Dear High School Sailing Enthusiasts-

MIT Sailing is proud to announce the 40th Massachusetts High School Sailing Championship. This year's event is limited to 20 teams with A Division in Fireflies and B Division in new carbon Tech Dinghies on Thursday, May 23, 2013. Registration is limited and must be completed electronically by going to the event site from the main page of MIT Sailing.

<http://sailing.mit.edu/Calendar/Events/event.php?id=a113c1ecd3cace2237256f4c712f61b5>

It is vitally important that all competitors learn how to rig and sail a Firefly before showing up. Please check out our videos at-

<http://sailing.mit.edu/videos/>

**Eligibility**

Any Massachusetts High School group of students may compete in this championship whether or not they have received prior permission or recognition from their school. The school doesn't have to be a member of any league and the competitors are not required to have been granted official permission from their high school in order to participate. All it takes is 2 skippers and 2 crews who know how to swim and will bring their own lifejackets. Registration shall be limited to the first 20 teams to sign up electronically.

**Format and Schedule**

Racing will be held in one divisions of Fireflies and one division of tech dinghies simultaneously at the MIT Sailing Pavilion on Thursday, May, 23. Report time is 1 pm. This is the time to show up, NOT the time of the first race. Racing will conclude by 1730. Competitors are strongly urged to attend their classes until lunch time if possible.

**Entry Fees**

Entry fee is $60 per team. Online payments in advance (available after registration) are preferred. Payments at the Pavilion are possible by checks (payable to "MIT Sailing Pavilion") or credit card. Receipts will be available for those who need them. No electronic charges will be fulfilled until the day of the event. Pre-registration is required, but entries will be limited to the first 20 teams.

**Parking and Transportation**

***All sailors are encouraged to take the Red Line to Kendall Square and walk two blocks to the River.***

If car pooling, be ready to drop your squad off at the pavilion and then go hunting for a spot on westbound Mem Drive, Ames St or along the meters (bring quarters) on Mass Ave. Parking is horrendous before 2:30 pm on any weekday along Memorial Drive. After 3 pm all of the MIT lots are available for no charge. Despite the signage you will not be ticketed or towed from an MIT lot after 3pm. You will not be allowed into one before that time, however. There is a lot next to the Sloan School and accessed by Main St as well as a medical lot accessed from Hayward St. Check out this link[http://whereis.mit.edu/](http://whereis.mit.edu/map-jpg?Parking=go%3bzoom=level5%3bcenterx=709690%3bcentery=495520%3bexpanded=parking)

**Practice**

Saturday or Sunday is available for practice between 3 and sunset. Tuesday through Friday is not available this year. Schools should limit attendance for practicing to two Fireflies and two tech dinghies at a time, please. For teams who do not use MIT as their home base, only one day of practice will be allowed per team without exception this year. The MIT team is very busy with preparations for the intercollegiate national championship.

The coaches and staff at MIT Sailing are looking forward to hosting a fun event for you in 2013. Let us know if we can assist or answer any questions which you might have.

       -Franny Charles, Matt Lindblad and Matty Cohen

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