



Vose Secures FISU Scholarship 10/11/2014

University of Southampton sailor Annabel Vose has become one of just three exceptional athletes to receive a prestigious FISU scholarship, after an incredible year that saw her secure national and international titles.



BUCS is delighted to announce that Annabel Vose, from the University of Southampton, has been awarded a Scholarship by the International University Sport Federation (FISU) for 2014-15. Annabel is a sailor specialising in the 420 class and match racing discipline and has achieved success at University, National and International level over the last couple of years. Her nomination was submitted by BUCS and supported by the European University Sports Association (EUSA), and it is fantastic that her development and achievements are being recognised and supported by FISU.

Annabel has been sailing since the age of 7 and won her first national championship at 13. Since then she has gone on to compete consistently in a number of disciplines before choosing her specialist categories, where she has excelled. Her list of achievements is impressive and cites two World, one European and ten National Championship titles – including Gold at the 420 World and European Championships in 2012 and 2011 respectively.

Annabel's record in 2014 is exemplary, as she became captain and driver of the first ever GBR women's crew to enter the FISU World University Match Racing Championships. She remained unbeaten until the final, which she then won 2-1 to claim the Gold medal on her first attempt. On a domestic level she won Gold (as Captain) at the 2014 BUCS Yachting Nationals, 1st Female (Captain and Driver) at the 2014 BUCS Match Racing Nationals and Silver (Captain and driver) in the 2014 BUCS Fleet Racing Nationals, as well as becoming the first ever Lady to win Gold at the British Youth Match Racing Nationals.

All of this success has come whilst Annabel has continued her Master's Degree in Ship Science at Southampton, attaining excellent results in a subject directly related to her sport.

Since receiving the scholarship Annabel has also gone on to win the 2014 Student Yachting World Championship and, whilst her yacht and match racing disciplines are no longer Olympic sports, she is definitely a name to watch in the future.

Reflecting on her incredible year and the scholarship, Annabel commented that “to be recognised for all the hard work I have put into my sailing and my studies is brilliant. I had the best summer competing in some amazing venues and coming home with 2 World Championship titles really consolidated all the training I had fitted in through the year.” She went on to praise the support given to her by her institution, saying that “the link between education and sport is really key and the University of Southampton have been wonderful in supporting me with both of these – being awarded the scholarship is testament to their support.”

Neil Rogers, BUCS Head of International Programmes, fully endorsed Annabel’s successful nomination and described her as embodying FISU’s ethos of supporting “today’s stars, tomorrow’s leaders”.

The other two recipients of the FISU Scholarship are Joshua Cheptegei, a cross-country runner from Uganda, and Natalie Good, a snowboarder from New Zealand. For more information about FISU, visit their website:



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