

THE BUSA AGM WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 19th April 2022 at the BUSA TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS at Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club AND BY ZOOM AT 19-00

Attendees Emma Hartley Patrick Whelan Pip Cropley Kate Ledgard George Kennedy Karen Rawson Peter Saxton Daniel Fox Jess Beecher Richard Moxey London Newcastle Reading Warwick Sheffield Bath Imperial Bristol Lancaster Durham Edinburgh Aberdeen Cardiff UEA Kent Brunel Manchester Portsmouth University of the West of England Plymouth St Andrews York Manchester Glasgow Southampton Loughborough Oxford Sheffield Hallam Strathclyde Liverpool Surrey Birmingham Oxford Brooke Exeter Nottingham Swansea Dundee Aberystwyth Leeds Sussex

	Item
1.	Apologies for absence Natalie Clarkson, Hebe Hemmings Liv Teasdale
2.	Notifications of any other business-see discussion points
3.	Welcome and chair summary- this has been a great year after the lack of sailing over the previous few years. All championships ran and were successful
4.	Minutes of the 2021 AGM Proposed by Ruaridh Angus seconded by Kate Ledgard
5.	<p>Summary of the Year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Area Reports</i> ● -Scotland JM ● Successfully organised 3 Qualifier weekends (two ran and third was cancelled due to COVID) ● Been working with Scottish Development Officer and BUSA Development officer to make the Development fund application process more accessible to regions as well as clubs. ● Unfortunate clash with some Scottish and BUSA events, procedures now in place to make sure this doesn't happen again. ● Scottish Student Sailing Graduate member has been working hard to improve the standard of Umpires by running online theory sessions, recording go-pro/audio footage and collating data together to create useful resources ● Been working closely with BUSA to widen the understanding of the role of SSS within Student Sailing in Scotland; from this, it has been agreed that SSS members can attend BUSA meetings but only Scottish Area Chair will have the right to vote ● 707 class association attended Scottish Student Sailing AGM and in partnership with RYA Scotland an yachting event is being run in August for scottish teams where the top team will win an all expenses paid place at the British Keelboat League Final <p>-Northern-NC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It has been a successful year in the North with all USC hosted events back up and running again after the last couple of years, and it has been great to see everyone back out on the water. It was also great to have Playoffs hosted within the Northern region, so another big thank you to Newcastle for hosting. We also had BUCS Match Racing within the North at Ullswater, so it was great to see greater accessibility within keel boating for the Northern teams, but this also opened up some really important dialogue surrounding opportunity and training for us due to the lack of Northern entries. I know this continues to be tricky for our region and hopefully will be something which improves going forwards. Leeds have a great partnership with the 707 association and this is an area which could potentially be explored by BUSA in the future. Thank you to all the commodores/captains who have helped throughout the year and best of luck to the next chair!

-Midlands-ED

- The midlands have had a successful year for development, with the first ever Midlands bosons day occurring at the start of the year- something I hope will be continued in future years!
- Additionally the midlands mixer allowed teams to get back into team racing after some tricky years due to covid.
There's been many team racing events hosted by midlands universities, and entries to all of the BUCS events.

-Western-AB

- Ran the first team racing training event in the west , 'Western Warmer' which was received well across the region, with plans to continue. The aim of the event is to possibly rotate it around the region to increase participation and reduce load on a single university.
- It was great to see an increase in the number of events hosted in the West, with a new entry of Bath Robe and the return of Plymouth Pasty. All events held in the west this year have had a high attendance and it was good to see a higher number of universities outside of the region attending
- We've seen a high level of performance within the region, with the highest number of teams attending Team Racing Finals compared to other regions. Additionally, congratulations to Bristol to winning Match Racing and Plymouth for winning Yacht Nationals.
- For the first time in any region a Uni hosted match racing event was hosted, with a number of universities attending. Overall, it was a success and something to build on to improve accessibility to match racing.

-South No response

Eastern IB

- It was great to see all the USCs sailing again after over a year's break from Covid with some successful events held across the region.
- Looking back to the beginning of the season - fleets here held in the East this year, hosted by Brunel University at Datchet Sailing Club where we had 174 sailors from 17 different universities compete. Big thanks to Brunel for hosting this year.
- Eastern qualifiers were held at Grafham Water Sailing Club hosted by Cambridge University this year – despite a questionable forecast, the wind did not materialise and a solid number of races were achieved. Sunday was unfortunately unsailable but with a solid number of races sailed, a reserve weekend was not needed. Cheers to Cambridge and the team of umpires for running such good racing in the tricky conditions, and good luck to the Eastern teams for the rest of finals!
- It has been great to see some inter-university training going on within the region – hopefully see more of this in the future.

• **Discipline Officers**

Team Racing-PW

- It was a good return to team racing this year. It was great to see loads of teams on the BUCS circuit, and by the sounds of it people had a good time.
- Finals is currently running well, with lots of competitive teams.
- Only issues I think was with the distribution of teams across the regions being quite unequal. Several ways to address this have been discussed. More fluidity built into the championship to allow for the events to cater the teams entered would be a good plan.
- Encouraging more and more sailors/team racers from all corners is remains an aim, as it most likely always will be.
- Overall I think we had a good champs, and the wider circuit looks so have emerged in a healthy state, with lots of fun and good racing.

