

Dear BUSA sailors,

As you may or may not know, this July the ICSA (the US equivalent of BUSA) are sending a team of their best 6 sailors over to the UK to compete against BUSA's best over the course of 5 official matches in a 3 week long sailing tour. BUSA have held the overall title since 2001, having won the series 2-1 in the US in September 2011 to retain the BUSA/ICSA Tour trophy.

The tour will consist of 2- and 3-boat team racing matches and a match racing event, with venues spread around the country from Weymouth to West Kirby. This year, the proposed boats to be used are Fireflies, Lasers, Elliot 6m's and J-80s.

The team will be chosen by a panel of external selectors from sailors' performances throughout the year, at the upcoming BUSA team-racing and match-racing finals, and on the strength of their CVs. If you would like to be considered for team selection for one or more of the matches, then please fill out the attached form and either email or post it to me. My contact details are below and on the form.

This competition truly is the pinnacle of British university sailing as one of the most prestigious university sailing competitions in the world, and a fantastic opportunity to represent your country and be part of an event which has run for over 50 years. I would encourage anyone to apply (boys and girls – the tour is an open competition) and so please spread the word around your university sailing clubs to make sure that everyone gets the opportunity to be selected. The deadline for applications is the 1st April 2013.

Application forms should be sent to:

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Or e-mailed to:

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I look forward to receiving your applications soon. If you have any questions, or would like any more information about the format of the Tour, or specifics of the matches, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Best wishes for the rest of the sailing season and at BUSA Finals,

Phil Derry
BUSA Mens Captain