



2026 Liam O'Keefe '26 Team Race Trophy
February 28, 2026
Brown University/Edgewood Yacht Club, Cranston, RI

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **RULES** This regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, including Appendix D, the prescriptions of US SAILING; the Procedural Rules and Class Rules for Intercollegiate Sailing Competition, except as modified by these instructions.
2. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** Notices to competitors, including boat rotations, will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice board on Techscore.
3. **CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be announced orally and posted prior to the first race in which they will take effect.

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, February 28, 2026

Report Time 11:00am

Competitors Meeting at 11:15am

First Warning TBD

No Warning Signal after 5:30pm

5. FORMAT

- 5.1 The 8 teams will sail a series of round robins. If time allows a final four or final 6 will be sailed.
- 5.2 If the above formats are not possible in the allotted time, the PRO will announce the best course of action.
- 5.3 PR 25(a) will apply, a minimum of 80% of one round-robin (Round Robin 1) will constitute a regatta. Results carry forward through all stages. However, races from an incomplete round can be used to break ties.
- 5.4 The Race Committee reserves the right to end racing at any time for safety concerns.

6. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 6.1 2025 Zim FJs will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify any boat or cause them to be modified in any way, except that competitors may adjust lines and controls normally adjustable.

6.2 The standing rigging shall not be adjusted.

6.3 Mainsheet may be rigged with a 3:1 or 4:1 purchase.

6.4 The penalty for infringing the above instructions will be disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of these sailing instructions.

6.5 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the boat repair committee immediately after arriving ashore or to the Race Committee on the water. The penalty for infringing this instruction, unless the Jury is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, will be disqualification from the race most recently sailed.

6.6 Breakdown points will not be awarded for the failure of knots, the loss of pins or rings, except that the Jury may, but is not required to, grant redress for the failure of the main halyard masthead knot.

7. **RACING AREA** Racing will be held on the Providence River.

8. THE COURSE

8.1 The course will be the Digital N.

8.2 Marks: The marks will be orange tetrahedrons or orange balls, except the starting and finishing pins which will be yellow tetrahedrons.

9. START/FINISH

9.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS Appendix S – Sound Signal Starting System.

9.2 The starting line will be between the course side of a staff displaying a orange flag and the course side of the starting pin.

9.3 The finish line will be between the course side of a staff displaying a orange flag and the course side of a nearby mark.

9.4 If a boat is delaying the finish of a race, or the rotation, the Race Committee may end the race and score the boat in its current position.

10. **INDIVIDUAL RECALLS** Individual Recalls will be signaled in accordance with ICSA Procedural Rule 18(b)(ii).

11. **CHANGES OF COURSE AFTER THE START** Any mark of the course may be moved in accordance with PR 13(b)(ii).

12. **PROTESTS** A protesting boat shall notify both the finish boat and the protested boat in accordance with PR 29(a) and 29(b). Protest forms must be filled out in accordance with RRS 61.2 and given to the PRO, the Judge, or member of the Brown Sailing team. The time limit for filling out protest forms will be 15 minutes after the last boat hits the dock at any major break. However, the jury, comprised of one judge and/or uninterested coaches, may apply ICSA Procedural Rule Appendix G at any hearing.

13. **SCORING** RRS D3 and D4 shall be used, as modified by ICSA Procedural Rule 25. Breakdowns will be scored in accordance with RRS D.5 as changed by ICSA Procedurals Rule 23.

14. **ABANDONMENT** After the Starting Signal, the race committee may abandon the race as appropriate for any reason directly affecting the safety or fairness of the competition. The competitors will be notified verbally from the race committee. (This changes RRS 32).

15. **COACHING** In accordance with PR 19, all coaching will be from land or the docks of the Edgewood Yacht Club.

16. **SAFETY**

16.1 A boat requesting assistance from support boats should signal by waving hands overhead.

16.2 A capsized boat may be righted and sailed by its crew, unless, in the sole judgment of the Race Committee, safety or the progress of the regatta would be affected, in which case the crew shall accept assistance, and the boat will be scored 'DNF.'

16.3 A boat that retires is asked to notify the Race Committee either before leaving the course area, or immediately upon arriving ashore.

16.4 Drysuits or wetsuits are required. The organizing authority (host) will not allow sailors without.