The Greater Boston Fall Dinghy Championship for the Rudolph Oberg Trophy
Co-hosted by
Northeastern University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

October 24-25, 2026

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

1.1. This regatta shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028(RRS), the Procedural Rules (PR) and Class Rules for Intercollegiate Sailing Competition 2025-2028, and the NEISA Rules and Regulations, except as any of these are modified by these Sailing Instructions.

1.2. Any questions regarding these Sailing Instructions should be submitted in writing to Principal Race Officer Jonathan Farrar northeasternsailing@gmail.com.

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
	1045	Competitor's Meeting
	ASAP	First Warning Signal

Sunday	0930	Report Time
	1000	First Warning Signal
	1500	No Starting Signal After

5. FORMAT

5.1. The event will be sailed in three divisions.

5.2. There will be 3 divisions and competitors will rotate boats after every three races.

5.3. There is no lunch break planned, competitors can eat on their off set.

5.4. All competitors are strongly encouraged to bail their boats and fully ease the boom vang before reaching the dock.

5.5. The I Flag shall be in effect for all races.

6. BOATS & EQUIPMENT

6.1. Zim FJs and Zim 420's 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 either 3:1 or 4:1.

6.2. The standing rigging shall not be adjusted.

6.3. The penalty for infringing instruction 6.1 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 Dan Tucker or to the Race Committee Start or Finish Boat on the water.

6.5. If a substitute boat needs to be employed, please bring **both sails** from the broken boat to the new boat. The sail number shall be used for rotations and scoring.

7. ROTATION

7.1. B Division will start in 420's, C Division will start in FJ's, and A Division will start on the dock. At first rotation, A Div will go into 420's, B Div will go into FJ's, and C Div will have an off set. At the second rotation, A Div will sail FJ's, C Div will sail 420's, and B Div will have an off set. This pattern will continue until racing stops.

7.2. A Division may sail out of order of boat rotation to even out race numbers. Will be announced before or during the set.

8. MARKS

8.1. All rounding marks will be pink balls on the inner part of the course and green balls on the outer part of the trapezoid course.

8.2. The starting mark will be the 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. A pin boat may be used to replace the pink starting mark. If a pin boat is used, the starting line will be between the staffs displaying the orange flag on both the pin boat and starting boat. This modifies SI 8.2.

8.4. The finish line will be between an orange ball and the staff displaying an orange flag on the finish boat for inner and outer trapezoid courses. The finish 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 event Notice Board.

9.2. Target race length will be 20 minutes as dictated by PR 18 (c)(ii).

10. STARTING SYSTEM

10.1. Races will be started in accordance with PR 18(b)(i).

10.2. A prep or I flag may be raised at 2 minutes before the starting signal and lowered at 1 minute before the starting signal.

11. PROTESTS

11.1. Protests shall be filed in accordance with the ICSA Procedural Rules.

11.2. Protests shall be filed within 15 minutes of securing boats to the dock for a lunch break or at a postponement or at the end of the day's sailing. 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 at the computer in the upstairs office area.

11.4. Video, data and/or photographs taken from any source may be accepted as evidence at protest hearings.

11.5. Hearings will be convened as soon as practical and all coaches shall participate as a judge if requested by the PRO. Hearings may be held outside and be open to all for (silent) observation.

12. SAFETY

12.1. Competitors who require assistance from rescue boats should signify by waving their 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 allowed. Deployment and retrieval shall be from the west roof of the sailing pavilion only. All drones shall comply with all local and federal guidelines.

14. ICSA REP

14.1. An ICSA Rep shall be appointed by the hosts to pass along, or not pass along, comments from the peanut gallery to the Race Committee.

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Scoring/finish boat: NU undergrad volunteers
Dockside support: NU undergrad volunteers