



BUCS YACHTING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014

NOTICE OF RACE

13th – 17th April 2014



1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Organising Authority is the Portsmouth Harbour Yacht Club and the British Universities Sailing Association (BUSAs).
- 1.2 All enquiries and correspondence should be addressed to:
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2 RULES

- The Regatta will be governed by:
- 2.1 The Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS).
 - 2.2 Sunsail F40 Class Rules.
 - 2.3 RRS Appendix D (Team Racing Rules) will not apply.
 - 2.4 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.

3 NAVIGATION RESTRICTIONS, SAFETY REGULATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Boats shall comply with:
- 3.1 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 4.
 - 3.2 The Southampton Bye-Laws 10 and 11 and ABP Southampton Notice to Mariners Number 4 of 2004. A yacht infringing this instruction shall be disqualified (which shall be non-excludable (DNE)) without a hearing (changing rules 63.1 and 90.3(b)) except that she shall be entitled to a hearing on request.
 - 3.3 The Southampton, Portsmouth Harbour byelaws where applicable.

4 ENTRIES AND YACHTS

- 4.1 **Entries will only be accepted via the BUCScore online entry system.** A separate charter document must be completed, printed and posted to Sunsail along with a fee or purchase order for **£1600.00 Charter Fee** and **£3000.00 Security Deposit** (either via BACS or Cheque, payable to Sunsail Worldwide Sailing Ltd, Personal cheques will not be accepted. Cheques will be cashed). Entries must be received by **Monday 3rd February 2014**. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 4.2 The event is open to teams of **EIGHT** people all of whom must sail on the boat while racing, which must include at least two females.
- 4.3 The Skipper/Helm for each team must have a minimum of 500nm Racing experience in order to charter a boat from Sunsail. At least 2 members of the team must hold a valid RYA Day Skipper Practical qualification or equivalent keelboat racing experience (To check with Sunsail please call 02392 222 221).
- 4.4 The number of teams is limited to the number of boats made available by Sunsail. **Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis in the order that entries are received.**
- 4.5 A Sunsail F40 will be chartered to each team. The allocation of boats will be by a draw. Any consequences of the allocation including the supply, condition and maintenance of a boat and her equipment shall not comprise grounds for seeking redress (affecting RRS 62.1 (a)).
- 4.6 Attention is drawn to the event documents available on the official website www.busa.co.uk The following documents must be completed and returned with the appropriate fee to the organising authority, before an entry can be considered as valid:
 - 4.6.1 Official Entry Form (on BUCScore)
 - Sunsail Charter Booking Form.

5 PROGRAMME

- 5.1 Registration. All Crew members must register in person at Port Solent between 1700 and 1900 on Sunday 13th April 2014. The yachts will be allocated by draw and a hand over and inventory check must be conducted on the allocated yacht. Failure to do so may render a team liable for previously caused damage

or loss to a yacht or her equipment. Sunsail staff will be on hand to assist. **At registration and until 1900 on the 13th April 2014 competitors shall produce their University Registration Card to the OA (NUS cards will not be sufficient).**

5.2 Boat Collection will be from 1900 – 2100.

5.3 Skippers Briefing. This will take place at 1900 on Sunday 13th April 2014 at the Portsmouth Harbour Yacht Club.

5.4 It is the intention of the Organizing Authority that the regatta will consist of a qualifying series and a final series. The Qualifying series is scheduled for Monday to Wednesday. The final series is scheduled for Thursday. The Final series may be bought forward at the discretion of the Race Committee.

All boats will be assigned to the same fleet during the qualifying series. Boats will be assigned to the final series fleets Gold and Silver, based on their rank in the qualifying series. Details of fleet assignments and starts will be described in the SI's.

