

## BUSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### THE BUSA AGM HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at the BUSA TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS at Grafham Water Sailing Club

#### Attendees

Emma Hartley, Karen Rawson, Jake Miller, Will Caiger, George Atwell, Peter Saxton Luke Stanislaus Ashi Banerjee, Peter Owen Richard Moxey, James Chapman, Neil Collingridge  
 Edinburgh University Sailing Club-Loughborough University-Sheffield University Sailing Club-Birmingham York University Sailing and Windsurfing Club-University of Nottingham Sailing Club-Warwick -Aberdeen University Sailing Club-University of Plymouth sailing club-Newcastle University Sailing and Yachting Club Lancaster-Dundee University Sailing Club-Manchester-University of Bristol Sailing Club-University of Strathclyde Sailing Club-UWE-Cardiff-University of Reading Sailing and Windsurfing Club-University of Liverpool SC-Exeter University Sailing Club-UEA-University of St Andrews Sailing Club-University of Kent sailing-Sheffield Hallam Sailing Club-Imperial College Sailing Club-Cambridge University Cruising Club-UCL -Durham-Sussex University-Glasgow-UWE-Bangor University Sailing Club-Bath-Loughborough Students Sailing and Windsurfing-Southampton-University of Lincoln-Oxford University Yacht Club

	Item	Lead
1.	Apologies for absence Alaric Bates, George Kennedy Maia Hallam Innes Bamford Harley Stone	EH
2.	Notifications of any other business-none	EH
3.	Welcome-all members both online and in person were welcomed to the 2023 AGM	EH
4.	Minutes of the 2022 AGM These were circulated and have been on the website for a year. Proposer Jake Miller Seconder Peter Owen	EH
5.	<p>Summary of the Year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Executive Committee Report</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Chair Emma Hartley</b>                      Summary-we have had a full program of events. The Irish tour was established, the Riders cup. We have given over 1000.00 in development grants pending 2022. Budget was for 3000.00 development. 2000.00 deficit. This will be going back into university sailing and bidding for round 3 will open soon. Looking forward to the committee elections, I would like to ask that volunteers on the committee step up to ensure better student sailing</p> <p><b>Vice Chair George Kennedy</b>                      We have continued our partnership with rooster. Allowing universities to get a discount on rooster kit. As well as them supporting our committee and events with kit and prizes. Our partnership with Ksail has strengthened with them helping us at every team racing event and at fleets. Having an easy option to rent a spares package for any event as well as their continued support with scheduling and event documentations.                      The whole committee has worked very hard for the last year running all our events at a high standard. Thanks to Emma and Peter for their support of BUSA over the last few years.</p> <p><b>Tour Manager George Atwell</b></p>	EH

Over the past year BUSA have successfully established The Rider Cup in collaboration with the Irish University Sailing Association (IUSA). In October the first leg was hosted in Dublin, with the Irish winning, and in February the second leg was hosted by Southampton – with BUSA winning. This has been a successful addition to the BUSA calendar and developed relationships with IUSA.

The American Tour, in partnership with the Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association (ICSA), is being planned to be hosted across the UK at the end of July and beginning of August. There is the potential of a return leg in September to account for the lost competitions over COVID. Preparation for this event has been going well, with team selection opening after the culmination of Finals. The current itinerary sees the teams visit Royal Northern and Clyde YC, Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, and West Kirby with involvement in a mix of local and national competitions. I look forward to welcoming team applications and running The Tour.

- **Area Reports**

#### **Scotland**

The 2023 season has been a very successful season for Scottish Student Sailing. We have seen an increase in participation in all racing disciplines and social sailing. The Scottish region has brought in its highest combined BUCS points total in over 10 years and we are excited to see a BUCS event being hosted in Scotland next year for the first time since 2018. Our members have been working very hard to improve their clubs and as a result we have seen Scottish student sailing clubs achieve various awards from club of the year, green club of the year, volunteer of the year, and performance awards at their sports union awards ceremonies.

#### **Northern**

Everything has gone well in my region and I'm glad that we were able to do a joined develop training session that has proven the benefits within the qualifiers.

#### **Midlands**

It's been a good year for the midlands area, with Warwick successfully running the BUCS Fleet Racing Championships. We've also had a few new developing clubs in the region, with Keele University and Lincoln University both reaching out for advice on developing their clubs and joining the university sailing community. Qualifiers also ran successfully at Nottingham.

