

2025 Hatch Brown Trophy

Hosted by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

September 13, 2025

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta shall be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), ICSA Procedural Rules (PR), ICSA Collegiate Dinghy Class Rules, and the Notice of Race, except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. Questions regarding these sailing instructions should be submitted in writing to Matt Lindblad, mitsail@mit.edu.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices will be posted on the Notice Board on Techscore.

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 are to take effect.

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, September 13

0930-No access to facility before this time.

1040-Competitors' Meeting.

1055-First warning.

10 races maximum per division with no race start after 6pm.

5. FORMAT

- 5.1. There is a maximum of 10 races per division on Saturday.
- 5.2. Three divisions will race in two fleets.

6. BOATS & EQUIPMENT

- 6.1. FJ's, Z420's, and 420E's will be provided for 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 either 3:1 or 4:1 and competitors may not add knots to add purchase to cunningham, vang or outhaul systems. Zim Platinum cut sails will be used for FJ's and 420's,
- 6.2. The standing rigging shall not be adjusted.
- 6.3. Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the boatswain immediately after arriving ashore or to the Race Committee on the water.

7. ROTATION

- 7.1. The rotation of boats will be in accordance with the online rotation.
- 7.2. B division will start in zim FJ's, C division in zim 420's and A division on the dock. Next set, A division will sail FJ's, B division 420's, C division on dock. Then C division will sail FJ's, A division will sail 420's, B division on the dock. The pattern will repeat.

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1. The courses will be announced orally and shown in Appendix A: course diagrams on the Notice Board.
- 8.2. Courses will be inner or outer Trapezoids. All courses will have a leeward gate.
- 8.3. Rounding marks will be orange, green or yellow balls as indicated by course diagram.

9. START/FINISH

- 9.1. Races will be started in accordance with PR 18(b)(i).
- 9.2. The start line will be between a staff with an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the course side of a colored ball at the port end of the line.
- 9.3. The finish line will be between an orange flag on the finish boat and a nearby mark as specified by course diagrams.
- 9.4. "With one sound" is deleted from PR 18(b)(ii). This changes 18(b)(ii).

10. PROTESTS

- 10.1. Protests and requests for redress shall be filed in accordance with the ICSA Procedural Rules.
- 10.2. Protests and requests for redress shall be filed within 20 minutes of boats returning to the shore for a break in racing after the race or set of races in which the incident occurred. This changes PR 30.
- 10.3. Protest forms will be available at the office area or front desk at either venue and shall be filed with the RC Jury representative or ICSA rep that is present.
- 10.4. The posting of the 'Protest Hearing Schedule' of a Request for Redress is considered to meet US Sailing prescription to rule 63.2. Requests may be made orally to the Protest Committee when the hearing is called.

11. SAFETY

- 11.1. Competitors who require assistance from rescue boats should signify so by waving their arms overhead. A competitor who retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

12. COACHING AND COMPETITORS

- 12.1. PR 19 will apply.
- 12.2. Coaching shall be from shore.

13. FACILITY ACCESS AND FIELD OF PLAY

- 13.1 The Sailing Pavilion will be open to our recreational members at noon. Spectators are welcome inside the facility.
- 13.2 Each team will be assigned to a 10'x10' on the roof deck for gear storage. Areas are not marked on the floor but teams are asked to be respectful of their footprint to accommodate their neighbors. Teams are not allowed to store their gear in the shore school, boat bays or dock unless assigned. Assignments as follows:
East Roof Deck (Tented): Y, BC, BOW, D, BR, BU, T, UMASS Dartmouth, Conn Coll
West Roof Deck (Teams are welcome to bring tents, we have a few to borrow): CGA, URI, NU, RWU1, RWU2, V
Shore School: H, MIT 1
- 13.3 **Please dispose of all trash in trashcans.**

Regatta Personnel

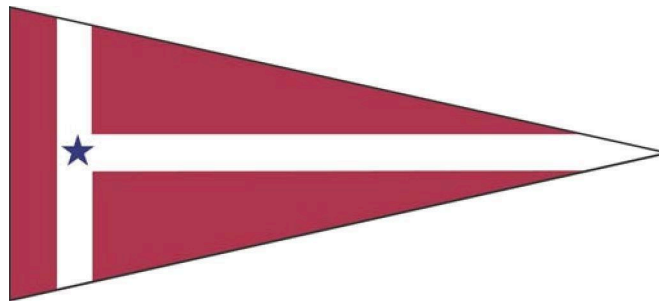
PRO: Matt Lindblad, Cucchiaro Family Sailing Director-MIT

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Race Committee: Mike Kanre, Ali Keenan

