



Ensign Class Association  
2023 Region II/III  
Championship

**NOTICE OF RACE**

July 22-23, 2023

Ensign Fleet 67 and  
Bucks Harbor Yacht Club

Brooksville, ME

**1. RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of *Sailing* (RRS) 2021-2024 and the rules of the Ensign Class Association. In the event of a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions (see Section 5 below), the Sailing Instructions (and any amendment thereto) shall prevail.

**2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1. The regatta is open to Ensign class boats. Entrants must meet all Class ownership and measurement requirements. Skippers must be members of the Ensign Class Association. The ECA rules can be viewed at [www.ensignclass.com](http://www.ensignclass.com)
- 2.2. Boats must be entered by advance registration. The deadline for on-line registration is July 14, 2023. Late, on-paper registration may be possible at the sole discretion of the Regatta Chair.
- 2.3. Contestants from outside Region II/III may participate in this regatta.
- 2.4. Boats must sail with the same number of crew each day of the regatta. A boat may sail with different individual crew on different days provided that crew changes are declared at registration or when a boat checks in before each day of racing.
- 2.5. Boats that do not carry an engine must carry 30 lb of weight aft of the mast on the cabin floor.

2.6. Registration is available at [www.ensignclass.com](http://www.ensignclass.com) by clicking on the “2023 ECA region II/III Regional Championship” item in the “Upcoming Events” list.

### 3. FEES

3.1. Advance registration for all boats (on or before 6/1/2023) \$160

3.2. Late registration (on or after 6/2/2023) \$185

3.3. Entry fees include boat mooring during the Regatta, drinks and hors d’oeuvres on Friday, continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, the trophies and Awards Ceremony, and SWAG.

3.4. Contestants are responsible for lunch and any other on-the-water food or beverages. Sandwiches and beverages can be purchased on Saturday at Bucks Harbor Market which is a short walk from BHYC. (The Market is closed Sunday). There is no plan to come ashore for a lunch break.

3.5. Saturday Night Dinner is optional & BYOB. \$35/person

3.6. Payment may be made by credit card on the website.

### 4. SCHEDULE

Friday, July 21	0800-1530	Launch and rig if utilizing Seal Cove Boat Yard
	1700-1930	Meet & greet @ Todd & Pam Hixon’s home: wine/beer, chili, salad
	1930-2000	Local knowledge talk at Todd & Pam Hixon’s home
Saturday July 22	0800-0900	Breakfast at BHYC
	0800-0900	Check-in at BHYC
	0900-0930	Skippers’ Meeting
	TBD at Skippers’ Meeting	First warning signal, additional races to follow
	1800-2000	Dinner at BHYC (BYOB)
Sunday, July 22	0800-0900	Breakfast at BHYC
	TBD by Race Committee	First warning signal, additional races to follow
Sunday, July 22	1630 (or as soon as feasible after racing)	Awards Ceremony
Monday, July 23	0800 or later	Haul out at Seal Cove Boat Yard

- 4.1. Race committee will attempt to run as many races as are practicable under the conditions. One or more races will constitute a regatta.
- 4.2. No warning signal will be made after 1500 on Sunday, the last day of racing.

## **5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available at Bucks Harbor Yacht Club at check-in and are also expected to be available on the BHYC web site ([www.bucksharboryc.org](http://www.bucksharboryc.org)) no later than July 15.

## **6. VENUE**

Racing will be on the waters of East Penobscot Bay and Eggemoggin Reach in the vicinity of Bucks Harbor, Maine. Shoreside activities will be hosted at the Bucks Harbor Yacht Club.

## **7. THE COURSES**

The courses are expected to be mostly windward/leeward, but the Race Committee will have the option to use any of the standard courses provided for in the ECA rules.

## **8. SCORING AND PENALTY SYSTEM**

The regatta will be scored using the low-point system. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **9. LAUNCHING, HAULING, DOCKING, PARKING**

- 9.1. Seal Cove Boat Yard (SCBY) is available to launch and haul during the hours specified in Paragraph 4 above. They can also launch on Thursday July 20 by special arrangement. They charge \$305 for launch and haul plus any necessary rigging work on an hourly basis. Using a gin pole at their yard to rig a mast is acceptable. Trailers can be parked at SCBY between launch and haul.
- 9.2. Self-launching is an option with appropriate equipment (e.g., tongue extension, gin pole). The Brooksville public launching ramp is a quarter mile west of BHYC. Launch and haul should be planned for the top half of the tide.
- 9.3. Yachts must be wet sailed during the Regatta. Haul-outs during the regatta will be allowed only upon petition to and permission granted by the organizing authority.
- 9.4. Moorings will be provided at Bucks Harbor Yacht Club. However, some rafting of boats may be necessary, so please plan accordingly in terms of fenders and lines.

**9.5.** Parking for automobiles is available at BHYC. If you plan to launch at the public landing, contact the Regatta Chair to arrange a place to park your trailer.

## **10. HOUSING**

Hotel or motel accommodations in and around Brooksville are limited at best, although AirBnB is not uncommon, and there are some inns in the vicinity. A list of commercial accommodations near Bucks Harbor is available on the ECA website page for the regatta, or from the Regatta Chair, Todd Hixon ([thixon@gmail.com](mailto:thixon@gmail.com), 617-877-8216).

Host Fleet 67 is looking to find BHYC families with space to host competitors. If you are interested in staying with a BHYC family, please be in touch with Scott Thurston ([sthurston2003@yahoo.com](mailto:sthurston2003@yahoo.com) (225- 938-7178)) as soon as possible. We cannot guarantee housing for everyone, but we will do our best, first come, first served.

## **11. PRIZES**

Take-home trophies for first, second, and third place will be awarded to the three boats with the best scores among all boats. The permanent Region II/III championship trophy will be awarded to the boat with the best score among boats based in Region II/III.

## **12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. The organizing authorities will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **13. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$100,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## **14. MEDIA RIGHTS**

Competitors give absolute right and permission to the Ensign Class, Ensign Fleet 67, Bucks Harbor Yacht Club, and the event sponsors to use internally, publish, broadcast or otherwise distribute free of any charge, for promotional, advertising or any other purpose, any images, video, and sound recorded during the event of persons and boats.

## **15. CHANGES TO THE NOR**

The organizing authorities retain the right to modify this NOR at any time. A current NOR will be posted on the Bucks Harbor Yacht Club web site:  
[www.bucksharboryc.org](http://www.bucksharboryc.org).

## **16. FURTHER INFORMATION**

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Todd Hixon (Regatta Chair) by email: [tlhixon@gmail.com](mailto:tlhixon@gmail.com) or phone: 617-877-8216; or Jonathan Foot (Race Committee Chair/PRO) by email: [jfoot@verizon.net](mailto:jfoot@verizon.net) or phone: 617-967-0366.

## **17. MISCELLANEOUS**

- 17.1.** Camping is not permitted on BHYC grounds.
- 17.2.** Bucks Harbor Yacht Club's address is Steamboat Wharf Rd, Brooksville, ME, 04617. Telephone 207-326-0556. The club operates from late June to early September.
- 17.3.** Seal Cove Boat Yard's address is 124 Horseshoe Cove Rd, Harborside, ME, 04642. Telephone: 207-326-4422.
- 17.4.** Todd and Pam Hixon's home is at 5 Sea Cliffe Rd, Harborside, ME: about 15 minutes driving time from BHYC and 10 minutes from Seal Cove Boat Yard. Telephone: 617-877-8216.