

## **The first of five BUSA/ICSA Tour matches begins today!**

The ICSA Squad of 7 men and 1 woman, drawn from the top sailing universities across the US, and accompanied by coach Tim King of University of South Florida touched down mid-morning on Wednesday 9th July.

Quickly down to business, they shook out any stiffness and countered the jet-lag from the long flight by getting straight on the water at Farmoor Reservoir, Oxford for a late afternoon training session in Fireflies with the BUSA squad. We were treated to glorious British summer sunshine and temperatures in the high 20s; a pleasant surprise for our guests (many of whom hail from California and Florida)!

After two days of productive training in the Oxford University Fireflies, we are getting down to business today with the first Trophy Match of the Tour, the **Thomas Lipton Trophy**: 3 boat Firefly team racing in which no helm may sail consecutive races (each sailor alternates between crewing and helming).

Pictures and results to follow shortly!

The ICSA sailors have a couple of pages about the Tour, for those interested to get the American perspective!

Official ICSA BUSA Tour blog, run by coach Tim King: <http://collegesailing.org/busa-news/>  
Blog of one of the ICSA squad members: [www.chrisbarnardsailing.com](http://www.chrisbarnardsailing.com)