5.5 Provisional Race Schedule.

Monday 14th April	Practice Race	(4 practice starts, followed by a race starting at approx 11.00)	10:00 (warning signal)
	Race 1	Windward/Leeward	a.s.a.p. after practice race
	Race 2	Windward/Leeward	a.s.a.p. after Race 1
	Race 3	Windward/Leeward	a.s.a.p. after Race 2
Tuesday 15th April	Race 4	Windward/Leeward	09:30 (warning signal)
	Race 5	Windward/Leeward	a.s.a.p. after Race 4
	Race 6	(inshore coastal race approximately 2 hrs)	a.s.a.p. after Race 5
Wednesday 16th April	Race 7	Windward/Leeward	09:15 (warning signal)
	Race 8	(long inshore race - approximately 4-5 hrs)	a.s.a.p. after Race 7
Thursday 17th April	Race 9	Windward/Leeward	Gold Fleet 10:00 (warning signal) Silver Fleet 10.15 (warning signal)
	Race 10	Windward/Leeward	a.s.a.p. after Race 9 Gold Fleet Silver Fleet 15 mins after Gold Fleet
	Prize Giving		17:00

5.5.1 The practice race will not count towards the series.

5.6 Tides (Portsmouth).

Monday 14th	1051	4.4m
Tuesday 15th	1124	4.5m
Wednesday 16th	1158	4.6m
Thursday 17th	1234	4.6m

6 ELIGIBILITY

6.1 To be eligible each member of a team must be an internal student, registered at the University or Higher Education Establishment they represent and following a full-time or part-time course of study recognised by that University or Establishment. Also eligible are: sabbatical officers of a Students' Union or Athletic Union; sandwich course students, provided duration of course in industry is less than 12 months; students who have finished their course of study in December or March of the current academic year, and in accordance with the rules and regulations set out by the British University & College Sports.

6.2 International entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

7 SCORING

7.1 The sailing instructions will modify RRS A.2 regarding discounted races for the qualifying and final series scoring.

7.2 10 races are scheduled of which 2 must be completed for the event to qualify as a championship. 8 races are scheduled for the qualifying series. If 2 or less races are completed all races shall count in a boats qualifying series score. If 3 or more races are completed in the qualifying series a boats qualifying series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score except that it will not be possible to discard the Inshore coastal and the Long Inshore race (if raced).

- 7.3 Each final series fleet shall be scored separately. Different final series fleets need not have completed the same number of final races. The boats in the Gold fleet will be ranked highest in the regatta. All races in the final series will count towards a boats final series score.
A boats regatta score shall be points equal to her qualifying series score, following any discards plus her final series score.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 Sailing Instructions may be available from the official website from **9th April 2014** www.busa.co.uk. Printed copies will be available at Registration on Sunday 13th April 2014.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 Courses will be laid in the Eastern, Central and Western Solent area using fixed or specially laid marks. Races 6 and 8 will be coastal and a long inshore race.
9.2 The Practice Race will start in the Eastern Solent **at 1000 hrs prompt**.
9.3 The Race Committee reserves the right to alter the date for the Long Inshore Race subject to weather conditions.

10 PROTEST COMMITTEE

- 10.1 A Protest Committee will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91.
10.2 A boat may not protest under the Class Rules (changes RRS 60.1(a)).

11 SOCIAL PROGRAMME will be announced in March 2014.

12 RISK STATEMENT

- 12.1** A boat and team are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 12.2** Competitors' attention is particularly drawn to rule 4: *"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"*.
- 12.3** Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the Championship, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- 12.3.1** 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 Championship;
 - 12.3.2** they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - 12.3.3** they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - 12.3.4** they are fit to participate in the Championship and, before racing in any boats supplied to them, they will satisfy themselves that such boats are in good order and equipped to race in the Championship;
 - 12.3.5** the provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and any other officials and volunteers does not relieve them of their responsibilities; and
 - 12.3.6** the provision of any patrol boat or other official boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 The top English, Scottish and Welsh teams from this event may be invited to the Student Yachting Worlds 2014 (providing they are eligible to race with no crew changes). If the winning team are ineligible to compete then a runner up may be offered an invite. The decision of the British Universities Sailing Association General Committee is final and such a decision is not grounds for redress at this event (changes rule 62).
- 13.2 BUCS points and medals will be awarded.
- 13.3 The winner of the Long Inshore Race (if raced) will be awarded the Jim Saltonstall Teapot Trophy.