



Dear Ensign Sailors,

It is my sincere hope that this note finds you safe and healthy. The COVID-19 outbreak has touched us all, some more profoundly than others.

The 2020 Ensign Nationals Organizing Committee and the Ensign Class Association Board of Directors have met and come to the decision that the 2020 Ensign National Championship Regatta will not be held this August. In addition to health safety concerns, the likelihood of sailors being willing to travel any distance to attend this event is now greatly diminished. Our decision is influenced by economic hardships of both individual competitors and race sponsors who are suffering during this pandemic. Altogether, this has created an environment where it is not viable to host this event.

Our current plan is to push the regatta schedule forward for the next four years, resulting in Marquette hosting it in 2021, Nyack hosting in 2022, Pentwater hosting in 2023, and Niantic in 2024. The 2020 Nationals Committee will also refund registration fees and sponsor contributions that have been made up to this point.

As difficult as the current situation is, we will persevere and get through these extraordinary circumstances. In the meantime, do your very best to stay safe and healthy, cherish time with your families, and dream of when we are back together at future Ensign National Regattas.

Sincerely,

Neil J. Lynch Chairperson 2020 2021 Ensign National Championship Regatta Peter Kogut Commodore Ensign Class Association