

BUSA Tour 2019 - Event Info



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Overview

The BUSA tour is the Biennial Challenge between the Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association USA (ICSA) and the British Universities Sailing Association (BUSA). This time round, the challenge will be taking place in the US, namely the throughout New England and the Mid-Atlantic.

The challenge will be approximately 18 days long, where the BUSA team of 8 sailors will start in Boston and work their way down the east coast to DC, competing in 5 trophy events throughout the course of the challenge. The tour will also allow the BUSA team to compete in various ISCA college championships outside of the trophy events.

Applications are open to any university student at a club with BUSA membership.

Please see the tour page for more details and highlights of previous tours:

<https://busa.co.uk/events/busaicsa-tour>

Event Date: 4th – 23rd September 2019*

**the dates are flexible to flight prices, and the team may fly out earlier or later within the first week of September.*

Racing Format:

The tour consists of 5 trophy events:

- 2x 3v3 double handed team racing (firefly)
- 3v3 Laser team racing
- Keelboat match racing
- 2K Team racing

These will take place over weekdays of the course of the Tour.

The team will also compete in American collegiate events during the weekends of the tour, including an ISCA fleet racing championship on the 21st – 22nd September.

Team Format:

8-12 sailors, consisting of at least 20% male and 20% female.

Application:

The following form must be completed and submitted by 31st March 2019: Late applications will not be accepted.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/14YnvhOUMjicHxzaABLWeWEgNvtAtWoQNOOxQSDvdfk/edit?vc=0&c=0&w=1#responses>



Expected tour route / events*

The team will fly into Boston in the first week of September, training with and likely being hosted by Boston sailors.

The team will then travel to Yale, where they will have a dedicated berth and will compete in trophy events from the 8th-14th Sept.

Following this, the team will go to Washington DC via NYC. There will be a trophy event held in NY, with the potential for a Tour Alumni dinner at NY Yacht Club. Several days will be put aside for sightseeing/break periods in both of these cities.

Further trophy events will be held on the 16th-20th in the mid-Atlantic. The weekend of the 21st-22nd, the team will compete in an ISCA fleet racing event, before returning to the UK from DC/Baltimore.

Expected Costs

Sailors should expect to fund the tour themselves. The selected team will also be expected to assist with fundraising to help lower the costs.

Key costs will include:

- Flights outward (Boston)
- Returning Flights (DC)
- Minivan Rental + Travel
- Accommodation for several, but not all, nights of the tour. It is likely that the team will be hosted by various colleges along the course of the tour.

Sailors should also be aware that there may be other costs outside of the actual tour to be contributed to, such as training. It should be made clear that this event will not be cheap. Roughly, flights have been estimated to cost £500, and minivan rental in the US can be extortionate.

BUSA will do their utmost to provide support for this, and to help make the tour as inexpensive as possible. BUSA are in the process of seeking team sponsorship, funding, team kit etc. however no guarantees of support can be made at this stage. Further details regarding costs will be published following team selection.

For details on the selection process, please see the published BUSA Tour Notice of Selection 2019.

If you have any further questions, please contact the BUSA Men's/Women's Captains; Joe Burns and Hebe Hemming: Busacaptains2019@gmail.com