



## **2025 ENSIGN FLEET No.35 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1** The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028*.
- 1.2** The following prescriptions of will apply:
- a) The owner/skipper must be a full member in good standing of the Marquette Yacht Club (MYC).
  - b) The owner/skipper must be a member in good standing of the National Ensign Class Association.
  - c) The owner/skipper must be a member in good standing of the Marquette Ensign Fleet #35
- 1.3** All obligations and requirements of the Marquette Ensign Fleet #35 Membership Agreement will apply, a signed copy of which must be submitted with a completed 2025 Dues Statement for Marquette Ensign Fleet #35.
- 1.4** The Owner/ Skipper Yacht shall be scored DNS in any race of this series prior to the date of compliance with 1.2 and 1.3 above.
- 1.5** Ensign Class Rules (ECR) apply with the following changes:
- a) Rule 12.A of the ECR is changed as follows: Outboard motors may remain attached to the bracket during racing. The prohibition against propulsion other than sail power within the final 4 minutes of the start sequence shall continue, but it shall be a defence to a protest under this rule that the boat protested has not gained any advantage by the violation.
  - b) Skippers shall notify the race committee prior to a race if their sail numbers deviate from the number documented on their Fleet Dues Statement.

### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at the Marquette Yacht Club.

### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at the Marquette Yacht Club before 1700 EST on the day it will take effect.

### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Marquette Yacht Club flagpole.
- 4.2** When flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes' in the race signal AP.

## **5**      **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1**      Dates of racing:    Practice Race - May 28  
                                 Summer Series June 4th - September 17th  
                                 (No Race August 6th Ensign Nationals)
- 5.2**      Number of races:
- a) More than one race may be sailed and scored on any scheduled race date at the Race Committee's discretion.
- 5.3**      The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1755.
- 5.4**      No warning signal will be made after 2000 EST.
- 5.5**      When racing is done for the day, the Race Committee will fly signal flags "N" over "A"

## **6**      **CLASS FLAGS**

Class flag will be the Ensign Class burgee.

## **7**      **RACING AREA**

The racing area is greater Marquette Bay

## **8**      **THE COURSES**

- 8.1**      The diagrams in Attachment A1 illustrate the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The course length will be determined by the Race Committee.
- 8.2**      No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat may display: the course, the number of legs, the approximate compass bearing to the first mark, and, if it is known, the distance to the first mark.
- 8.3**      The Race Committee may use an offset mark at its discretion. If an offset mark is used the letter "O" will be added to the course name, for example, W-L-O.
- 8.4**      The Race Committee may use a gate mark at its discretion. If a gate mark is used the letter "G" will be added to the course name, for example, W-L-G.

## **9**      **MARKS**

- 9.1**      Marks 1, 2, 3 and the offset mark will be either an orange or yellow tetrahedron or cylinder unless notified otherwise from the race committee.

## **10 THE START**

**10.1** Races shall be started by using the following signals.

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Minutes before starting</u>	<u>Flag and Sound</u>
Standby	Aprx. 6	Series of short horns
Warning	5	One long horn, Ensign Class Flag Raised
Preparatory	4	One long horn, "P" Flag raised
One-Minute	1	One long horn, "P" Flag lowered
Starting	0	One long horn, Ensign Class Flag lowered

This changes rule 26. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

**10.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an Orange Flag on the committee boat on the starboard end of line and the port-end starting mark.

## **11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

**11.1** To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position and signal the change with 5 long blasts and display flag 'C' if practical

**11.3** A shortened course may be signalled by Code Flag "S" and two short horns from the Race Committee. The finishing line shall be at a rounding mark, between the mark and a staff displaying flag S.

**11.4** If conditions warrant, the Race Committee is permitted to shorten the course in a manner that includes only one upwind leg. This rule supersedes ECA Rule Part III, 10, D.

## **12 THE FINISH**

**12.1** The finishing line will be between the staff flying the Orange flag on the race committee boat and the windward mark for an upwind finish and between the staff flying the Orange flag on the race committee boat and the leeward mark for a downwind finish.

