

Ensign Class Association

2025 Region II and Region III

Championship Regatta

July 26 – July 27, 2025

Thames Yacht Club, New London, CT

Organizing Authorities: Ensign Class Association, Ensign Fleet 57 and the Thames Yacht Club (TYC)

Notice of Race

1. Rules
 - 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* for 2025-2028, the prescriptions of US SAILING and the *Ensign Class Association Rules* dated February 20, 2024.
 - 1.2. Changes to the rules, if any, will appear in full in the sailing instructions. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.
2. Eligibility and Entry
 - 2.1. The regatta is open to yachts of the Ensign Class. The skipper of each yacht is considered to be the contestant. Eligibility and entry requirements are defined in the *Ensign Class Association Rules*. Each contestant must be a paid-up member of the Ensign Class Association. Contestants from outside of Region II/III may participate in this regatta.
 - 2.2. Eligible yachts may enter via yachtscoring.com/Ensign 2025 Region II/III Championship.
 - 2.3. Entries will be accepted until 1800 Friday, July 25, 2025. A late entry fee will apply for all entries after July 1, 2025.
3. Fees
 - 3.1. The entry fee is \$170.00. Contestants who are not members of the US Sailing Association must add \$5.00 to their entry fee.
 - 3.2. Other fees:
 - 3.2.1. Late entry fee, for entries submitted after July 1, 2025, is an additional \$25.00.
 - 3.2.2. Four ball caps will be provided to each registered Ensign as part of the entry fee. For late registrations, after July 1st, cost increases to procure hats exceeding the \$25.00 late entry fee will be charged to the contestant. This cost, if necessary, will be payable at registration.
 - 3.2.3. Launching is extra, see paragraph 10.3.
4. Schedule

- 4.1. Registration: Friday, July 25, 2025, from 1600 until 1800 with an accompanying outdoor social, and Saturday, July 26, 2025, from 0800 until 0900. Sailing Instructions will be available for pickup on both days.
- 4.2. Equipment inspection and measurement. There is no scheduled time for equipment inspection and measurement.

4.3. Schedule of Racing Events:

Day & Date	Activity	Time	Remarks
Friday, July 25	Registration	1600	1800
Saturday, July 26	Registration	0800	0900
Saturday, July 26	Skippers meeting	0900	TYC
Saturday, July 26	Racing	1100	Warning Signal
Saturday, July 26	Dinner	1800 (approx.)	TYC
Sunday, July 27	Racing	1100	Warning Signal
Sunday, July 27	Awards Ceremony	1700 (approx.)	TYC

- 4.4. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1100.
- 4.5. On Sunday, July 27, 2025, no warning signal will be made after 1500.
5. Measurement
- 5.1. All competing yachts are expected to comply with the *Ensign Class Association Rules* part II, Rules and Specifications. The organizing authority reserves the right to inspect any competing yacht to ensure compliance. Any yacht found to be noncompliant will be disqualified.
6. Sailing Instructions
- 6.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on-line on the Ensign Class Association website, and yachtscoring.com by July 1, 2025, and at the registration desk.
7. Venue
- 7.1. The venue will be in Long Island Sound, vicinity of Sarah Ledge, 41° 17.7' N, 72° 05.4' W.
8. The Courses
- 8.1. Windward-Leeward courses will be sailed as described within the Sailing Instructions. The race committee shall determine the length of the course. This changes the specified length per ECA rule part IV 9C.
9. Penalty System
- 9.1. The Ensign Class Association scoring system of ECA part III, section 12 will apply.
- 9.2. The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 will not apply.
- 9.3. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by a one-turn penalty.
10. Berthing
- 10.1. Berthing for competing yachts will be provided on moorings, courtesy of TYC during the period of the regatta. Yachts needing berthing prior to or after the regatta should contact TYC (860) 383-0017 and make arrangements.

- 10.2. There is no parking at the Thames Yacht Club. Parking is available on the neighborhood streets.
- 10.3. Members of Ensign Fleet 57 may be able to provide lodging for competitors and their crews. Contact Russell Carr (860) 574-4303 if assistance with lodging is desired.
- 10.4. Launching on Friday, July 25, 2025 at Niantic Bay Yacht Club is complementary. Depending upon the tide, transit time to TYC from NBYC is about 1-1/2 to 2 hours. Boat trailers will be stored at the site of launching during the regatta. Boat launching is also available at Ferry Slip Marina in New London, (860) 442-9038. The cost is \$195 for launching, hauling and mast rigging.
- 10.5. Trophies for first, second and third place will be awarded upon completion of the regatta.
- 10.6. The Alden Walls Region II/III perpetual trophy will be awarded to the highest-ranking Region II/III yacht upon completion of the regatta.
11. Insurance
 - 11.1. All participating yachts shall have adequate liability insurance.
12. Further Information
 - 12.1. For further information please contact;
Russell Carr
22 Shirley Lane
New London, CT 06320
(860) 574-4303
carrussell@att.net
 - 12.2. A dinner at TYC is being planned for Saturday evening. It is anticipated that food service with either indoor or outdoor seating will be allowed. Dinner tickets can be reserved by request. Dinner tickets at \$25.00 per person can be purchased at registration. Please email the organizers at the address above if you plan to attend.