

Competitor Meeting Notes-Schell Trophy 2025

- 1) The SI's should contain helpful info for racing. If you have any questions, submit them in writing before the event or through the NEISA rep.
- 2) It will be a busy weekend with MIT Parents weekend and lots of recreational sailing. Please store all of your gear on the assigned roof deck, not in boat bays or the shore school. (Assignments in SI's.)

Boats:

- 1) 420 sails are in black sail bags, please secure sail bag to the dock when rigging.
- 2) FJ mainsails are in the metal tubes on the dock, jibs are in the tubes next to the boat.
- 3) Please do not leave your jib up and luffing unless actively rigging, launching or derigging.
- 4) Do not put the rudder on until the boat is fully launched and floating.
- 5) Remove rudder and centerboard bungee before pulling the boat up on the dock.
- 6) When landing at the dock, do not land overlapped and in contact with other boats, there is space behind the dock if there is no space to land on the front.
- 7) Report any boat issues to Dockmaster Dan Tucker, a judge, or RC boat as soon as possible.

Dave Curtis from HDFA is likely to be taking photos this weekend. Please support his work at <https://hdfaphotography.shootproof.com/gallery/28211267/>

About Professor Schell

Professor Erwin Schell is often referred to as the founder of college sailing.

Professor Schell and Professor George Owen helped organize students by walking through the corridors of the Institute banging on a drum in 1935. Everyone followed them to a lecture hall and they stated a goal of establishing a sailing club which would not only teach people how to sail but would also provide an opportunity for short course dinghy racing just like what had recently been started in Manhasset NY for frostbite racing. Within two months they had raised enough money to have Professor Owen design a fleet of 36 dinghies to be built by the Herreshoff Manufacturing Company in Bristol, RI that winter. They also leased land from the state in front of campus and raised all the money to build a sailing pavilion that year and hired Jack Wood to be the first Sailing Master. The program opened on April 15, 1936 and the first ten national championships were hosted at MIT in tech dinghies. Professor Schell remained very involved with the sailing program for decades and was instrumental in organizing the Intercollegiate Yacht Racing Association during the first year.