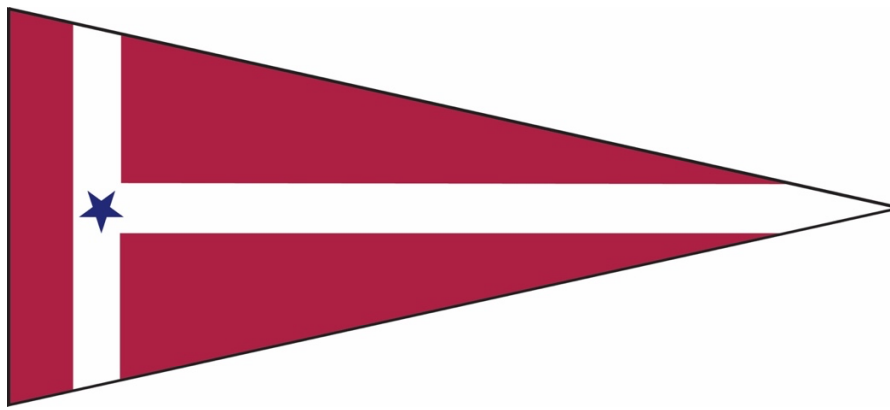




2026 Hatch Brown BU '59 Trophy
Hosted by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology
September 19, 2026

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, and the Notice of Race, except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.

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

Saturday, September 19

9:30-No access to building before this time.

10:45 Competitors' Meeting.

10:55-First warning.

6:00pm-No race start, maximum of 10 races per division.

5. FORMAT

- 5.1 10 races are scheduled per division.
5.2 Each school will field three divisions racing in two fleets of boats.

6. BOATS & EQUIPMENT

- 6.1. Zim FJ's and Z420'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 both fleets.
6.2. The standing rigging shall not be adjusted. The 420 forestays are taped and 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.
- 7.2. B division will start in the Zim FJ's, C division will start in Zim 420's with A division on the dock. After two races, A division will sail FJ's, B division will sail 420's, C division on the dock. Then C division will sail FJ's, A division will sail 420's and B division will be on the dock. This pattern will repeat.
- 7.3. For the last one or two races, the division on the dock will sail whichever boat type is being sailed by the first division to complete the scheduled number of races. This may modify SI 7.2. RC will announce this change prior to the set in which it will take place. This SI prescription serves as posted notice of this change.

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1. The courses will be announced by the RC before each race, using the courses shown on the Notice Board.
- 8.2. MIT: Rounding Marks will be orange, green or yellow balls as indicated by course diagram.
- 8.3. Courses will be inner or outer Trapezoids (with plus options). All courses will have a leeward gate.
- 8.4. The mark that terminates the second leg of the outer trapezoid courses and the fourth leg of the inner trapezoid courses, as labeled in the course diagram, shall be considered a reaching mark and not an offset mark. Therefore, PR 21(d) shall not apply.

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.

10. PROTESTS

- 10.1. Protests and requests for redress shall be filed in accordance with the ICSA Procedural Rules with the following change. "Race Committee" in PR 29(b) is changed to "Race Committee Finish Boat."
- 10.2. Protests and requests for redress 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 and shall be filed with the RC Jury representative or NEISA rep.
- 10.4. The posting of the 'Protest Hearing Schedule' or 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. Protest hearing schedule here:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1boxvrjmDGT6Z2LWmt3rnlCQxtfcQYzB_gc7-h4dUkiE/edit?usp=sharing
- 10.5. Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or . . ."

11. RULE 42 ENFORCEMENT

- 11.1. PR 32 shall be in effect.

12. SAFETY

- 12.1. 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.

13. COACHING AND COMPETITORS

- 13.1. PR 19 will apply.
13.2. Coaching shall be from shore.

14. FACILITY ACCESS AND FIELD OF PLAY

- 14.1 Spectators are welcome at the MIT Sailing Pavilion.
14.2 Each team will be assigned to a 10'x10' on the roof deck for gear storage. Areas are not marked on the floor but teams are asked to be respectful of their footprint to accommodate their neighbors. Teams are not allowed to put their gear in the shore school unless assigned. Assignments as follows:

East Roof Deck (Tented): BOW, BU, D, CC, T, URI, CGA, BC

West Roof Deck (Teams are welcome to bring tents, we have a few to borrow): SRU, BR, RWU, Y, MMA

Shore School: H, MIT , Dog-pound: NU

Please dispose of all trash in trashcans.

15. DRONES

- 15.1 Launching or landing drones at the MIT Sailing Pavilion is prohibited. Use of drones launched/landed elsewhere is entirely at your own risk and responsibility. The OA grants no permission and accepts no responsibility for drone usage.

Regatta Personnel

PRO: Matt Lindblad

Bosun: MIT Dockstaff and coaches

Race Committee: Mike Kanare, Ali Keenan

NEISA Rep: Will be announced at competitors meeting

The Hatch Brown Trophy honors beloved MIT Sailing Master Harold "Hatch" Brown (BU '59). Hatch was an ICSA Hall of Fame sailor and coach as well as a Navy veteran. As a BU undergrad, Hatch won A division at College Nationals and as MIT Sailing Master, he coached several MIT teams to national championships as well as teaching thousands of MIT students how to sail. Hatch also had many impacts on the sport of sailing, one of which was as an early advocate of the penalty turn instead of automatic retirement for penalty infractions like hitting marks and fouling other competitors. Hatch was a teacher and mentor to thousands of sailors during his 35 year career at MIT. Hatch offered help and coaching freely to sailors on other teams, especially student run teams which made up the majority of NEISA in the 1970's and 80's. Hatch and others put tremendous time and energy into building NEISA and college sailing into what it is today. To honor Hatch, please take a moment to appreciate the amazing opportunity to have fun competing at great venues, with great equipment, and with great people each weekend.