



Ahoy Fellow Ensign Sailors, Marquette Yacht Club Members and Friends,

As this summer begins to wind down it is hard to believe that in a few short months Ensign Fleet 35 and the Marquette Yacht Club will once again be hosting the Ensign National Regatta on Marquette Bay. Much has already been done in preparation for the event, however, there is a great deal more to do and we need your help to make the 2020 Nationals at least as memorable if not more so than the when we hosted in 2012.

First things first, the dates for the event are Saturday August 8th through Thursday August 13th. Mark your calendar and tell your friends about the event.

Second, we would like to know if you plan to race in the event. There will be two categories, the Ensign Championship Trophy which is the spinnaker class with a full crew and the JAM Fleet which is jib and main only and can be sailed with as few as two people. We would love it if every boat in Marquette were to enter the Regatta, however, IF YOU ARE NOT PLANNING TO COMPETE we would like you to seriously consider loaning and/or chartering your boat to a visiting skipper and crew. A number of inquiries have already been made regarding borrowed boats. This is an excellent opportunity to increase the number of competitors in the event and give a fellow Ensign Sailor a chance to experience Lake Superior and all Marquette has to offer. So, please inform either me, Neil Lynch, or Chad Lewis of your intent to either race or loan your boat.

Third, and perhaps most importantly, are our volunteers. I was totally surprised and humbled by the number of volunteers that came out to help with the event in 2012. We simply could not have done it without you. There are any number of ways to volunteer, before during and after the event. If you served on a committee for registration, events, racing, housing, advertising and sponsors, public relations or in some other capacity and would like to do so again that would be fantastic. If you would like to change hats or did not have the opportunity to help last time but would like to jump on the band wagon this go-around we would welcome your contribution. Please let our volunteer coordinator, Ken Blood, know how you would like to help.

Last (for now) I would like to thank those people and businesses that helped sponsor the event in 2012 and ask those sponsors that are reading this to consider helping us again with the 2020 event. The responsibility to ask for and sign up sponsors is something that everyone can do; as business owner, an employee at a local business, or perhaps someone that you do business with. A coordinated effort will yield great results and set the financial foundation for a successful event.

I am looking forward to sharing a fun, fast, fantastic 2020 Ensign National Championship Regatta with all of you.

Sincerely,

Neil J. Lynch
Chairperson
2020 Ensign National Championship Regatta