

The New England Women's Team Racing Championship
Harvard University
April 13th -14th, 2024

1. RULES

1.1. This regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2024), including Appendix D; the PRs (PR) and Class Rules for Intercollegiate Sailing Competition 2021-2024, NEISA Rules and Regulations; except as any of these are modified by these sailing instructions.

1.1.1 Any questions about these Sailing Instructions must be submitted via email to the Regatta Chair at mgo@fas.harvard.edu.

1.2. All races shall be umpired.

1.3. RRS D2.2(a) is changed to "She shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously display a raised open hand at the first reasonable opportunity for each."

1.4. PR 25 is changed to: RRS Appendix D shall be used for team racing regattas, deleting the red flag requirement in RRS 61.1(a). RRS D1.2(c) and D5.2 are changed by replacing the phrase "a red flag" with "a raised open hand."

1.5. RRS D4.3(a) is deleted and replaced by "Teams in a round-robin group shall be ranked in order of number of race wins, highest first."

1.6. RRS D4.3(b) is deleted and replaced by "However, if a round-robin is terminated before 100% of its races have been completed, its race results shall not be included unless they are included as results in a round that replaces the terminated round. Races from a terminated round-robin shall be used to break ties between teams in the group who all sailed each other in the terminated round-robin. Races cannot be used to break ties and be included in a round replacing the terminated round."

1.7. RRS D4.3(c) is deleted. Round Robin scores will carry forward into subsequent Rounds.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1. Notices will be posted on the Notice Board on TechScore and on the Official Notice Board downstairs in the Harvard Sailing Center.

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

April 13	1030	Report Time
	1045	Competitors' Meeting
	1100	1 st Warning
	1800	No start after

April 14	0930	Report Time
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1000 1st Warning
1630 No start after

5. FORMAT

5.1. The format for the regatta will be as follows:

5.1.1 Round 1 – Round Robin of 10 teams

5.1.2 Round 2 – Round Robin of the top 6 teams after Round 1

5.1.3 Round 3 – Round Robin of the top 4 teams after Round 2

5.1.4 Our intention is to use 420s and FJs in Round 1; 420s in Round 2 and 3, but we may use only 420s if the wind velocity becomes too strong for FJs.

5.2. Any changes to this format will be in accordance with PR 25(e).

5.2.1. PR 25(f) is changed to: When conditions make the announced format unmanageable, the NEISA Rep, Regatta Chairman, and Chief Umpire may alter the format to ensure an equitable determination of the winner.

5.3. In the event SI 5.1.2 cannot be completed, races completed between teams sailing in SI 5.1.2 shall count as races sailed in a subsequent new round.

6. BOATS & EQUIPMENT

6.1. Zim FJs and Laser Performance Z420s 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 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 the boatswain immediately after arriving on shore or to the Race Committee Finish Boat on the water.

7. ROTATION

7.1. The rotation of boats will be in accordance with the online rotation

8. MARKS

8.1. All rounding marks will be yellow with black bands around them.

8.2. The starting line will be between a staff on the Race Committee Boat and a pink mark with a black band.

8.3. The finishing line will be between a staff on the Race Committee Boat and a pink mark with a black band. The finish line may be between two pink marks with black bands.

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10. STARTING SYSTEM

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

10.2. The Race Committee may opt to use a rolling starting system; that is a system where the warning signal for a subsequent race is the starting signal for the previous race.

11. BREAKDOWNS

11.1. When a boat suffers a breakdown in the racing area, she may request a score change by hailing an umpire or the race committee to that effect at the first reasonable opportunity after the breakdown, until the hail is acknowledged. If possible, she shall continue racing. This changes RRS D5.2 and PR 25.

12. SCORING

12.1. RRS D3 and D4 shall be used, as modified by PR 25.

12.2. Breakdowns will be scored in accordance with RRS D.5 as changed by PR 20.

13. Protests

13.1. Protests shall be initiated in accordance with RRS D2 as modified by Procedural Rule 25.

13.2. Video, data and/or photographs taken from any source shall not be presented by the competitors as evidence at protest hearings. This changes RRS 63.6.

14. SAFETY

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

15. COACHING

14.1. PR 19 will apply 16.2. Coaching shall be from the Harvard dock.