**12.2** In the event that the Race Committee boat cannot remain on station at the finish line, they may substitute the Orange flag on the staff of the committee boat with a buoy or flag. In this event, boats finishing shall attempt to record the names of the finishing boat ahead, and behind, as well as their approximate finish time.

## **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

**13.1** Penalties are as outlined in the Racing Rules of Sailing: 2025-2028.

## **14 TIME LIMITS**

**14.1** Time limits are as follows, the first boat in the first race must:

Class                      Round Mark 1 by:                      Finish by:

Ensign                      45 minutes after start                      2100 or 30 min prior to sunset (whichever is earlier)

The location for the determination and definition of local sunset is Latitude 46.53N, Longitude 87.38W. Local sunset times will be posted on the notice board at the Marquette Yacht Club.

For additional races the first boat must round the first mark within 45 min after the start of that race and must finish by 2100 or 30 minutes prior to local sunset, whichever is earlier.

**14.2** Boats failing to finish within (1) one hour after the first boat sails the course and finishes or after local sunset, whichever is earliest, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes rules 35 and A4.

**14.3** If no boat complies with either time requirement as described in rule 14.1, the race shall be abandoned and not scored.

## **15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

**15.1** Protest forms are available at the MYC. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit of 30 minutes after the Race Committee Boat docks.

**15.2** Hearings will be held as soon as practical at the MYC.

**15.3** Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.4.

## **16 SCORING**

**16.1** Points will be awarded using the low point system as described by Appendix A4 except as follows:

- a) A boat not starting, or disqualified, shall be awarded points equal to one more than the total number of starters in the race.
- b) Boats starting but failing to finish within the time limit will be scored as DNF. DNF's will be scored points equal to one-half the number of yachts not finishing, rounded to the next highest number, plus the number of yachts that finished. [i.e. if there are 15 boats in the race and only 6 finish; the score for each DNF would be  $(9/2) = 4.5$ , rounds to 5, add 6 (the number of finishers) = 11. Each DNF gets 11
- c) Scoring shall be cumulative for the overall season. One throw-out shall be allowed for each four races sailed.
- d) In case of a tie, the tie breaking method as published in the current racing rules of sailing as distributed by the Governing Body of sailing for the United States, shall be used to break the tie.
- e) Results posted during the season are unofficial and subject to change until final results are certified by the fleet captain after the final race.

## **17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**17.1** A boat that retires from a race shall attempt to notify the race committee as soon as possible with a hail or radio-call.

**17.2** Races will not be started in winds above 20 mph sustained or with gusts above 25 mph. The Race Committee has the final decision regarding weather conditions requiring cancellation or abandonment

of a race in progress. Races will be abandoned when there is visible lightning in the immediate vicinity. If there is a National Weather Service Warning indicating the chance for severe weather affecting the immediate area the race may be postponed or cancelled. **Each skipper has the ultimate responsibility for the safety of their vessel and crew and the decision of whether or not to compete in a given race.**

**18 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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. If the race committee chooses to communicate via radio, transmissions will be made on channel 68.