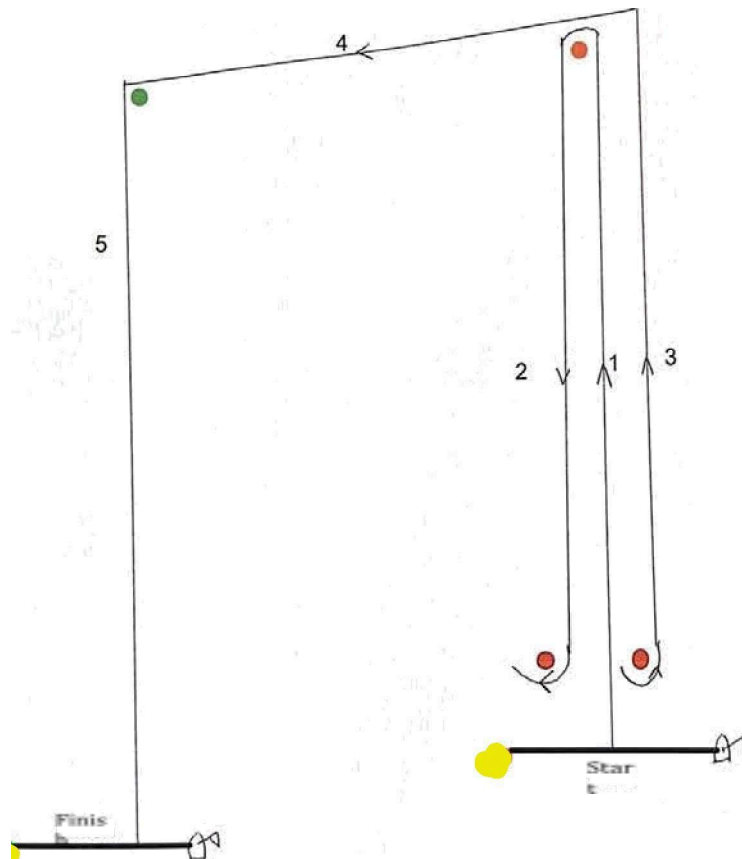
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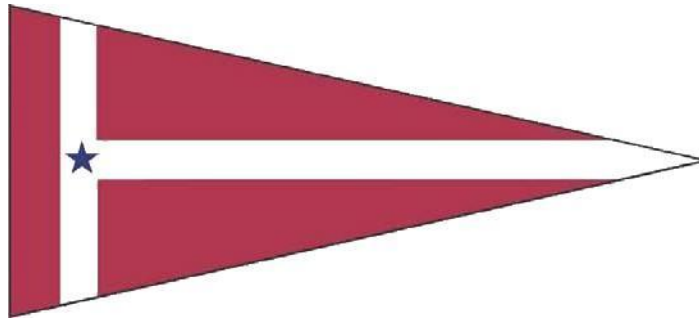
The Hatch Brown Trophy honors beloved MIT Sailing Master Harold "Hatch" Brown (BU '59). Hatch was an ICSA Hall of Fame sailor and coach as well as a Navy veteran. As a BU undergrad, Hatch won A division at College Nationals and as MIT Sailing Master, he coached several MIT teams to national championships as well as teaching thousands of MIT students how to sail. Hatch also had many impacts on the sport of sailing, one of which was as an early advocate of the penalty turn instead of automatic retirement for penalty infractions like hitting marks and fouling other competitors. who was a veteran, a champion sailor and coach, as well as a teacher and mentor to tens of thousands of sailors during his 35 year career at MIT. Hatch offered help and coaching freely to sailors on other teams, especially the student run teams which made up the majority of NEISA in the 1970's and 80's. Hatch and others put tremendous time and energy into building NEISA and college sailing into what it is today. To honor Hatch, please take a moment to appreciate the amazing opportunity to have fun competing at great venues, with great equipment, and with great people each weekend.



