



*** Pentwater selected by the Ensign Class Association for a 2nd time!**

The Ensign is the largest class of full keel sailboats in North America. The Ensign Class is one of the strongest national organizations, with numerous local fleets from coast to coast. Each year the **premier sailing event scheduled by the Ensign Class Association is its National Championship Regatta**. This event draws many of the best race crews from across the United States, who all come to test their skills across 4 days of racing as they vie to become the next National Champions.

*** Save the Date -August 13 - 17, 2023**

Pentwater's Ensign Fleet hosted this event in **2014**. The last time this event was held in Pentwater, the event drew over **45 boats and 200 sailors**. **3 - 5 races per day, Monday - Thursday**, will be held on Lake Michigan along the coast of Pentwater Michigan and Charles M. Mears State Park. **Each morning and afternoon, a parade of Ensigns and spectator boats will be returning to Pentwater Lake utilizing docks and moorings at the PYC and all around the Pentwater Lake.** *If your dock or mooring is accessible, we welcome the opportunity to host a visiting racer or free up one of the PYC docks for a visiting racer to utilize.*

*** Post- Homecoming Economic Boost!**

In 2023, we expect to have even more boats, sailors, and spectators as **our community was so welcoming** with quaint and unique shopping opportunities and a beautiful walkable downtown. **For local businesses**, the Regatta offers a "once in a season" opportunity to invite the large influx of sailing enthusiasts and spectators to visit their places of business during this week-long event post Homecoming.

* **The regatta is a spectator sport** and races are viewable by the public from many vantage points along the channel, piers and Charles Mears State Park.

* **Community Outreach**

The Pentwater Sailing Academy will also be a benefactor of this event. And the Local Fleet 70 as well as the Ensign Class Association planning to sponsor a youth boat to compete in this event. Area teens and twenty-somethings with the sailing experience and ability to commit time during the spring and summer of 2023 to ready the boat and compete in our local fleet should contact Chris Conroy [-chconroy57@gmail.com](mailto:chconroy57@gmail.com) for more information.