## SIGNALS

White Board

Course: W-L

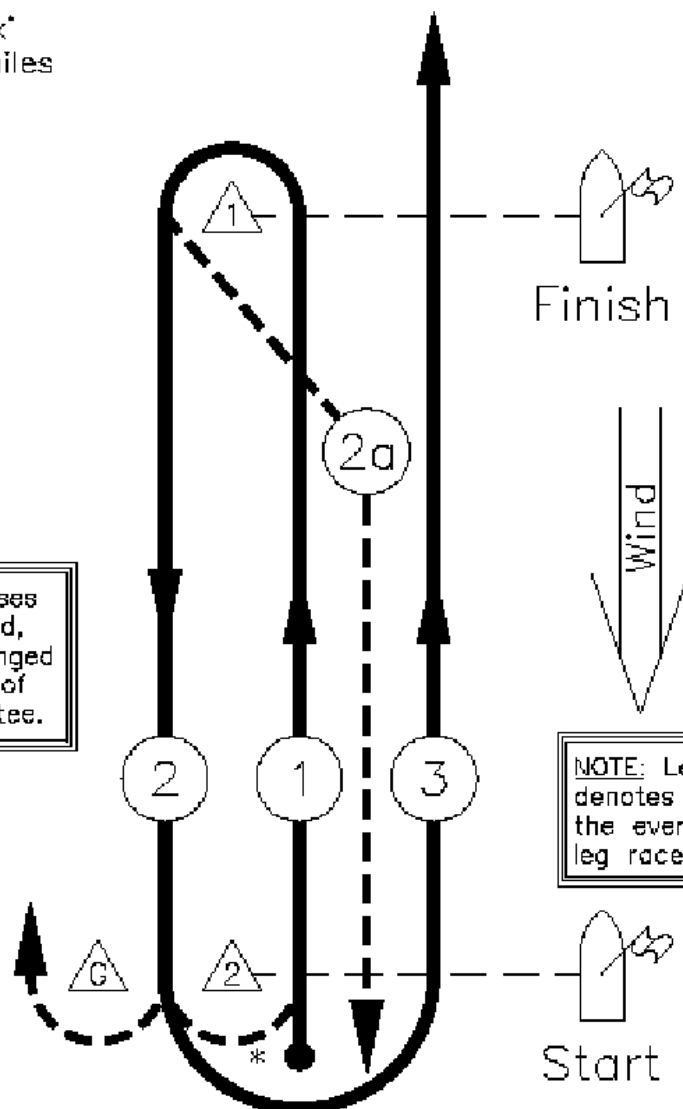
Legs: #

Compass: xxx°

Distance: z.z miles

**ATTACHMENT A1**  
2014 Course Diagrams

**NOTE:** These courses may be lengthened, shortened or changed at the discretion of the Race Committee.



**NOTE:** Leg marked 2a denotes the course in the event of a two leg race.

\* Course can be lengthened to 5 or 7 Legs etc. by repeating legs 1 and 2 as needed.

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White Board

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Windward-Leeward  
Upwind Finish Course  
Start-1-2-Finish\*

