

New England Coed Fall Championship For the Professor Erwin Schell Trophy

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
The People's Republic of Cambridge



October 26-27, 2019

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS), [the Procedural Rules](#) (PR) and Class Rules for Intercollegiate Sailing Competition 2017-2020, and the [NEISA Rules and Regulations](#), except as any of these are modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. US Sailing Appendix V Rule 1 PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'
- 1.3. Part VI of the Procedural Rules IMMEDIATE PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RRS 42 shall be in effect. When the sailing instructions state this rule is in effect, [RRS Appendix P](#) shall be in effect with the changes below.
 - a) Delete the word "first" in the title and body of P2.1.
 - b) Delete P2.2 and P2.3.
 - c) P3 is changed to read: "If a boat has been penalized under Rule P1 and the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, the penalty is cancelled."

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices will be posted on the official regatta notice board located west of the main lobby.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any changes in the sailing instructions will be announced orally and posted before the first race in which they take effect.

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday	1030	Report Time	Sunday	0930	Report Time
	1045	Competitors Meeting		1000	First Warning Signal
	ASAP	First Warning Signal		1500	No Starting Signal After
	1800	No Starting Signal After			

5. FORMAT

- 5.1. The event will be sailed with two divisions.
- 5.2. A single round robin of 18 races is scheduled. Competitors will rotate boats after every two races.
- 5.3. A-Division will sail Fireflies on Saturday and FJs on Sunday.
- 5.4. B-Division will sail FJs on Saturday and Fireflies on Sunday.

6. BOATS & EQUIPMENT

- 6.1. Boats will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify any boat or cause them to be modified in any way. Competitors have the option of rigging the mainsheet purchase with any purchase they wish to.

- 6.2. The standing rigging may be adjusted only when not racing. A nominal setting is 4.5 on the Sta-Masters. All competitors are strongly encouraged to check to see if the locking clip is properly engaged on their turnbuckles. The jib halyard is considered running rigging and this Sailing Instruction does not apply to adjusting a jib halyard while racing.
- 6.3. The penalty for infringing instruction 6.1 or 6.2 will be disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of those instructions.
- 6.4. Competitors shall report all damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to MIT Dockmaster Wally Corwin or, to the Race Committee Finish Boat on the water.
- 6.5. If a substitute boat needs to be employed, please bring your mainsail from the broken boat to the new boat.

7. ROTATION

- 7.1. The rotation of boats will be in accordance with the online rotation, which will be available prior to the competitors' meeting.
- 7.2. All competitors are requested to please bail the boat, ease the vang and tie along the front face of the pavilion dock during rotations or a lunch break. Please leave the sails hoisted and ready to go.

8. MARKS

- 8.1. All rounding marks will be *pink balls on the right half of the course and green balls on the left side of the course*.
- 8.2. The starting mark will be the farther away pink ball on the port side of the RC signal boat. The starting line will be between a staff displaying *an orange flag* on the Race Committee Start Boat and the course side of the starting mark.
- 8.3. When the robot boat is used as a pin, the starting line shall be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the robot boat.
- 8.4. The finishing marks will be two green balls on a standard inner or outer trapezoid course. The finishing line will be between two yellow balls on a 'plus' designated inner or outer trapezoid course.

9. COURSE

- 9.1. Courses will be announced orally and taken from the course diagrams *on* the Official Notice Board and on the Tech Score notice board.

10. STARTING SYSTEM

- 10.1. Races will be started in accordance with PR 18(b)(i).
- 10.2. A prep flag will be flown at 2 minutes and removed at 1 minute. This flag is a courtesy and does not actually change the timing of the signal which is audible.

11. PROTESTS

- 11.1. Protests shall be filed in accordance with the ICSA Procedural Rules.
- 11.2. Protests shall be filed within 20 minutes of the last boat in that fleet returning to the dock for a postponement, a lunch break, or at the end of the day's sailing. Protest time limits will be posted on the Official Notice Board. This changes PR 30.
- 11.3. Protests forms will be available *from the counter in the lower lobby of the sailing pavilion*. They should be submitted to the score keeper in the upstairs office area.
- 11.4. Video, data and/or photographs taken from any source may be presented as evidence at protest hearings.
- 11.5. The posting of the 'Protest Hearing Schedule' with the filing school's name, boat number and race number of a **Request for Redress** shall meet US Sailing prescription to rule 63.2. Requests may be made orally to the Protest Committee when the hearing is called.
- 11.6. Judges may empower coaches to assist with hearing protests.

12. SAFETY

- 12.1. Competitors who require assistance from rescue boats should signify by waving arms overhead. A competitor who retires from a race shall notify any member of the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 12.2. Starts will not be delayed accommodating capsized boats.
- 12.3. At the discretion of the Regatta Chairman, dry suits or wet suits may be required. Notice will be given orally and on the Official Notice Board at any time during the competition.

13. COACHING

- 13.1. PR 19 will apply.
- 13.2. The use of drones in the vicinity of the regatta or the MIT Sailing Pavilion is prohibited.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1. The winner of the regatta will have their college name and sailor names engraved on the Professor Erwin Schell Trophy.

Further Assistance or Clarification

Any questions regarding these Sailing Instructions should be submitted in writing to Principal Race Officer Franny Charles <mailto:fcharles@mit.edu>

Judges shall be Alex Moreno, Trevor Long and Paige Omura.