



**The 2026 Lynne Marchiando Trophy**  
*The Wood Sailing Pavilion-MIT*  
**March 28-29, 2026**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1. This team racing regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (2025-2028), including Appendix D; the ICSA Procedural Rules (PR) and Current Class Rules for Intercollegiate Sailing Competition; except as any of these are modified by these sailing instructions.
- 1.2. RRS D2 will apply for all races as modified by the ICSA Procedural and Collegiate Dinghy Class Rules.
- 1.3. In accordance with RRS D4.3(c), results from previous round robin stages shall carry forward.
- 1.4 RRS D1.1(d) will apply. The following arm signals are required in addition to the hails:
  - (1) for room to tack, repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
  - (2) for 'You tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.
- 1.5 . Any questions regarding these SIs should be submitted in writing to the Regatta Chair Matt Lindblad (mitsail@mit.edu).

### **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1. Notices will be posted on the Notice Board on Techscore. A courtesy copy may be posted next to the TV to the west of the 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 are to take effect.

#### **4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

##### **Saturday**

**10:30 Report Time**

**10:40 Competitors' Meeting**

**10:50 First Warning Signal**

**18:00 No Start Signal After**

##### **Sunday**

**9:30 Report Time**

**9:45 First Warning Signal**

**15:00 No Start Signal After**

#### **5. FORMAT**

5.1. The format for the event will be:

- Stage 1 - a single round robin with 16 teams. The field has been seeded into two groups of eight by the NEISA seeding committee so that first 56 races of the stage complete a single round robin for each of the two groups of eight. The goal is to complete a round of 16, but if this is not possible due to time and wind conditions, the results from the two groups of eight may be used to seed future rounds.
- Stage 2-*Likely*, a single round robin with top 4, a single round robin with the middle 8, and single round robin with bottom 4, with teams seeded in accordance to the results from stage 1. Based on tie-break scenarios, conditions, and time remaining, stage 2 may be altered to maximize racing as determined by regatta chair.

5.2. If the format in SI 5.1 cannot be completed, or if stage 1 from 5.1 is completed but it is likely that stage 2 will not, the format may be modified as determined by regatta chair.

#### **6. BOATS & EQUIPMENT**

6.1. 2022 Zim FJ's with Zim platinum sails and 2023 Zim 420's with Zim platinum sails 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. FJ Main sails are in the metal tubes on the dock and the jibs are in the black tubes next to the boats. 420 sails are in black sail bags in the racks in Bay 4 (eastern-most boat bay).

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 scorer or the NEISA Rep 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 on the regatta site on techscore.

## **8. MARKS**

8.1. Rounding marks 1 & 2 will be orange marks.

8.2. Rounding marks 3 & 4 will be orange marks.

8.3. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the course side of a yellow mark.

8.4. The finish line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the course side of a yellow mark.

## **9. COURSE**

9.1. The Digital N - see course diagram in Appendix A below.

## **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. RECALLS**

11.1. Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with PR 18(b)(ii) except that there will be no sound signal (this changes PR 18 (b)(ii)).

11.2. A general recall will be used in accordance with PR 18(b)(iii), except that the "1 minute rule" (RRS 30.1) will not be used. (Changes PR 18(b)(iii))

## **12. REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

12.1 Requests for redress shall be filed with the scorer within 15 minutes of the last competitor's arrival ashore after the race or set of races in which the incident occurred.

12.2 Forms will be available from the scorer's office.

### **13. BREAKDOWNS**

- 13.1. When a boat suffers a breakdown in the racing area, she may request redress 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.
- 13.2 When a boat suffers a breakdown near the dock or during a rotation, she shall notify the bosun on the dock at the first opportunity.

### **14. SCORING**

- 14.1. RRS D3 and D4 shall be used, as modified by PR 25 and these Sailing Instructions.

### **15. SAFETY**

- 15.1. Competitors who require assistance from rescue boats should signify by waving arms overhead. A competitor who retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 15.2. Starts will not be delayed to accommodate capsized boats

### **16. COACHING**

- 16.1. PR 19 will apply. Coaching will be from the MIT Sailing Pavilion or parkland around the lower basin of the Charles River.

### **17. UMPIRING**

- 17.1 All races will be umpired in accordance with RRS Appendix D2 as modified by PR 24.
- 17.2 RRS D2.4 (c) is modified as follows: The phrase "a black and white flag." is replaced by the phrase "a flag that is neither green nor red."

### **18. DRONES**

- 18.1 Drones are flown at the sole risk and responsibility of the operator in accordance with applicable laws governing drone use. MIT grants no permission to fly drones and assumes no responsibility for drones flown in the regatta area. Drones may not be launched or recovered from the MIT Sailing Pavilion.

### **19. OTHER INFORMATION**

- 19.1 The ICSA rep will be named at the competitors meeting.
- 19.2 Teams shall not leave gear bags or other personal items in the shore school. Gear can be stored on either roof deck. Teams are welcome to bring a 10x10 (max) tent to provide shade.

# Appendix A: Course Diagram

