In one of the best showings put on by the entire boathouse in about 20 years, the MIT women's crews showed their growing strength as contenders in the fall season at the Head of the Charles Regatta last Sunday.

The conditions were near perfection. Little to no wind, a good amount of sun, and unseasonably warm temperatures enabled the rowers to focus entirely on their task at hand: to beat the varsity and junior varsity boats of former national champions Boston University.

The women entered three boats in this year's Head of the Charles Regatta.

The JV boat competed in the first race of the day, the Club Eight event. In this event, it competed against a number of JV, varsity, and club crews from across the continent.

The crew members had a challenge before them as they started down the course since there was a lot of distance between their boat and the boats in front of them and behind them.

"The people cheering for us on the bridges really kept us going throughout the entire race," said Nicole Weymouth '96.

The JV crew finished 16th out of 43 crews. Although disappointed that they placed behind BU's JV boat by 0.11 seconds, the rowers were quite pleased to beat the Northeastern University and Wellesley College JV crews by over 20 seconds.

Rowing in the boat, from bow to stern, were Stacy Morris '96, Anna Rivers '97, Weymouth, Cathy Conley '96, Joanne Mikkelson '96, Heather Lee '95, Stephanie Speaker '97, Cindy Fein '97, and coxswain Margarita Brito '97.

The lightweight eight also put in a strong finish to contribute to the team's overall great performance. This crew finished as the fifth collegiate crew, and placed ninth overall with a fast time of 18 minutes, 43.66 seconds.

Although their path down the race course was jeopardized most of the time, the members were pleased to come in strong.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Saturday, Oct. 29
Varsity Sailing at Schell Trophy, 9:30 a.m.
Football vs. University of Massachusetts at Boston, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 30
Varsity Sailing at Schell Trophy, 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 1
Varsity Sailing at MIT Invitational, 9:30 a.m.
Women's Volleyball vs. Amherst College, 7 p.m.