Appendix A: Course Diagrams

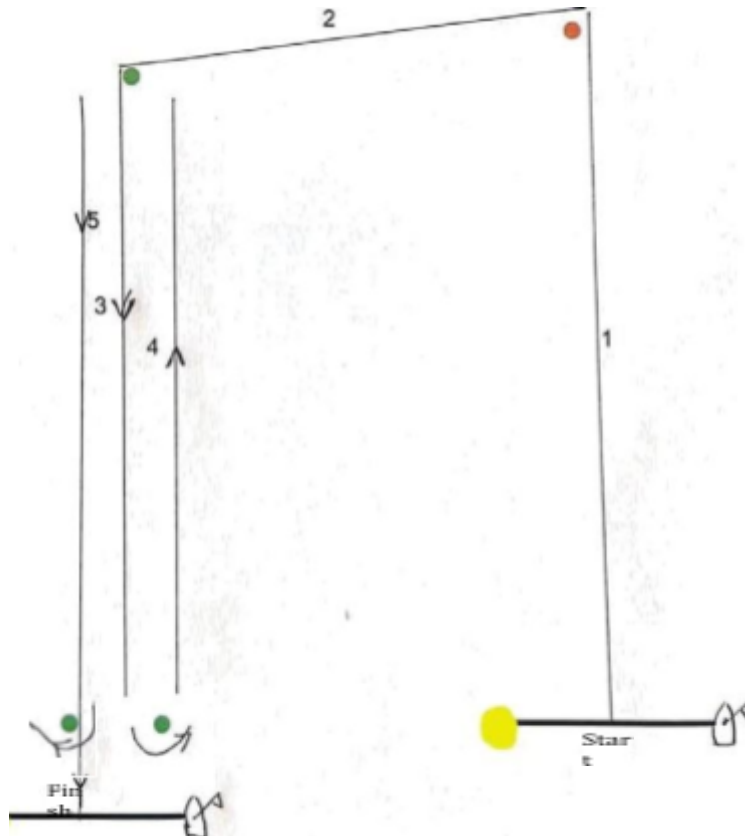
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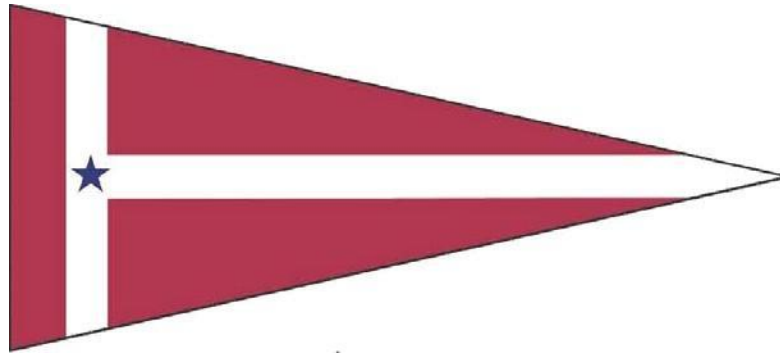




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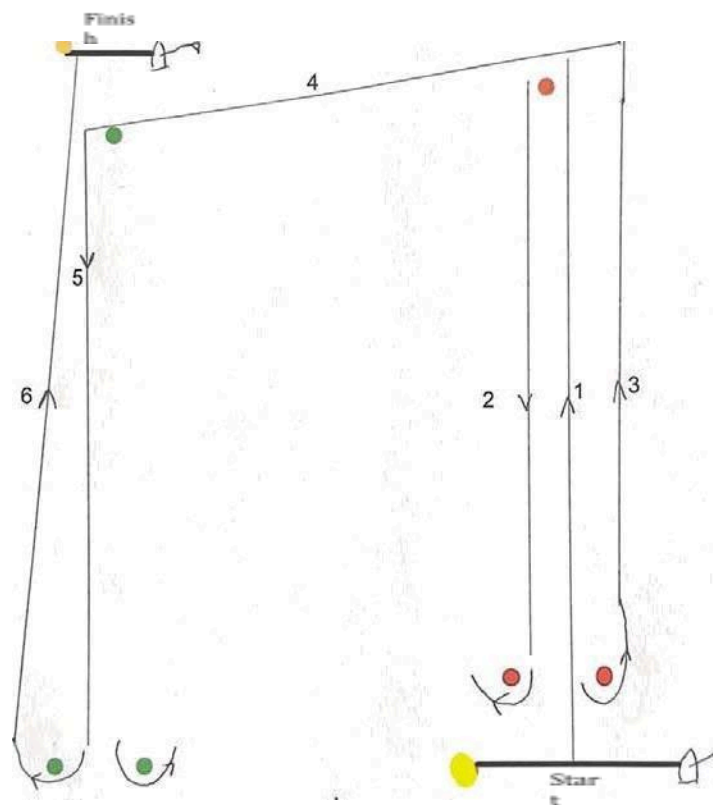
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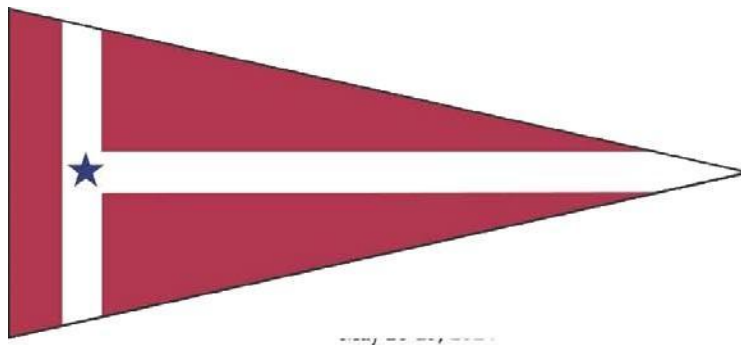




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