
BUCS Match Racing Championship 2021

Frequently Asked Questions - 28th February 2021

1. What dates are the 4 stages of the Government's COVID-19 Response: Spring 2021?

Step 1 - 8th March

Step 2 - 29th March

Step 3 - No earlier than 12th April

Step 4 - No earlier than 21st June

The RYA have released further guidance around what each of these provisional steps would mean for sailing participation, which should also be referred to.

2. What are the new proposed dates for the event?

The event is now proposed to be held over either the 15-17th April 2021, or the 16-17th April 2021. **The deadline for completion of the Expression of Interest form is 12pm on Friday the 12th of March 2021.**

3. Can I sail with a person from another household in the Championship?

The plan will be to run the event in line with the RYA Guidance on Mixed Household Sailing in place at the time.

4. Will my team be able to book accommodation in Portland? What will the restrictions be over the proposed dates?

Hotel accommodation, such as Portland House etc, will not be available at the proposed time but it will be possible to book accommodation at camp sites or self-contained accommodation facilities such as Airbnb etc. At the time of the event, no competitor may stay overnight in the same accommodation as another competitor outside of their household.

5. Will there be changing facilities open?

No, sailors will need to arrive at the venue dressed ready to go. There will be no storage of kit, either ashore or afloat, for sailors. All kit will need to be with the sailors at all times or left in cars etc.

6. Will a shorter event (2 days) mean less teams will be able to compete in the Championship?

Yes, a two day event would mean a limit of 8 teams.

7. Will there be an option of having a training day beforehand, like in previous years?

Yes, training would be available by booking in for a two-hour slot, weather dependant.

8. Can I enter if I do not have a ranking? Usually invites are done based on results at the WMR series, but these haven't taken place so how will entries be allocated?

Invites would be issued to those with a ranking first and then any remaining places would be first come, first served.

9. Will masks be required?

Yes

10. How will boat swaps be managed/will we be swapping boats during the event?

With up to eight teams, one team would be based on board the committee vessel and one on a large change over rib. With 12, 14 or 16 teams the event would be split in to two groups. With 18 teams, the event would be split in to three groups, with no changes.

11. What is the entry process and when is the deadline for payment of the entry fee?

Full entries for the event would need to be made through BUCSPlay. Once submitted by the captain, approval is then required from your institution's BUCS Administrator. Following this, an invoice for the entry fee will be issued to your institution's BUCS Administrator. If the event goes ahead on the new proposed dates, we will communicate the deadline for entries and full payment as soon as we can.

12. What happens if restrictions change after the deadline and we cannot attend? Will refunds be given?

If the event is cancelled or a team is no longer able to attend due to COVID then full refunds would be issued. Evidence of this may be asked for.

13. What happens if any of my team have to isolate? Will crew changes be allowed/will we be refunded if we want to pull out?

If a team is not able to attend due to COVID then a refund would be issued. Once a team accepts an invite, they would not be allowed to withdraw for any other reason. Failure to attend would result in no refund and a zero point score added to their World Sailing Match Race ranking.