



2026 BU Invite Fleet Race

Hosted by Boston University
October 3, 2026

1 RULES

1.1 Regattas will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, The ICSA Procedural Rules, the Rules of the Collegiate Dinghy Class, the NEISA Rules and Regulations Manual, and these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 Any questions regarding these rules should be submitted in writing to Carter Brock at cbrock@bu.edu.

2 SPECTATING

2.1 Sailors and coaches will be the only people allowed in the boathouse and on the rotation dock. All spectators must watch from the esplanade.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on Techscore.

4 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be announced orally and posted before the first race in which they take effect.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Saturday

Report Time: 1030

Competitors' Meeting: 1045

First Warning Signal: as soon as possible

Assuming no extended postponements, there will be a short lunch/bathroom break after race 4

No start after: 1800

Sunday

No racing

6 FORMAT

6.1 The regatta will be sailed in one fleet and competitors will rotate boats after every 2 races.

6.2 The format will be 2 combined divisions.

6.3 Competitors are strongly encouraged to bail their boat and completely ease their boom vang before reaching the dock to rotate.

7 BOATS

7.1 The regatta will be sailed in Boston University Zim FJs. Standing rigging settings shall not be adjusted.

7.2 Competitors shall report all damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the Race Committee on the water.

8 RACING AREA

8.1 All races will take place on the Charles River between the Mass Ave and Boston University Bridges.

9 ROTATION AREA

9.1 All boat rotations will take place on the BU Competition Dock located approximately ½ mile east of the Sailing Pavilion.

10 COURSES

10.1 Courses will be announced by the Race Committee prior to the start of each race.

10.2 Courses will include either a W3, W4, or W5 with a windward offset mark and a leeward gate separate from the start/finish line. Diagrams of the courses and any modifications may be posted on the official notice board.

11 MARKS

11.1 All marks will be orange. This differs from the colors shown in the course diagrams.

12 THE START

12.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying a flag (BU Burgee) on the starting boat at the starboard end and the course side edge of the port end start/finish mark.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 On course W4 the finish will be between a staff displaying a flag (BU Burgee) on the starting boat and the start/finish mark.

13.2 On Courses W3 and W5 the finish line will be between the windward mark and the offset mark.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms will be made available. Protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee within the posted protest time limit. In the event no time limit is posted ICSA procedural rule 30 will apply.

15 SAFETY

15.1 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.

15.2 Starts will not be delayed to accommodate capsized boats.

15.3 At the discretion of the PRO, 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.

16 COACHING

16.1 All coaching will take place from the BU Competition Docks or the Esplanade Shoreline.

16.2 PR 19 will apply

17 NEISA REP

17.1 A NEISA Rep will be appointed by the hosts to pass along, or not pass along, comments to the race committee.