

# BUCS / BUSA Team Racing Championships 2014 Information Pack

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## General Information

**Host University:** University of Strathclyde, Glasgow

**Venue:** Strathclyde Loch, Strathclyde Country Park, 366 Hamilton Road, Motherwell, ML1 3ED

**Dates:** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April to Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2014

## Travel

### Arriving in Glasgow

**By Car:** The two main driving routes to Scotland from the south are via the east of England on the A1, or via the west using the M6, A74(M) and M74. The M8 then leads directly into Glasgow.

**By Train:** Regular train services operate to Glasgow's two main train stations: Glasgow Central and Glasgow Queen Street. Both stations are located in the heart of the city centre, with easy access to final destinations in the city centre either on foot or by taxi. Alternatively, the Subway is a cheap way to travel to more distant destinations within Glasgow. The closest Subway station to Glasgow Central is St Enoch Street, while the closest to Glasgow Queen Street is Buchanan Street. More details can be found at <http://www.spt.co.uk/subway/>.

**By Air:** Flights are available to Glasgow International Airport, Prestwick International Airport and Edinburgh Airport.

- The 500 bus (Glasgow Shuttle) service operates regularly between Glasgow International Airport and city centre. Journey time is approximately 20 minutes and costs £8.50 for an open return ticket. More information can be found at: [http://www.firstgroup.com/ukbus/glasgow/journey\\_planning/glasgow\\_shuttle/](http://www.firstgroup.com/ukbus/glasgow/journey_planning/glasgow_shuttle/).
- Regular train services run between Prestwick International Airport and Glasgow Central station. Journey times vary between 35 and 60 minutes and a single ticket costs £7.60 or £5 with a 16-25 railcard.
- The Citylink Air service operates up to every 30 minutes between Edinburgh Airport and Glasgow Buchanan Street Bus Station, which is also located in the heart of the city. Journey times are around 60 minutes and a return ticket costs £16. More information can be found at <http://www.citylink.co.uk/citylinkair.php>.

**By Coach:** A number of national coach and bus services operate to Buchanan Street Bus Station.

## Directions to Venue

**By Car:** From the city centre, get onto the M8 towards Edinburgh/Carlisle/Stirling. At Junction 8, take the exit for M73 towards M74/Carlisle. Follow signs onto the M74. Exit at Junction 8 onto Hamilton Road/A723 towards Motherwell/Wishaw. Follow signs for Strathclyde Country Park. There is a large car park available at the back of the Watersports Centre. Journey time is approximately 20 minutes, depending on traffic.

**By Train:** Train services operate between Glasgow Central Lower Level and either Motherwell or Airbles stations. Journey times to Motherwell are between 20 and 40 minutes, while Airbles is slightly closer to Glasgow. It is just over a mile from Motherwell station to the venue, around 25 minutes walk. Airbles station is around a 20 minute walk from the venue. Please note that the first train on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April departs from Glasgow Central Lower Level at 08:24, arriving at Motherwell at 08:52. A return ticket costs £4.80 without a railcard.

Alternatively, University of Strathclyde are happy to offer a taxi service for teams between Airbles or Motherwell stations to the venue. If you would like to be picked up, please get in contact prior to the event.

## Parking in Glasgow

There are a number of large car parks in the centre of Glasgow. Full details including locations, prices and height restrictions can be found at: <http://www.cityparkingglasgow.co.uk/>.

Alternatively parts of the centre have free street parking between 18:00 and 08:00. These areas tend to be to the more western or eastern sides of the centre. If you have any questions regarding parking in a particular area, please get in contact.

## Accommodation

### Hosting

The University of Strathclyde are able to offer city centre accommodation to a number of teams at the flats and houses of club members. This will be offered on a first-come-first-served basis, and those wanting to take advantage of this offer should get in contact. Those staying with club members will be obliged to purchase a full social ticket.

### Hotels and Apartments

There is a very wide range of hotels and bed & breakfasts available both in Glasgow and closer to the venue, suitable for most budgets. Rooms are available from around £25 per person per night. Apartments are also available from around £30 per person per night.

### Hostels

There are a number of hostels available in Glasgow which offer cheap and cheerful accommodation. A selection of these can be found below:

Hostel	Address	Contact	Price
Eurohostel	Glasgow city centre – 318 Clyde Street, G1 4NR	Website: <a href="https://www.euro-hostels.co.uk/glasgow">https://www.euro-hostels.co.uk/glasgow</a> Tel: +44 (0)8455 399 956	£17 per person per night in a 9-bed private room
BlueSky Hostel	Close to Glasgow city centre – 65 Berkeley Street, G3 7DX	Website: <a href="http://www.blueskyhostel.com/">http://www.blueskyhostel.com/</a> Tel: + 44 (0)141 221 1710 Email: blueskyhostel@virginmedia.com	Approximately £11.50 per person per night in an 8-bed room
Glasgow Youth Hostel	Glasgow West End - 8 Park Terrace, G3 6BY	Website: <a href="http://syha.org.uk/hostels-in-scotland/lowlands/glasgow.aspx">http://syha.org.uk/hostels-in-scotland/lowlands/glasgow.aspx</a> Tel: +44 (0)141 332 3004 Email: glasgow@syha.org.uk	£17 per person per night in a shared room OR £24 per person per night in 6- person flat

## Camping

For the most hardy, camping is available only 10 minutes from the venue. Strathclyde Country Park Caravan Club Site, Bothwellhaugh Road, Bothwell, Glasgow, G71 8NY offers pitches for £6.70 per night plus £6.60 per person per night. Discounts may be available to those staying at the site for an event within the Country Park. More details can be found at the website shown below: <http://www.caravanclub.co.uk/caravanclubapps/applications/uk-caravan-sites-and-parks/SiteDetails.aspx?csid=562463>

## Event Information

### Training

There will be an opportunity for teams to train at Strathclyde Loch prior to the event. There will be a charge of £4.20 per person for “use of the water” as the Loch is only booked for exclusive use from Sunday to Tuesday. Additionally, we would charge a small fee for use of the boats. Full changing facilities are available in the Watersports Centre. If you like to take advantage of this opportunity, please get in contact as soon as possible so that we can make the appropriate arrangements.

### BUSA AGM

A BUSA Meeting will be held at Strathclyde Loch after sailing on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014, prior to the AGM which will be held at BUSA Yachting. More information will be provided in due course.

## Socials

There will be a social event organised for each evening during the event, which will all be held within the heart of the city centre. The pinnacle of the social calendar will be the Ball on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April. This will include a drinks reception, three-course meal with wine, and a full blown Scottish Ceilidh. Social tickets and ball only tickets will be available. Further details of the social arrangements will be posted on the event Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/189716437906277/>.

## Items to Note

### Subway

The Subway only operates between 10:00 and 18:00 on a Sunday.

### Alcohol

In Scotland alcohol is sold in shops and off-licences between 10:00 and 22:00 only. After this time, it is only available in licensed premises.

In Scotland it is illegal to drink or have opened alcohol container on the streets or in public spaces. If caught, you are liable to a fixed penalty notice and an on-the-spot fine of £40, which can rise to £60 if unpaid and unchallenged within 28 days.

### Strathclyde Country Park

The Loch has been exclusively hired for the duration of the event however it is set within Strathclyde Country Park which is open to the public. Therefore, please be aware that there may be members of the public around during the event.

## Useful Contacts

We are more than happy to help in any way we can. If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch:

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Sailing-related information including Pre-Event Information, Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for the event can be found online at: <http://www.busa.co.uk/events/championships/>.

Information will also be posted periodically on the event Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/189716437906277/>.