

BUCS YACHTING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021

NOTICE OF RACE

29th March – 01st April 2021

The Organising Authority is the British Universities Sailing Association (BUSA) in conjunction with Fairview Sailing Ltd, 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. 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.
- 1.4. 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).
- 1.5. The allocation of boats will be by Fairview Sailing Ltd and their decision is final.
- 1.6. Any performance consequences of the allocation including the supply, condition and maintenance of a boat and her equipment, shall not be grounds for redress.
- 1.7. Breakages, consequent on the condition or maintenance of the boat, not reasonably preventable by the crew may be considered as grounds for redress.
- 1.8. 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 15 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. The Organising Authority has the right to reduce because of Covid restrictions the number of team members by an official change to this notice of race.
 - 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 by 23:59 on 19th of March 2021. 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 2020-2021'.
- 3.4.5. Reserves can be added via BUCSPlay until 23.59hrs on 30th March 2021.

Entry

- 3.5. To make a valid initial entry each team must:
 - 3.5.1. By no later than 1st January 2021, submit a completed Fairview Booking Form. The Form is on the BUSA Yachting web page [here](#). Late entries will be at the discretion of the OA.
 - 3.5.2. Receive confirmation from Fairview that they are able to charter a Fairview Oceanis 37 and have paid for the charter of the yacht.
 - 3.5.3. After receiving Fairview approval, from 12th January 2021 and by the initial entry deadline of 23.59 on 16th March 2021, 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.Allocation of places is entirely at the OA discretion and cannot be appealed.
- 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 Fairview Sailing that they are able to charter a Fairview Oceanis 37. Charter applications can be made using the form on the BUSA Yachting web page [here](#).
 - 3.7.2. After receiving Fairview approval and by the late entry deadline of 23.59hrs on 23rd 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 and 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 (Institute Authority) must approve the entry by no later than **23:59 on Thursday 25th March 2021**.

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. RACE FORMAT

- 6.1. The regatta will consist of four days of racing as a single fleet.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1. Registration, briefing and boat collection:

| Date | Time | Action | Location |
|----------------------------------|------------|--|------------------------------|
| Wednesday 24 th March | 1000 | Online competitor briefing is available to view | BUSA website |
| Sunday 28 th March | 1900 | Registration | Port Hamble |
| | 1900- 2100 | Boat collection and mandatory handover by Fairview staff | Port Hamble |

All team members must register in person at Port Hamble between 1900 and 2000 on Sunday 28th March 2021 and shall present their University Registration Card to the Organising Authority at registration (NUS cards will not be sufficient).

7.2. Race Series

| Date | Time | Warning signal | Other |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Monday 29 th March | 0830 | - | Port Hamble |
| | Before 1000 | | Conduct safety drill – see NoR 7.2.1 |
| | 1000 | Practice starts & race | |
| | 1115 | Race 1. Race 2 & 3 to follow | |
| Tuesday 20 th March | 1000 | Race 4. Races 5 & 6 to follow | Last race of day may be a coastal race of about 3 hours |
| Wednesday 31 st March | 1000 | Race 7. Races 8 & 9 to follow | Race 9 may be a long passage race |
| Thursday 1st April | 1000 | Race 10. Race 11 & 12 to follow. | |
| | 1600 (target time) | | Prize-giving at Port Hamble |

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 before leaving the marina and a man-overboard drill at sea.

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

8. **MEASUREMENT** All Oceanis 37s must remain within class rules at all times. Specially, this includes no removal of any standard equipment supplied by Fairview Sailing. Competitors should only use equipment supplied by Fairview Sailing, except for additional tape and ropes of up to 5mm diameter. The OS reserves the right to protest if this rule is breached.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the BUSA website Yacht Racing Championship page by Monday 22nd of March 2021. Printed copies of the Sailing Instructions Will be provided at check in.

10. VENUE

The race area will be in the central Solent.

11. THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed are expected to include a mixture of windward / leeward and coastal round the buoy 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 |
| Passage race | 2.0 |

- 13.3. In the Race Series:
 - 13.3.1. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's 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. Scores are changed as follows:
 - 13.4.1. 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.
 - 13.4.2. 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

Underwater breathing apparatus 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. BUCS points are not available for this event as a result of a Covid-related decision taken by BUCS.

19.2. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

| Result | Trophy or Award |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Winner of the Championship | Yachting Trophy |
| Top 3 teams in the Championship | BUCS Medals |
| Long inshore race (if sailed) in the Championship fleet | Jim Saltonstall Teapot Trophy |
| Top Scottish team | John Derbyshire Trophy |
| Top Welsh team | |

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 suggests all competitors ensure that they have adequate personal insurance for personal injury and personal effects.

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

All enquiries and correspondence should be addressed to: Hannah Peters, BUSA Secretary, 39 Park Road, Southampton, S0153AW

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