



2026 Owen Trophy Fleet Race

Boston University Sailing Pavilion
April 4-5, 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 PRO Carter Brock at cbrock@bu.edu

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on Techscore, and they may also be posted on a whiteboard outside the pavilion near the docks.

3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

4 SCHEDULE

5.1 Saturday

Report Time: 1130

Competitors' Meeting: 1140

First Warning Signal: ASAP

Sunday

Report Time: 0930

First Warning Signal: ASAP

No Start After: 1500

5 FORMAT

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

5.2 There will be no break for lunch. Competitors can eat during their off set.

5.3 A Division will sail first, with B Division on the dock.

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

6 BOATS

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

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

7 RACING AREA

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

8 ROTATION AREA

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

9 COURSES

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

9.2 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.

10 MARKS

10.1 All marks will be orange.

11 THE START

11.1 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.

12 THE FINISH

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

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

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 Protests shall be filed in accordance with the ICSA procedural rules.

13.2 Protest forms are available in the Sailing Pavilion.

13.3 Hearings will be convened as soon as practicable and all coaches shall participate as judges if requested by the PRO.

14 SAFETY

14.1 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.

14.2 Starts will not be delayed accommodating capsized boats.

14.3 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.

15 COACHING

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

15.2 PR 19 will apply

16 ICOSA REP

16.1 An ICOSA Rep will be appointed by the hosts to pass along all, or not pass along, comments to the race committee.