

Ensign Region IV Championship Regatta
June 16-19, 2010
Ensign Class Association, Organizing Authority
Hosted by Fleet 2 and the Houston Yacht Club
LaPorte, Texas



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Ensign Class Association, Part II, Rule 12-Outboard Motors will not be enforced for this regatta.

2 ENTRIES

Open to boats of members of the ECA that pay the required entry fee. See Championship Rules, Section 6.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the breezeway near the club office.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located on the front lawn of the club.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in race signal AP. This modifies the Race Signals.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Racing is scheduled as follows:

Race	Date	Warning Signal	Time after which a warning signal can not be made
Practice	Thursday, June 17	11:30 AM	5:00 PM
Races	Thursday, June 17	30 minutes after practice race	5:00 PM
Races	Friday, June 18	11:00 AM	5:00 PM
Races	Saturday, June 19	11:00 AM	3:00 PM

- 6.2 A maximum of seven(7) races are scheduled.

7 CLASS FLAGS

Class flag will be the Ensign Class Burgee.

8 RACING AREAS

The racing area will be the area of Galveston Bay bordered by Morgans Point on the north, the Houston Ship Channel on the east, the Bayport Ship Channel on the south, and the LaPorte/Shoreacres shore on the west. Boats shall not enter either the Houston Ship Channel or the Bayport Ship Channel while racing. The penalty for entering these ship channels while racing shall be disqualification.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course letter and the approximate compass bearing to Mark 1.
- 9.3 When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 1A, 2, 2P, 2S, and 3 will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 10.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 13.1, will be orange tetrahedrons.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and a mark or floating shape at the port-end.
- 11.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.1.
- 11.4 Boats shall check-in with the race committee signal boat before the first race of each day by sailing past the stern of the boat while on starboard tack and hailing the sail number of the boat until acknowledged by the Race Committee by repeating the sail number.

12 RECALLS

Recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29. The race committee intends to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. As a courtesy, the Race Committee may use VHF radios. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of OCS boats, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes rules 41 and 62.1.

13 CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

- 13.1 To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

14 SHORTENING COURSE

No race will be shortened to fewer than three (3) legs.

15 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and a mark or floating shape the port end.

16 PENALTIES

A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.

17 TIME LIMITS

17.1 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 45 minutes, or if no competitor has finished within two (2) hours, the race will be abandoned.

17.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.1.

18 PROTESTS

18.1 Protests shall be written on forms available in the HYC office and lodged with the office secretary within the protest time, which will begin when the race committee boat enters the harbor and ends one hour later. The time the race committee boat enters the harbor will be posted promptly.

18.2 Protest notices will be posted approximately one-half hour after protest time ends to inform competitors when there is a hearing in which they are interested parties or witnesses.

18.3 The jury will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

18.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

19 SCORING

19.1 Scoring shall be as described in the Ensign Class Rules, Part III, Rule 12.

19.2 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

19.3 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

20 SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

22 CREW

Any substitution of crew after the start of the first race shall require prior written permission of the Race Committee. In case of emergency, permission may be granted retroactively.

23 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Competing boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

24 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats entered in the regatta between the starting signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

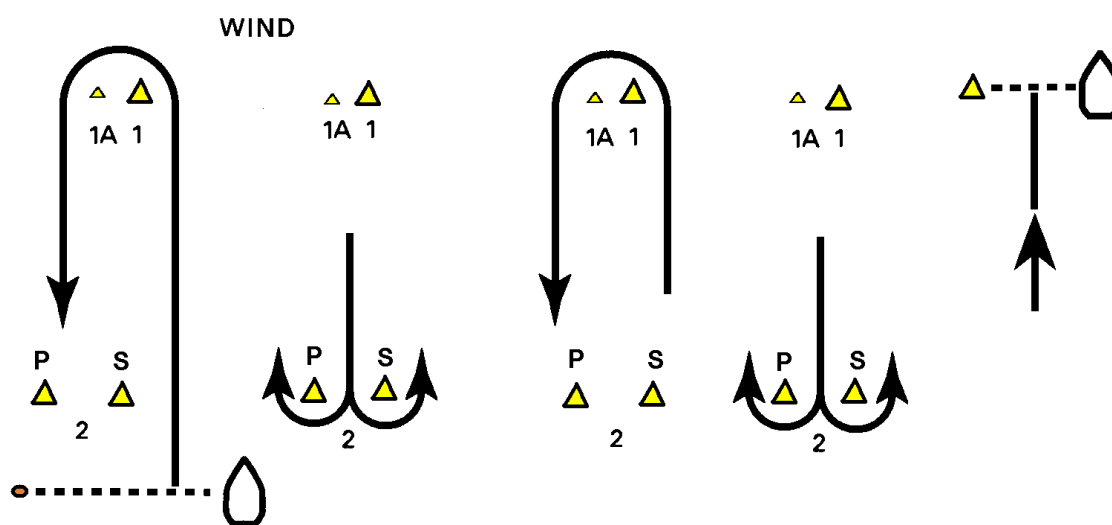
25 RADIO COMMUNICATION

The race committee will attempt to monitor VHF radio channel 68. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

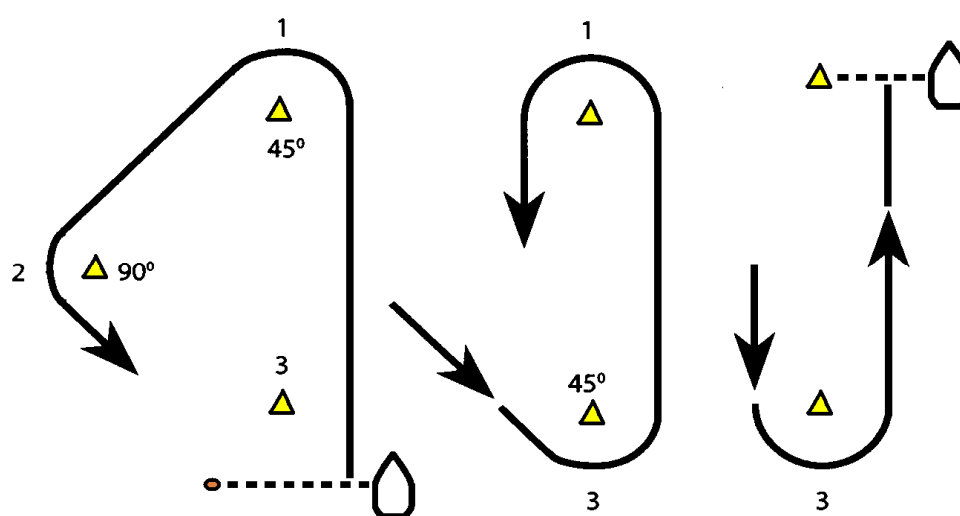
26 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded in accordance with ECA Regional Championship Rules, Section 3.

Attachment A Course Diagrams



Course W – Start - 1 - 1a – 2P/2S - 1 - 1a – 2P/2S - Finish



Course T – Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish