



BUCS YACHTING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

9th-13th April 2017

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1. The Organising Authority is the Portsmouth Harbour Yacht Club, the British Universities Sailing Association (BUSA), and British Universities & Colleges Sports (BUCS).

2. RULES

2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, including the RYA Prescriptions and RYA Racing Charter.

2.2. Sunsail Match First 40 Class Rules shall apply.

2.3. 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.

2.4. Racing rules 62.1, 63.7, A4.2 and A2.1 will be changed as follows:

a) 62.1 See NoR 4.9

b) 63.7 In the event of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

c) A4.1 See NoR 9.5.

d) A2.1 See NOR 9.6

2.5. The Exoneration Penalty, the advisory hearing, and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. Decisions from RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be re-opened or appealed.

3. ADVERTISING

3.1. Boats may be required to display advertising supplied by the Organising Authority.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. Entries must be received by **23.59 on Thursday 23rd February 2017** and are not valid unless all the entry requirements are met.

4.2. If the competition allows for more entries to be accepted after the initial deadline, a second stage of entries will be opened, for which the deadline by which entries must be received will be **23.59hrs on Thursday 23rd March 2017**. These Stage 2 Entries may be processed at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority and BUCS and there is no obligation to accept these entries. Priority will remain with the entries received before the Stage 1 entry closing date. If accepted, Stage 2 Entries will be charged an additional 20% fee.

4.3. Entries must be made via the BUCScore online entry system (accessed via a university's student or athletic union). On entry, a team must designate its team captain and provide contact details. They must also list all team members and any reserves. Individual competitors must be registered on BUCScore in order to enter via the system. Institutions should contact Nick Burley (BUCS Event Coordinator - Nick.Burley@bucs.org.uk) in the event of any problems using the system.

4.4. Teams are strongly advised to register as many reserves as possible on BUCScore. No competitor can compete at any stage of the Championship if they are not registered on BUCScore. Reserves can be added via BUCScore until **23.59hrs on Thursday 23rd March 2017**. The final and full **crew list must be e-mailed by the team or AU to busa@rya.org.uk by Friday 31st March 2017, using only those individual registered on BUCScore**. Late changes to crew lists may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

4.5. Guest Entries: The Organising Authority will consider Guest Entry requests, where a case can be made that they will support the development of student sailing. Any such entries will need to be requested via e-mail to busa@rya.org.uk and Nick.Burley@bucs.org.uk, outlining the proposed team and putting forward a case for their participation. If the case for a team is accepted, a nominated university/college will need to process the entry on BUCScore as per NoR 4.3 and in accordance with the deadline of NoR 4.1 or 4.2.

4.6. The number of teams is limited to the number of boats made available by Sunsail. Places will be allocated by BUSA, based on:

a) Meeting the required experience set out by the Sunsail Charter agreement.

b) One place per university, on a first come, first served basis in the order that entries are received.

c) All other places filled on a first come, first served basis in the order that entries are received.

d) Guest Entries at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

e) Stage 2 Entries, on a first come, first served basis in the order that entries are received at the discretion of the Organising Authority.



- 4.7. 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**.
- 4.8. The Skipper for each team must have a minimum racing experience of 500nm as Skipper 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.
- 4.9. A Sunsail Match First 40 will be chartered to each team. The allocation of boats will be by a draw on Sunday 9th April 2017 at 18.45. Any consequences of the allocation including the supply, condition and maintenance of a boat and her equipment shall not comprise grounds for seeking redress (this changes RRS 62.1 (a)).
- 4.10. The charter document must be completed and e-mailed to terryhunt@sunsail.com and Nick.Burley@bucs.org.uk by Thursday 23rd March 2017. The invoice or purchase order will be sent to the club, when their entry is accepted for **£1585.00 Entry Charter Fee** and **£3000.00 Entry Charter Security Deposit** (Payable via BACS or Cheque, to Sunsail Worldwide Sailing Ltd, Personal cheques will not be accepted. Cheques will be cashed).
- 4.11. The non-refundable **Entry Fee is £175 (Stage 1), per team** and is paid through BUCScore. Stage 2 entry fees will be £210 per team.
- 4.12. To be eligible each competitor must meet the BUCS General Regulations ([Reg 6 Eligibility](#)).
- 4.13. All competitors must be from an institution which is currently affiliated and in good standing with the British Universities Sailing Association.