#### **Eastern**

- Good communication from universities
- Some joint university training throughout the year
- Successful and competitive team racing events with good feedback from universities
- Really fun and enjoyable year overall

#### **Western**

2022 to 2023 has been another Successful year for the West, with plenty of team racing events both in the West and success for Western teams outside in other regions. A thank you to Bristol for organising qualifiers, while it took a day longer than anticipated in windy conditions, enough races were completed. My congratulations to Bristol Red on winning the playoffs and deservedly taking a place in the finals. I hope that my successor will aid all universities in every way that they can and that 2023-24 is a success for the West as it was this year if not more so - and that qualifiers have a more suitable wind.

#### **South**

Although we had an issue to begin with, with communications, this was worked on and resolved throughout the year. Joint training was done, and we had great success in play offs and qualifiers.

- **Discipline Officers**

#### **Team Racing Peter Owen**

Many thanks to hosts: Scottish Unis (Glasgow, St. Andrews and Dundee) Liverpool, Nottingham, Bristol, Portsmouth, Southampton and Cambridge.

Thanks to Emma for doing much of the work for finals.

Good general health - numbers still slightly down on pre-covid  
Regions being more dynamic is good - didn't need to be used this year - opens space for future.

#### **KSail Discussion**

Aim: To ensure the partnership is fair to both parties and provides useful benefit to KSail.

Results: Agreed on KSail support for TR championships. And to help try and raise awareness of KSail services for clubs. - Great resource.

Also, just a huge thanks to Keith.

Started work on a how to run an event document to try and help clubs run successful events, needs neatening up and review, but I would be keen to do that before handover - or discuss with successor.

#### **-Keelboating Milly Jinks**

13 Teams attended with the same format as last year, with the full set of races being ran this year. Well done to Strathclyde for winning overall.

#### **-Match racing Will Caiger**

It's been a difficult year for match racing in general across both BUSA and the RYA run events.

At the beginning of this year, I reached out to the 707 class as suggested by the previous year's committee. This was in an attempt to jointly move the main championships further north, in the larger Scottish 707 fleet; and to try and establish a relationship between BUSA and the class in order to create a repeatable format for the match racing championship. Despite my best efforts the class simply did not prioritise involvement in match racing.

Over the summer leading up to the start of the university calendar I organised a coached training event in the Sonars in Cowes. This was well received and was going to run successfully with 6 teams until some unfortunate team drop-outs.

On to the BUCS championship. Our aim this year was run an event which can break even with sensible entry prices. We hosted it in the Sonars in Cowes, and whilst we had issues with breakages on the Sonars. The event did demonstrate a model which can break even, but not in a sustainable way from year to year. We relied heavily on contacts providing RIBs, accommodation etc. for free.

There is no silver bullet solution to the cost of match racing. For as long as university sailing's main focus is on team racing, the resources and boats for match racing will come at a price.

I'd like to thank the rest of the committee for all their help in organising match racing this year, and all the competitors of last weekend's championship. And I wish next year's match racing officer the best of luck in carrying the discipline forwards.

#### **Fleet racing Luke Stanislaus**

This year we hosted a successful and well attended fleets at Draycote with some great help from the Draycote team. 2 days of blustery and occasionally rainy sailing led to a solid set of results after a quick AP on the Sunday due to fog. Overall, a successful fleet and I look forward to another thriving fleets hosted at Strathclyde next year!

#### **Development Harley Stone**

Target to spend 3000.00 with a third bid to be opening soon but no report sent in

#### **Finance and Accounts**

##### **Treasurer Alaric Bates**

Apologies for my lack of attendance, unfortunately my plans to attend the event changed.

This year we have taken a significant step with the BUSA finances with the aim to increase investment in clubs and events over the next couple of years to strengthen the clubs which

