the regatta, relieving of any responsibility the OA, all event sponsors and all persons involved in the organization under whatever qualifications and to accept full responsibility for the comportment of the yacht's crew, representatives and guests.

Competitors are to be acquainted with the RRS Fundamental Rule 3 “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 the 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

13.1. For Further information please contact:

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