

# BUCS YACHTING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 05<sup>th</sup>-09<sup>th</sup> April 2020

The Organising Authority is the British Universities Sailing Association (BUSA) in conjunction with Portsmouth Harbour Yacht Club Sunsail, on behalf of the British Universities & Colleges Sports (BUCS).

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)* and the RYA Racing Charter.
- 1.2. For the purpose of this regatta the word 'team' may be used to mean the crew of a boat. The word 'boat' and 'yacht' are interchangeable.
- 1.3. [Portsmouth Harbour byelaws and regulations](#) will apply. Competitors are reminded of their strict obligation NOT TO IMPEDE SHIPS in Main Buoyed channels and when proceeding in and out of Portsmouth Harbour to use the Small Boat channels as prescribed in the QHM's [Notice to Mariners](#). A copy will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.4. Southampton Harbour Bye-laws will apply. The attention of all competitors is drawn to Notice to Mariners No 3 of 2016: The Moving Prohibited Zone shall be deemed an obstruction and the race committee may disqualify a boat that infringes this instruction without a hearing except that the offending boat shall be entitled to a hearing on request. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 1.5. The Race Committee or Protest Committee may protest a boat for a breach of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS), or the rules in NOR 1.3 and 1.4 based on a report from any source. This changes RRS 60.2(a) and 60.3(a).
- 1.6. For the Qualifying Series, the right to appeal is denied, as permitted by RRS 70.5(a).
- 1.7. The first allocation of boats will be by a draw on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Further draws will occur after racing is complete on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April. Changing RRS 62.1(a):
- 1.8. Any performance consequences of the allocation including the supply, condition and maintenance of a boat and her equipment, shall not be grounds for redress.
- 1.9. Breakages, consequent on the condition or maintenance of the boat, not reasonably preventable by the crew may be considered as grounds for redress.
- 1.10. Specified coaches, whose names will be posted on the official notice board, may enter the racing area. These coaches may give outside help to any boat during racing and any boat may receive such help. This changes RRS 41.

#### 2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising supplied by the Organising Authority.

#### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

##### Eligibility

- 3.1. The regatta is open to teams from all Member Clubs which are currently affiliated to and in good standing with BUSA.
- 3.2. The number of teams is limited to 20 teams.
- 3.3. Each team shall:
  - 3.3.1. Consist of EIGHT team members all of whom must sail on the boat while racing, which must include at least two females and two males.
  - 3.3.2. Appoint a Team Captain, with whom all communications will be made before and during the event.
  - 3.3.3. Submit the final and full crew list by email to [busasec@gmail.com](mailto:busasec@gmail.com) by 23:59 on 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2020. In exceptional circumstances late changes to crew lists made in writing to the OA may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

- 3.4. Each team member shall:
- 3.4.1. meet the BUCS General Regulations ([Reg 14 Eligibility](#)).
  - 3.4.2. be over the age of 18 years old.
  - 3.4.3. be a member of the entered Member Club (except for Guest entries).
  - 3.4.4. be registered on the BUCSPlay 'Competitors & Reserves List 2019-2020'.
  - 3.4.5. Reserves can be added via BUCSPlay until 23.59hrs on Thursday 2nd April 2020.

### Entry

- 3.5. To make a valid initial entry each team must:
- 3.5.1. By no later than 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020, submit a completed Sunsail Booking Form. The Form is on the BUSA Yachting web page [here](#).
  - 3.5.2. Receive confirmation from Sunsail that they are able to charter a Sunsail Match First 40/Sunsail Jeanneau 410.
  - 3.5.3. After receiving Sunsail approval, from 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and by the initial entry deadline of 23.59 on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020, complete the BUCSPlay Stage 1 online entry process.
  - 3.5.4. Pay the Stage 1 entry fee by the initial entry deadline.
- 3.6. After the initial entry deadline, Stage 1 places will be allocated by BUSA, based on:
- 3.6.1. one place per university, on a first come, first served basis in the order that entries are received.
  - 3.6.2. a second place per university, on a first come, first served basis in the order that entries are received.
  - 3.6.3. all other places filled on a first come, first served basis in the order that entries are received.
- 3.7. If the entry limit has not been reached by the initial entry deadline, a late entry team must:
- 3.7.1. Receive confirmation from Sunsail that they are able to charter a Sunsail Match First 40/Sunsail Jeanneau 410. Charter applications can be made using the form on the BUSA Yachting web page [here](#).
  - 3.7.2. After receiving Sunsail approval and by the late entry deadline of 23.59hrs on 31<sup>st</sup> March, complete the BUCSPlay Stage 2 online late entry process.
  - 3.7.3. Pay the Stage 2 entry fee by the late entry deadline.
- 3.8. Late entries will be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority and BUCS and there is no obligation to accept these entries.
- 3.9. The Organising Authority will consider Guest Entry requests, where a case can be made that they will support the development of student sailing. Any such entries will need to be requested via e-mail to [busasec@gmail.com](mailto:busasec@gmail.com) and [cleo.lyn@bucs.org.uk](mailto:cleo.lyn@bucs.org.uk), outlining the proposed team and putting forward a case for their participation. If the case for a team is accepted, a nominated university/college will need to process the entry on BUCSPlay as per NoR 3.5 or NoR 3.7.
- 3.10. Guest entries will be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority and BUCS and there is no obligation to accept these entries.
- 3.11. IA's must approve the entry by no later than **23:59 on Thrsday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020**.

### 4. CLASSIFICATION

No classification requirements will apply.