5. SCHEDULE AND FORMAT

- 5.1. Registration. All Crew members must register in person at Port Solent between 1700 and 1845 on Sunday 9th April 2017. All competitors shall present their University Registration Card to the Organising Authority at registration (NUS cards will not be sufficient). The yachts will be allocated by draw and a handover/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.
- 5.2. Boat Collection will be from 1930 – 2100.
- 5.3. Competitors Briefing. This will take place at 1900 on Sunday 9th April 2017 at the Portsmouth Harbour Yacht Club.
- 5.4. It is the intention of the Organising Authority that the regatta will consist of 8 qualifying races and 3 final series races. The qualifying series may consist of a mixture of windward / leeward and coastal racing. The final series will be windward / leeward races.
- 5.5. Boats will be assigned to the final series fleets Gold and Silver, based on their rank in the qualifying series.
- 5.6. Provisional Schedule

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| Sunday 9 th April | 17:00 to 18:45 Registration at Portsmouth Harbour Yacht Club 18:45 Boat allocation draw 19:00 Competitors briefing |
| Monday 10 th April | 08:30 Harbour exit 10:00 Warning signal for practice starts and race 11:15 Race 1 warning signal with a further 2 (windward / leeward) races |
| Tuesday 11 th April | 10:00 First warning signal – 3 races scheduled, including one coastal race of approximately 3 hours. |
| Wednesday 12 th April | 10:00 First warning signal – 2 races scheduled, including one coastal race of approximately 5 hours. |
| Thursday 13 th April | 10:00 First warning signal - 3 (windward / leeward) races scheduled. Prize giving after racing (target time 16:00) |

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and will be posted on the BUSA and BUCS website events page by Tuesday 4th April 2017.

7. RACE AREAS

- 7.1. The race area will be in The Solent and adjacent waters east of the Isle of Wight.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. A variety of windward / leeward and coastal round the buoys courses will be used. Downwind and reaching starts may be used. Further details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply except as modified below.
- 9.2. The Qualifying series shall comprise at least three completed races.
- 9.3. If three or more races have been completed by the end of racing on Wednesday, a Final Series will be sailed on Thursday.
- 9.4. If less than three races have been completed by the end of racing on Wednesday, the Qualifying Series will continue on Thursday and no Final Series will be sailed.



- 9.5. Weighting: points will be multiplied by the points factor applying to the race. For windward/leeward races the points factor will be 1.0, the Coastal Race the points factor is 1.5, and the Long Inshore Race the points factor is 2.0. BFD, DSQ, DNE and DGM shall receive points for one place worse than DNF (changes RRS A4.1).
- 9.6. If five or more races are completed in the Qualifying Series, a boat's worst score for these races shall be discarded. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 9.7. No score shall be excluded in the Final Series.
- 9.8. A boat's championship ranking shall be based on the total of her Qualifying Series score (after any discard is applied) and her Final Series score.
- 9.9. If at least one Final Series race is completed, Silver Fleet boats shall be ranked below the lowest ranked Gold Fleet boat.

10. SAFETY

- 10.1. A man-overboard procedure and safety briefing shall be practiced aboard each boat by the crew racing in the championship prior to the first race of the series.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1. The winner will be awarded the Sunsail Trophy.
- 11.2. BUCS points and medals will be awarded.
- 11.3. The top English, Scottish and Welsh teams from this event may be invited to the Student Yachting Worlds 2017 (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 invitation.
- 11.4. The winner of the Long Inshore Race (if raced) will be awarded the Jim Saltonstall Teapot Trophy.
- 11.5. The top Scottish and Welsh Teams may be awarded trophies.

12. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) 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 event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;
- h) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

13. MEDIA RIGHTS

In participating in the BUCS Championships any competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority permission to make, use and show, from time to time, any motion pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the event without compensation, in perpetuity.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

All enquires and correspondence should be addressed to: BUSA, RYA House, Ensign Way, Hamble, Southampton, SO31 4YA.
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