

# THE BUSA AGM 2017 HELD ON TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL AT TIGER TIGER, GUNWHARF QUAYS, PORTSMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 18.30HRS

## MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Representatives of Aberdeen, Bangor, Bristol. Cardiff, Durham, Edinburgh, Exeter, Loughborough, Newcastle, Oxford, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Solent, Southampton, Strathclyde, Surrey, Swansea and Warwick member clubs.

**Committee in attendance:** Emily Wiltshire, Jess Beecher, Peter Saxton, Keith Sammons, Millie Gibbons, Jolyon Ferron, Tony Mapplebeck, Neil Marshall, Lucy Storey, Ella Stoggall, Chris Lindsay.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Alex McCulloch (Western Rep), Emily Robertson (SSS), Jack Fenwick (RYA), Tim Gratton, Tom Churchill, Bryan Ormond
2. **Welcome** by Chair: thanks for attending after a long day afloat. Introducing BUSA Committee Members

Well done to Exeter Black at TR and all those at the Fleets. Thanks to all volunteers, organisers and umpires for all the events this year.

Thanks to Manchester and Warwick for hosting.

Bids for 2017-18 are open for Fleets, please get in touch. TR bids will be released shortly and if you are interested please speak to Keith/Jess.

Ian Walker MBE will be replacing John Derbyshire at the RYA.

### 3. **Motions**

Constitutional amendments (see separate notes)

Subs – We ask each member to pay £150 to affiliate and sail in BUSA. Everyone currently paying the same. The change will create three categories with the subscription fee being different for each. The participation level is the lowest level. Other end the spectrum the competitive. You tell us in September. If you don't tell us, you will be competitive.

The proposals for amendments to the Constitution & Standing Orders, including new membership categories were approved.

### 4. **2017-18 Committee (Elections)**

**The BUSA Committee would like to re-elect the following people in their current roles:**

Hon Treasurer – Chris Lindsay

Hon Member – Keith Sammons

BUSA Web Editor - Tony Mapplebeck

**The following roles are not contested:** This is the first year that all roles have been filled before the AGM.

Vice President – Emily Robertson (Glasgow. Grad 2017)

Development Officer – Alice de Vitry (Kent. Grad 2017)

South Central Co-ordinator - Nicole Ames (Solent. Grad 2020)

Western Co-ordinator – Jonas Osborn (Bristol. Grad 2019)

Ladies Captain – Jenny Smallwood (Manchester. Grad 2019)

Men's Captain – Matt Whitfield (Southampton)

Keelboat Officer – Harry Bowerman (Bangor. Grad 2019)

Media Officer – Holly Overton (Sheffield. Grad 2017)

**Contested Nominations:****Chair:**

Neil Marshall (Plymouth. Grad 2020) I've been involved for 2 years. Continue development plan. push transparency of committee, executive summary to see what we are doing. Alumni back involved.

Lucy Storey (Manchester. Grad 2018) Sailing for 5 years and joined BUSA this year. Give sailors opportunities to develop in umpiring etc. I'm for students.

**Northern Co-ordinator:**

Anna Lucas-Clements (Sheffield. Grad 2017)

Ben Swyer (Newcastle. Grad 2018)

**Midlands Co-ordinator:**

Benjamin Lawrence (Warwick. Grad 2020)

Anna Prescott (Cambridge. Grad 2019)

Voting to take place and passed to the front.

**5. Brief Summary of the Year:**

- a. Executive summary (separate paper - covering Fleets, TR qualifiers and some development) was received.
- b. Team Racing Championships review – LS Reported: the TR finals were hosted by Manchester University, at West Kirby Sailing club over the 4-6<sup>th</sup> April. 28 teams, including one Irish team, battled it out in varied conditions in the beautiful Marine lake. The Swiss league format resulted in Cambridge Blue, Exeter Black, Cambridge Black, Southampton Purple, Cambridge Purple, Newcastle Blue, Exeter Blue, Swansea Green continuing through to the next rounds, culminating in an exciting four race final between Exeter Black and Cambridge Blue. Exeter proved victorious beating Cambridge 3-1 to be crowned the BUCS/BUSA Team Racing Champions 2017.
- c. Yachting review – JB reported: Currently going well. Beautiful conditions, could do with more wind. Had 27 entries (record entry), however 2 teams have been forced to withdraw due to not getting reserves added online. I cannot stress the importance of asking your SU to add all your club members to the Universal reserves list at the beginning of the year. It is free to do so, and allows you to replace injured sailors when you need to. One thing about BUCScore that your SU's may not have told you is that they can delegate the responsibility of updating and adding to BUCScore to the team captain, then all they have to do is submit the entry for you (much easier than giving them lists of names etc. Do go and discuss this with your SU, especially if you have had issues this year, at any event. We will also review this with BUCS over the next couple of months.  
New for this year – Discards and weighted points for coastal and inshore races. Trying this new format, and will review after the event.  
Stronger coaching team, with the addition of Ullman Sails, Jon Pegg and Niall Myant from BKA. I hope they have added value to your experience.  
Pre event videos by Mason. The committee invested in asking MK to create some instructional pre event videos, which have been well received. We plan to extend the topics and add 3 more each year.  
Post event feedback will be sent to captains and made available online.
- d. Match Racing preview – JB reported: We had 20 team enter from 16 universities (record entry), therefore 2 universities 1<sup>st</sup> teams and 4 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> teams have not had

their entries accepted. The event will be running over 3 days at WPNSA, using the RYA Elliotts. We will review at the event, discussing with teams and see if we can accept more teams in the future. At the moment there is no plan to have qualifiers leading to a finals, as the costs are too high.

I would also like to note that the FISU World University championships will be in Cherbourg in 2018 and they have not confirmed the format (Match or Keelboat fleet racing).

- e. BUSA Teams (events) - This year will see the return of the Biennial BUSA/ICSA tour, where our selected sailors will compete in fleet, team and match racing, against the ICSA's top sailors. We are hosting this year, with the events all taking place during August.
- f. Finance and Accounts (see separate paper). The Accounts for the year 2016 -2017 were approved.
- g. Website/PR - Following a competitive process, the website is in the process of being replaced, day to day functionality will remain, but the new one will give us a lot more scope to provide you guys with info! Whilst there is a not so insignificant cost associated with replacing the website, our current one is no longer fit for purpose, and an unnecessary hassle for our volunteers to have to contend with. The new website also features club pages, where each university can advertise themselves, see for example the Cardiff page. The majority of these pages are sparse, and provide another opportunity for you guys to sell your clubs! Please contact the BUSA editor to update your pages.
- h. Development Plan & Strategy- BUSA is in the process of producing a development plan, to produce a structure for what we can provide to encourage the growth of university sailing over the coming years. This year the Northern and South Central reps ran a trial weekend of team racing training for universities in their area. BUSA is also planning out development for the 17/18 academic years, and our Team Racing Proposal will be emailed out to all University contacts for you guys to give us your thoughts!

BUCS – At the moment there is no change from BUCS regarding points etc. However, as always their membership can change this at any time. You will have noticed that entries fees across the board increased this year and this is partly due to BUCS taking 12.5% from all the entry fees, when it was previously 5%, which the RYA pays back to BUSA, which has also stopped. If any changes happen, we will announce via our social media channels.

6. Discussion points

- a. Team Racing Review (Emily)

7. Election results

The following were declared elected:

- a. Chair – Neil Marshall
- b. Northern co-ordinator – Ben Swyer
- c. Midlands co-ordinator – Benjamin Lawrence

**END OF MEETING**