### 5. FEES

- 5.1. The Stage 1 entry fee is £265 per team.
- 5.2. The Stage 2 entry fee is £318 per team.

### 6. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 6.1. The regatta will consist of a qualifying series and a final series.

#### Qualifying Series

- 6.2. The fleet will be divided into two flights and reflighted after racing each day.
- 6.3. One flight will race in Sunsail Match First 40 and one flight will race in Sunsail Jeanneau 410.

6.4. The qualifying series will continue until the end of racing on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April unless five races have not been completed by that time, when the qualifying series will end on the day on which five qualifying races have been completed for all boats.

#### Final series

6.5. The top ten institutions from the Qualifying Series will form the 'Championship' Fleet, sailing Sunsail Match First 40s who will be identified with a Pink flag. The remaining teams will form the 'Trophy' Fleet sailing Sunsail Jeanneau 410.

### 7. SCHEDULE

#### 7.1. Registration, briefing and boat collection:

Date	Time	Action	Location
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	1700 - 1845	Team member registration	Port Solent
	1845	Boat allocation draw 1	Port Solent
	1900	Competitors briefing	
	1930 - 2100	Boat collection	

All team members must register in person at Port Solent between 1700 and 1845 on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020 and shall present their University Registration Card to the Organising Authority at registration (NUS cards will not be sufficient).

#### 7.2. Qualifying Series

Date	Time	Warning signal	Other
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	0830	-	Port Solent harbour exit
	Before 1000		Conduct safety drill – see NoR 7.2.1
	1000	Practice starts & race	
	1115	Qualifying race 1. Race 2 & 3 to follow	
	After racing		Boats return to Gunwharf Quays
	30 minutes after last boat arrives at Gunwharf Quays		Boat allocation draw 2
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	1000	Qualifying race 4. Races 5 & 6 to follow	Last race of day may be a coastal race of about 3 hours

7.2.1. Each boat shall conduct an on-board safety exercise prior to the first race in the series. This exercise shall include a safety briefing, a man-overboard drill, a gas leak drill, and a water ingress/emergency evacuation drill.

#### 7.3. Final Series

Date	Time	Warning signal	Other
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	1000	Finals race 1. Followed by Race 2.	Race 2 may be a long inshore race
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	1000	Finals race 3. Race 4 & 5 to follow.	
	After racing		Boats return to Port Solent
	1600 (target time)		Prize-giving at Port Solent

On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1400.

8. **MEASUREMENT** Not used.

9. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the BUSA website events page by Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2020. Printed copies of the Sailing Instructions will not be available at the event except on the Official Notice Board.

10. **VENUE**

The race area will be in The Solent and adjacent waters east of the Isle of Wight.

11. **THE COURSES**

The courses to be sailed are expected to include a mixture of windward / leeward and coastal round the buoys courses. Downwind and reaching starts may be used. Further details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

12. **PENALTY SYSTEM**

12.1. RRS 41.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

12.2. The Exoneration Penalty, the advisory hearing, and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. Decisions from RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be re-opened or appealed.

12.3. At a protest hearing, the penalty for breach of a rule other than a rule in Part 2 of the RRS may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the jury.

13. **SCORING**

13.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply except as modified below.

13.2. Weighting: points will be multiplied by the points factor applying to the race as follows:

Course type	Points factor
Windward / leeward	1.0
Coastal race	1.5
Long inshore races	2.0

13.3. In the Qualifying Series:

13.3.1. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's Qualifying Series score will be the total of her race scores.

13.3.2. When five or more races are completed a boat's Qualifying Series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst windward / leeward race score. This changes RRS A2.1.

13.4. In the Final Series a boat's Final Series score shall be their Qualifying Series score, plus:

13.4.1. When fewer than four Final Series races have been completed, a boat's Final Series score will be the total of her Final Series race scores plus her Qualifying Series score.

13.4.2. When four or more Final Series races are completed a boat's Final Series score will be the total of her Final Series race scores excluding her worst windward / leeward race score, plus her Qualifying Series score. This changes RRS A2.1.

13.5. Scores are changed as follows:

13.5.1. A boat scored TLE (Time limit expired) shall be scored points equal to the number of finishers for that class plus one. This changes RRS 35, A4.1, A5 and 63.1.

13.5.2. A boat scored BFD, DSQ, DNE and DGM shall receive points for one place worse than DNF. This changes RRS A4.2.

14. **SUPPORT BOATS**

Support boats are not allowed.

**15. BERTHING**

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the harbours.

**16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

**17. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

**18. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

**19. PRIZES**

19.1. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Result	Trophy or Award
Winner of Championship fleet	Sunsail Trophy
Winner of Trophy fleet	John Derbyshire Trophy
Long inshore race (if sailed) in the Championship fleet	Jim Saltonstall Teapot Trophy
Most improved team during the course of the regatta	Sunsail Award
Top Scottish team	
Top Welsh team	

The recipient of the Sunsail Award will be decided at the discretion of the BUSA appointed coaches and the Organising Authority.

The BUCS points available for this event are published on the [BUCS website](#) and are distributed as follows;

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Championship Mixed	50	35	24	16	14	12	10	8
Trophy Mixed	30	21	14	12	11	9	7	5

**20. RISK STATEMENT**

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
- c. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

- f. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitor or safety briefing held for the event;
- h. They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

**21. INSURANCE**

The Organising Authority have no additional requirements.

**22. MEDIA RIGHTS**

In participating in this BUCS Championship any competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority permission to make, use and show, from time to time, any motion pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the event without compensation, in perpetuity.

**23. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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