1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Procedural and Class Rules for Intercollegiate Competition and NEISA Rules and Regulations as adopted 2.21.19. RRS Appendix D shall be used with limited umpiring. D1.2(c), D2.2(a), and D5.2 are changed by replacing the phrase “a red flag” with “a raised open hand.” D4.4 and D4.5 is changed by PR 25(b) & (c), below: a) Alternative Umpiring – when the sailing instructions state that RRS D2.6 (Limited Umpiring) is to be used, RRS D2.2(a) and RRS D2.5(a) are changed by replacing the phrase “display a red flag” with “display a raised open hand.” RRS D2.5(c) is changed by replacing the phrase “displaying a yellow flag” with “displaying a raised open hand.”

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located west of the lobby and on tech score.

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be made verbally by MIT sailing coaches.

4 SCHEDULE

A competitors’ meeting will be held at 10:45 am on Saturday and 9:45 on Sunday. The warning signal for the first race will be approximately 10 minutes after the PRO has asked you to launch your boats.

5 RACING AREA

The racing area will be the Charles River Lower Basin.

6 COURSES AND MARKS

The Digital N course shall be used. Turn on Pink. Start/ Finish on Green.

7 STARTING AND FINISHING LINES; STARTING SYSTEM

The starting and finishing line will be between the RC boat staff and the ball on its port side. The Sound Signal Starting System of Appendix Q will be used with a rolling two sequence. The prep signal for a rolling two shall be made at 1 minute 30 seconds. The RC may signal a ‘rolling sequence’ by rotating their arm as the prior race is starting. The sequence may be modified to be a rolling three if the PRO holds 3 fingers above their head and hails ‘3 minutes’. The finish line shall be between two green balls.

8 RACING FORMAT AND ROTATIONS
The RC will attempt to complete a 20 flight Round Robin of Competition. Each team is responsible to quickly get into their next flight’s boats and sail immediately to the starting area. Both fleets of boats shall have the same colors matching so it should be easy to understand where the RC is in a starting order sequence. Lunch, snacks and bathroom breaks should be taken during hesitations in your team’s racing order. A top eight teams, bottom eight teams round will be started immediately after completing the first round of 20 flights, hearing protests and/or having sail offs. Top 8 teams will sail Turbo FJs and bottom 8 teams will sail Fireflies.

9 BOATS

MIT turbo FJs and Fireflies shall be sailed as rigged. The RC may direct FJs to use a storm jib and the Fireflies to use a reefed mainsail. Sailors should leave their Sta-Masters at an adjustment setting of 4.5 on the Fireflies and 5.5 on the FJs. Jib halyards may be adjusted while racing.

10 PROTESTS

10.1 When the RC or an Umpire directs, coaches of teams not in a match shall participate as a judge. Please do not depart at the end of the sailing day until all expedited protests have been heard. A protesting party shall be responsible for notifying the RC upon finishing, finding an umpire or impartial coach to hear the protest and notifying the competitor of your intention to file a protest immediately after arriving to shore. The party which prevails in an expedited protest shall notify the MIT scorers in writing of race # and sail # of boat to be penalized.

10.2 Expedited Hearing Procedure ICSA PR Appendix G shall be in effect. APPENDIX G represents the ICSA recommended protest procedure for alternative umpiring using RRS D2.6 (Limited Umpiring). It is addressed primarily to Umpires but may also be helpful to others connected with protest, redress and breakdown hearings and in some circumstances changing these procedures may be advisable.

1. Protests involving RRS rules of Part 2 (except RRS 14), RRS 31, 42 or 44 shall be held in accordance with RRS D2.4, using the following procedure, and may be held onboard an umpire boat: a. The hearing will begin as soon as all parties are assembled. b. If no one raises an objection the protest will be determined to be valid. c. Each party will be given about 1 minute to state their case. d. The umpires may question the parties and/or call witnesses. e. Each party will be given about 1 minute to question the other party. f. The parties are excused. The umpires will determine the facts and make their decision. g. The umpires inform the parties of the decision orally.

2. The umpire boat shall be equipped with the current RRS for use by the Protest Committee and parties to the protest. A competitor may not reopen expedited protest hearings after a decision has been made. (Changes RRS 66) 3. Expedited hearings may be used to consider requests for redress involving breakdowns. Competitors are urged to use this procedure in lieu of written requests. The requesting competitor must notify the Race Committee of the intention to use this procedure immediately after finishing or as soon as reasonably possible if unable to finish.
11 SPARE BOATS
If a boat becomes broken, the spare boat shall be rigged with the broken boat’s mainsail. Sailors from teams not in the first and the last flights of the day shall rig/unrig the spare fleets of boats, please. This includes a full check over, drain plugs secured, jibs hoisted and rudder left in cockpit.

12 SPECTATORS, COACHES and DRONES
Please feel free to invite friends to enjoy watching the competition. Spectators are strongly encouraged to assist in tidying up the facility at the end of competition on both days. Drones may be operated by FAA licensed drone pilots from the far east end of the sailing pavilion roof deck only. Drones should never land nor take off from areas of the pavilion which have open access to spectators or competitors.

13 INTERCONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVE
The Regatta Chairman shall appoint a Regatta Representative who shall assist in ensuring the quality and fairness of the competition. For the purposes of RRS 90.1, the Interconference Regatta Representative acts on behalf of the ICSA as the organizing authority. The Interconference Regatta Representative may direct the race committee to apply for redress for a boat per rule 60.2(b).

Your representative for this regatta shall be:
TBD

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RC PRO and Regatta Chair- Franny Charles
Dockmaster- Wally Corwin
MIT Sailing Coaches- Matt Lindblad or Mike Kalin
Chief Umpire- TBD
Umpires- David Larson, Nick Sertl, Michael Levesque, Joe Morris, Ryan Mullins, Rex Cameron, Mike Gemperline