

2006 ENSIGN FLEET RACE INSTRUCTIONS

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1. **RULES:** The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008
2. **RACING SCHEDULE:**
 - The starting times for races are posted on the website. Click: [Fleet Race Times](#)
 - Ensigns may be sailing with other Spinnaker fleets, the order of fleet starts will be at the discretion of the committee boat. It is anticipated that the Ensigns will be first to start. As many as four Ensign races will be run.
3. **COURSE:** The course will be Windward / Leeward. Courses will be displayed on the Committee boat as "W" followed by a number designating the number of LEGS (not Laps).
 - Start/finish line is between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and a nearby mark on the port end.
 - Windward turning mark is a tetrahedron directly to windward of the starting line.
 - Leeward turning mark is the nearby mark on the port end of the Start/finish line OR a tetrahedron windward of the starting line, if exists.
 - All turning marks are to be left to port.
 - Marks may be moved without signal (modifies rule 33) if no boat is on that leg. Expect to go upwind and downwind.
 - Course diagram – [click here](#)
4. **START LINE:** The starting line will be between an orange flag on the R/C boat at the starboard end and a port end nearby mark.
5. **FINISH LINE:** The finish line will usually be the start line crossed from the opposite direction. However, in the event of a shortened course, the finish line will be between the nearby mark and the orange flag on the R/C boat.
6. **THE START:** Races will be started using RRS rule 26. The Ensign Class flag will designate the Class.
7. **FINISHING:** After finishing, all vessels must stay clear of the finish line.
8. **Time Limit:** The time limit will be 2 hours after its start. Any yachts not finishing within that period will be scored DNF.
9. **RADIO:** The race committee will monitor VHF channels 16 & 72. Communications will be on Channel 72.
10. **PROTESTS:** Each skipper is expected to know the rules, should do the "proper" turns if a rule has been infringed and should file a protest if the situation has not been addressed in a satisfactory manner. Such protests are to be filed with the Race Committee immediately after the day's racing and will be heard before the next scheduled race day at a time and place chosen by the Protest Committee. The interested parties will be notified by the Protest Committee.
11. **SOCIAL:** An after race social will be at Charlie Carpenter's home immediately following completion of the races.
12. **RACE SCORING:**
 - Each boat **MUST** complete a minimum of 50% of the races sailed to qualify.
 - The Low Point AVERAGE Scoring System, as recommended by US Sailing for Long Series, will apply. The series score for each boat will be the sum of her race scores divided by the number of races for which she is scored.
 - All boats that compete in a race shall receive their finish position. Any that retire or are disqualified will receive the score of one more than the number of boats competing in that race. Boats that do not compete in that race (DNC) will not be scored.

Note:

- Changes highlighted in **YELLOW** were made 6/22/06
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