



NEISA Fall Tournament
October 31-November 1, 2026
Hosted by Bentley University
At Harvard Sailing Center



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the [Racing Rules of Sailing \(RRS\) 2025-2028](#), the prescriptions of US SAILING, the [Procedural Rules](#) (PR) and Class Rules for Intercollegiate Sailing Competition, the [NEISA Rules and Regulations](#) (except as any of these are modified by these sailing instructions), and by these Sailing Instructions (SI).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. The Official Notice Board will be the whiteboard on the lower floor of the Harvard Sailing Center.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any changes in the sailing instructions will be announced orally and posted as soon as practicable.

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, October 31

1030 Report Time

1045 Competitors Meeting immediately followed by Coaches Meeting

ASAP First Warning

1800 No Starting Signal after

Sunday, November 1

0930 Report Time

945 Competitors Meeting

ASAP First Warning

1500 No starting Signal after

5. FORMAT

- 5.1. A and B Division will sail combined divisions. The Race Committee may choose to sail races in FJ or E420 or may choose to switch fleets at any time.

6. BOATS & EQUIPMENT

- 6.1. E420s and/or FJs 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.
- 6.2. The standing rigging shall not be adjusted.
- 6.3. Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to a member of the Race Committee on the water or immediately after arriving ashore

- 6.4. When rigging:
 - 6.4.1. Boat covers are to be tied to the boat cradles during racing
 - 6.4.2. The monofilament "goose fence" must be lowered prior to launching
 - 6.4.3. Do not tension rigs or install rudders prior to launching
- 6.5. When derigging:
 - 6.5.1. Boat tie downs are to be placed OVER the covers and tied THROUGH the chain plates

7. **ROTATION**

- 7.1. The rotation of boats will be posted in Techscore.

8. **COURSES**

- 8.1. The courses will be posted on Techscore prior to 2100 on Friday October 25 and on the official regatta notice board
- 8.2. Rounding marks will be orange or yellow marks with black stripes.

9. **START/FINISH**

- 9.1. Races will be started in accordance with PR 18(b)(i).
- 9.2. The start line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the course side edge of an orange mark with a black stripe to port of the Signal Boat.
- 9.3. The finish line will be:
 - 9.3.1. Between an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the course side edge of an orange mark with a black stripe to port of the Signal Boat (course W4)
 - 9.3.2. Between the edge farthest from the race committee signal boat of two marks (courses W3, W5)

10. **PENALTIES**

- 10.1. The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'
- 10.2. PR 31.1(a) is modified to add that "A hail of "yellow flag" shall suffice as acceptance of the penalty (Changes RRS 44.3(a) and (b)) and a boat that has accepted an alternate penalty while racing shall inform the Race Committee of her penalty at the first reasonable opportunity after finishing."

11. **PROTESTS**

- 11.1. Protests shall be filed within 15 minutes of securing boats to the dock for a lunch break, postponement, or the end of the day's sailing. This changes PR 30.
- 11.2. Video or photographic evidence taken from any source may be presented as evidence.

12. **SAFETY**

- 12.1. Competitors who require assistance from rescue boats should signify by waving arms overhead.

- 12.2. A competitor who retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

13. COACHING

- 13.1. PR 19 will apply.
- 13.2. Coaching will be from the Harvard Sailing docks, boathouse, or ashore.

14. DRONES

- 14.1. Drone usage by any competitor, coach, or other team member is prohibited unless access to any drone footage is made readily and equally available to all teams in attendance. Violation of this rule may be grounds for disqualification from all races during which the drone was in flight.
- 14.2. Photos/videos captured during this event by a drone not operated by a team or its coach shall not be used for coaching purposes for the duration of the event unless access to same is made readily and equally available to all teams in attendance.

15. GPS RACE RECORDING

- 15.1. GPS Tracking equipment shall be attached to all boats to record their locations throughout racing. Competitors shall not relocate or otherwise tamper with GPS equipment.
- 15.2. In the event of GPS equipment detaching from a boat or otherwise malfunctioning, competitors shall notify any race committee member of the malfunction at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 15.3. Recordings of this location data shall be made available to all teams after the regatta has concluded.

16. FACILITIES

- 16.1. The event will be hosted at the Harvard Sailing Center, 45 Memorial Dr., Cambridge, MA.
- 16.2. Please keep gear/bags organized and out of high traffic areas. Do not block stairs or doorways with gear/bags.
- 16.3. Adequate street parking is usually available on the westbound side of Memorial Drive (across the street from the boathouse) on weekend mornings.

17. ICSA REPRESENTATIVE

- 17.1. Diana Weidenbacker from UNH shall be the ICSA representative.

18. REGATTA CHAIR CONTACT INFO

- 18.1. Jared Reineck
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