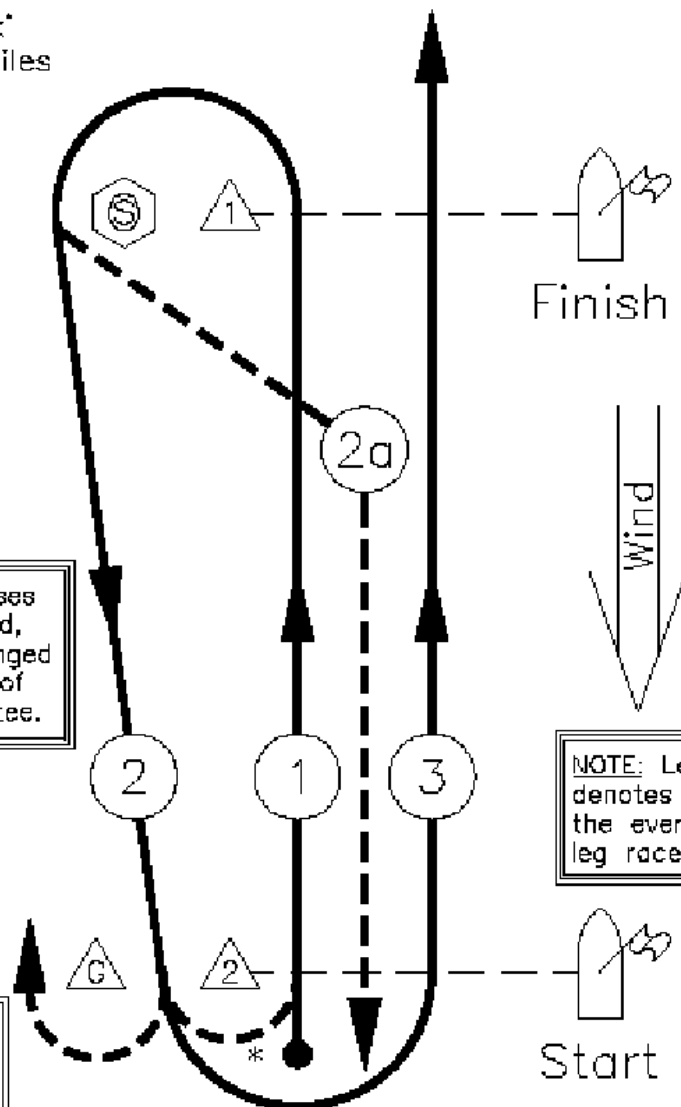
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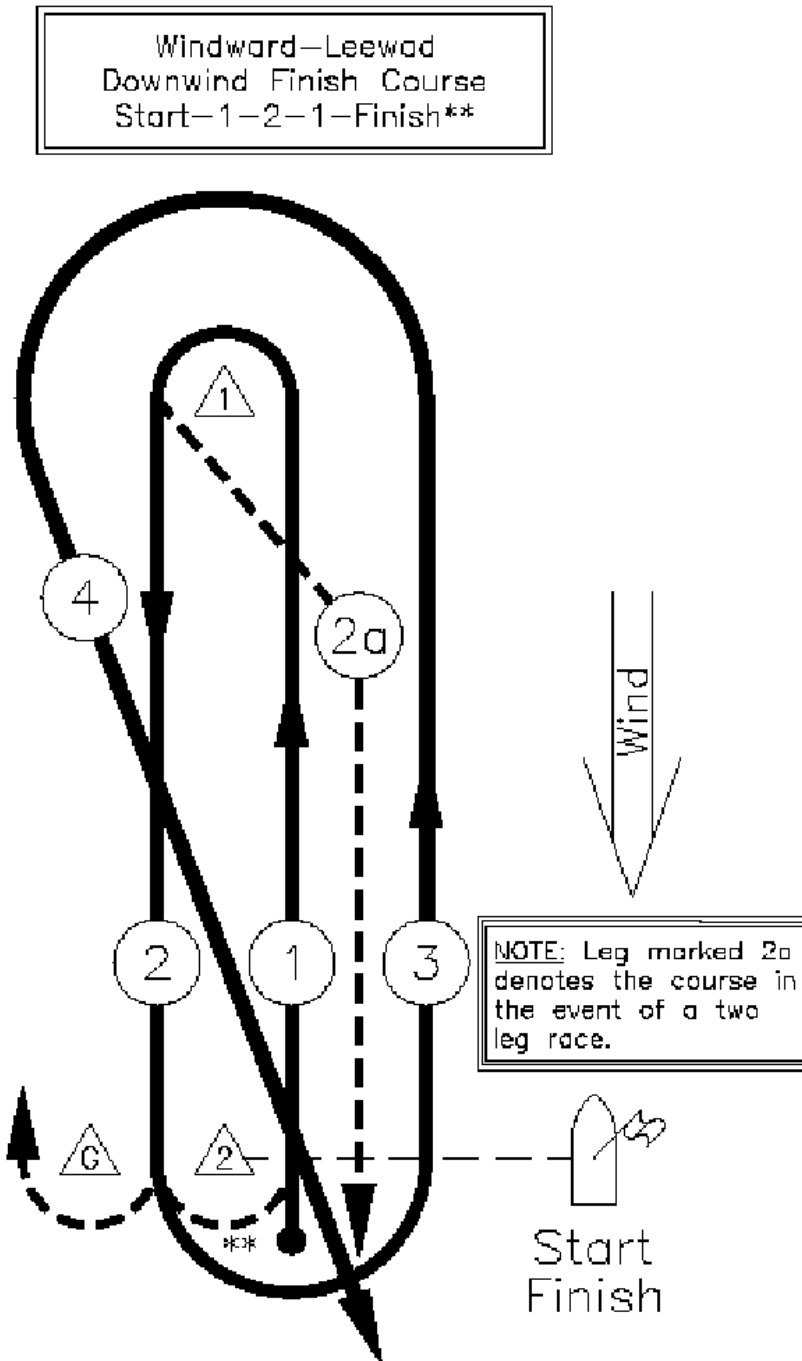
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Laps: #

Compass: xxx°

Distance: z.z miles

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