



2024 College Sailing Open Dinghy National Championship

for the Henry A. Morss Memorial Trophy

Hosted by Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

May 24-27, 2024

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, General Conditions for the ICSA Championships, Conditions for the Intercollegiate National Championship, and the Notice of Race, except as modified by these Sailing Instructions. ICSA PR 32 shall be in effect. The decisions of the protest committee will be final per Rule 70.5 for the Semifinal Round.

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

May 23 - 1830 Competitors' Meeting, Zoom link to be posted to Techscore

May 24: Open Semifinals - Day 1 Eastern at Harvard, Day 1 Western at MIT

1000 Report

1030 First Warning

May 25: Open Semifinals - Day 2 Eastern at MIT, Day 2 Western at Harvard

1000 Report

1030 First Warning

1700 No Start Signal After

May 26: Open Finals - Harvard Sailing Center

1000 Report

1030 First Warning

May 27: Open Finals - Harvard Sailing Center

1000 Report

1030 First Warning

1700 No Start Signal After

After Racing - Final Round Awards Presentation – Harvard Sailing Center

5. FORMAT

- 5.1 The Intercollegiate Open Dinghy National Championship will consist of two stages: Stage 1, two concurrently run semi-final First Round events and Stage 2, a Final. Each event in each stage shall be scored as a separate regatta under the ICSA Procedural Rules and Championship Conditions.
- 5.1.1 For the 1st stage, the Eastern bracket will race May 24 at Harvard Sailing Center and May 25 at the MIT Sailing Pavilion. The Western bracket will sail the venues in the reverse order. At both Western and Eastern brackets, A Division will start in 420s, B Division will start in FJ's. The fleets will switch on the 2nd Day.
- 5.2 For the 2nd stage, the regatta will be hosted at MIT's Wood Sailing Pavilion. A division will start in the Z420's, B division will start in FJ's. The fleets will switch on the second day.
- 5.3 Teams placing 1st through 9th in each Stage 1 regatta shall advance to the Finals. Only teams competing in Stage 1 shall be eligible for berths in Stage 2.
- 5.4 If the minimum number of races is not completed in a Stage 1 regatta, berths to the Finals from the incomplete regatta shall be awarded as follows: 1) to the Conference Champions of MAISA, MCSA, NEISA, PCCSC, SAISA, and SEISA, and 2) to the highest seeded teams competing in the incomplete regatta as per the ICSA Selection Committee seeding, totaling nine teams.

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 all; fleets except the MIT 420's which will have North Blue Ribbon cut mainsails with Zim Platinum jibs.
- 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.

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1. The courses will be announced orally and taken from the course diagrams on the Notice Board.
- 8.2. MIT: Rounding Marks will be Orange, green or yellow balls as indicated by course diagram. Harvard: Marks will be yellow or orange with a black band around them.
- 8.3. Courses will either be W3, W4, W5, W6, or inner or outer Trapezoid. All courses will have a leeward gate.

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 shall be filed in accordance with the ICSA Procedural Rules.
- 10.2. Protests 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. RRS 66 – Reopening a Hearing is changed to add the following to the third sentence "on May 25 and May 27, the deadline for reopening a hearing is changed to thirty minutes after the decision has been announced."
- 10.5. 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 Harvard and MIT sailing facilities including the buildings and docks are considered "Field of Play" areas which are restricted to credentialed team members including any team staff, credentialed coaches, facility staff, race officials, and regatta organizers. Credentials must be worn or available to be displayed at all times when not sailing or rotating boats.
- 13.2 Each team will be issued 12 credentials, allowing Field of Play access to no more than 12 team members and coaches at any given time.
- 13.3 Breaches of Sis 13.1 and 13.2 are subject to protest. Only the OA shall protest for breaches of 13.1 or 13.2, this changes RRS 60.1, 60.2, and 60.3. The penalty for a breach of SI 13.1 or 13.2 shall be a discretionary penalty.

14. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 14.1. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the OA and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

15. CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 15.1. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment as specified by the

OA.

16. Drones and U.A.V.s

- 16.1 U.A.V. / Drone operation is prohibited by anyone other than the Organizing Authority or media partners in the vicinity of the Charles River Basin from May 19th to May 27th.