	<p>form university sailing. Planning for a loss over a year is an unusual process and is something which has had to be done with a higher level of redundancy in place for events compared to previous years. This is exaggerated with BUSA Match racing where we are still in a transition to running the event solely by ourselves and trying to insure it is a sustainable event for both teams attending and ourselves as hosts.</p> <p>The main differences in the 2022-23 budget compared to previous years is the increase in development funding available to clubs, this was increased with the aim of promoting more development events as well as supporting clubs which are still struggling after covid. Looking at current projections the total spent in development funding is significantly less than budgeted, with the limiting factor now being the number of applications and quality of applications rather than budget. The aim of the third application window is to correct this whilst providing an opportunity.</p> <p>for new committees to apply for funding for development events happening in the beginning of the academic year. After a number of years, the return of BUSA tours has also increased spending compared to previous years where the money has been allocated but not used. Should there be any feedback or questions please don't hesitate to drop me an email at <a href="mailto:treasurer@busa.co.uk">treasurer@busa.co.uk</a></p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>Discussion Points</b></p> <p><b>BUSA Committee structure</b></p> <p>To look at how we can the committee more attractive and as to whether we restructure.</p> <p><b>TR Finals and Irish invite</b></p> <p>The committee decided to invite an Irish team. 27 teams from qualifiers and playoffs make the finals and the final slot to an invited Irish team. Do we think this is a good thing and to be kept in the NOR for next year. This was discussed and is to be continued to work on with the next committee.</p> <p><b>Cost of BUCS events</b></p> <p>Any feedback on this, please send to secretary.</p> <p><b>Firefly Builder</b></p> <p>Alex Ogilive Technical Secretary of The Firefly committee came and spoke to the members about building new Fireflies and the new contract builder Ovington. The cost of a new one will go up by cost of inflation. In return an excellent product with longer life and a more positive customer experience</p> <p><b>Warwick Fleets proposal</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Team Championships for the BUCS Fleet Racing Championships should change to allow for mixed teams.</li> <li>2. This will enable mixed teams formed from mixed double handed boats and a mixture of single-handed boats to be entered, similar to what is implemented elsewhere in the national echelons of the sailing community such as the RS200 Top Uni prize, the RYA Youth Nationals with the mixed medal categories as well as in the BUCS Team Racing Championships.</li> <li>3. This should allow smaller institutions to enter just one team and allow for a mixture of genders to sail, rather than forcing them to choose only one gender to qualify for BUCS Points.</li> <li>4. The introduction of a mixed category allows for inclusion of non-binary sailors as they do not need to identify as either male or female to qualify for the Team Championships, similar to the RYA Youth Nationals Non-Binary prize category.</li> <li>5. The mixed team eligibility criteria should include a similar clause to the rest of the Sailing BUCS events mandating minimum numbers for both males and females to ensure gender diversity remains.</li> </ol> <p>This is to be discussed further and taken up with the new committee.</p> <p><b>Other discussion points</b></p> <p><b>Oxford</b> raised the issue of the lack of female helms. For example, 84 helms at finals with less</p>	<p>EH</p>

	than 10 females. Propose change to remedy this within BUSA and looked at over the next year	
7.	Constitutional and Standing Order Amendment(s) None raised and remain the same	EH
8.	<p>Officer Elections</p> <p><b>President</b> Neil Collingridge</p> <p><b>Chair</b> Jake Miller</p> <p><b>Vice Chair</b> George Atwell</p> <p><b>Treasurer</b> Ashi Banerjee &amp; Alaric Bates</p> <p><b>Team Racing Officer</b></p> <p><b>Fleet Racing Officer</b> Callum Bell</p> <p><b>Keelboating Officer</b> Dom Williams</p> <p><b>Match Racing Officer</b> No one standing.</p> <p><b>Development Officer</b> Matt Smith &amp; Matty Evans</p> <p><b>Media Officer</b> Sophia Lopez</p> <p><b>Tour Manager</b> no one standing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regional Chairs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>Scottish</b> Stuart Farmer</li> <li>o <b>Northern</b> no one standing.</li> <li>o <b>Midlands</b> Amelie Sadler</li> <li>o <b>Western</b> Robin Alexander</li> <li>o <b>Southern</b> Matthieu Gillet</li> <li>o <b>Eastern</b> Michaela Attfield</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	EH
	<p>Any Other Business (AOB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Southampton University-Team Racing, number of teams per university that can enter. Stop racing being cut short and help teams to develop-This is to be emailed to the secretary and discussed with the new committee</li> </ul>	EH
9.	<p><b>Results of the 2023-2024 elections announced.</b></p> <p>All uncontested roles passed with a majority. Roles contested were put to an electronic vote and the results were Treasurer-Ashi Banerjee, Development-Matty Evans, Fleets-Calum Bell</p>	EH
10.	<p>Annual General Meeting Dates for the coming year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2024 AGM Team Racing Finals 2024. Date TBC</li> </ul>	KR