Keel boating—GK

- First time we had run the event in 3 years. -Yacht Nationals was a success with 8

races completed for 15 teams.

- Social held most nights which were enjoyed by all including going over to Cowes, which was a welcome change for all
- Lots of lessons learnt for next year and Fairview want us to come back which is a bonus

Match racing HH

- This year we successfully ran the Match Racing Championships at Ullswater, with support from the RYA and RS. There was a price increase due to match racing being an extremely expensive discipline to run. I have had feedback from various universities, about the event and what barriers there were to competing. Several people have mentioned training is something they would like to see and I hope the new Match Racing Officer will work with the area chairs to facilitate regional training ahead of the match racing championships next year. Due to the rollout of the RS21 boats and more clubs getting them or hiring them, the potential venue options are increasing. There is definitely a lot of scope to improve the University Match Racing scene.

Fleet racing DF

- After a long break it has been a great year for University Fleet Racing. The return of the BUCS Fleet Racing Championships after Covid was well attended with 141 competitors in 83 boats, hosted successfully by Brunel. We've also seen some great student engagement with many class association events, including the Firefly and RS200 Nationals which are both looking to be great events this summer. Looking forward, it is great to see the BUCS Fleet Racing Championships return to Draycote Water to be hosted by Warwick as well as a number of other great fleet racing opportunities this summer and beyond. It would be great to see more clubs bidding to host the championships, especially those which might be able to offer something extra, such as a strong Sailability offering.

Development -KL

University Development Survey

Response rate of 78.2% - 36 university clubs

Main barriers to development

Covid-19 – creating a lack of memberships, lack of training ability and lack of experience on committees

Finances

Keelboat training opportunities

- Please make sure to ensure your outgoing committee completes it when it is circulated!

Development Topics

- How to run a team racing event webinar This was successful, and we've seen a year with many high quality events run across the country

We're keen to see this continue, to help drive improvement in event quality BUSA is considering a second webinar next academic year.

Blue Green University Sustainability Challenge

- A big success in participation with more teams achieving the higher standard awards

Involvement with the RYA's Discover Sailing

- Resulted in a significant push to gain members in the start of the year

- Congratulations to the universities who won monetary awards

Increasing communication with Scottish Student Sailing

Development

- We are aware and apologise for clashes of events, and a lack of communication in the past, hopefully with a dedicated channel of communication this will improve.

Firefly Survey

- Gain a strong insight into the condition of university owned boats and highlighted the significant disparities between clubs.

- Does suggest that to continue as we are is not a sustainable option for university sailing
Soon it will be a barrier for entry of developing clubs

	<p>Clubs are struggling to save for the maintenance of current flights, with no money being saved for a replacement flight, this will lead to club closure.</p> <p>- Going Forwards: A focus group needs to be set up to explore the issue further and create an action plan to resolve the issue in consultation with member clubs – an email and social media posts will be circulated shortly</p> <p>Development Funding - Awarded to some worthy causes including a Midlands bosun training day, the purchase of kit for beginner sailors, restoration of shared flights of boats.</p> <p>Going Forwards: Time needs to be dedicated towards improving the application criteria for who can apply for development awards to include enabling regions or area applications. If you apply next year please remember you must submit a report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Finance and Accounts PS and JC ● Financial year accounts were reported from 31st August 2020 to 31 August 2021. Loss of 3500.00 but expected by 31 August 2022 to have surplus of 3500.00 It was proposed as to whether to use this for development and the committee to discuss further.
6.	<p>Discussion Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BUSA Tour Do we want the tour, and do we want to introduce a new role of tour manager? <i>PW, good idea as this needs managing from an early point. RA also raised the point of an Irish tour. GK discussed raising sponsorship for the tour.</i> BUSA allocates 2000.00 per year for tour. Committee to follow up with role. ● Cost of BUCS events <i>PG UEA cost of finals as 720.00 is excessive and could this be reduced.</i> PW and EH this is a discussion we have been having and it is tricky to get a balance. This will be discussed with the new BUSA committee. <i>RF in Scotland 300-00 for 3 days.</i> ● Cancellation of BUCS events <i>PG UEA primarily Match Racing 2022. There was talk of cancelling the event after we as a university had put in a lot of time, money and effort and can this be done.</i> BUSA to look at deadlines for the next year as universities need to commit sooner <i>KL would it worth setting a minimum number of entries JB also risk of cancelling with weather.</i> BUCS points <i>yachting and match get more points.</i> BUSA to look at BUCS points with new committee and if this can be resolved to make things more equal. BUSA also to look at deadlines on how soon after the skipper enters the event with the AU confirming entry. Also BUCS struggles to understand how our sport works and EH to discuss further. ● Transparency of events <i>PG UEA discussion on not using the host uni for example all on start boat. Also reasons behind decisions.</i> BUSA for BUSA events, we engage technical delegates and we appoint people to run the events, not students. Discussion on invoking the clause to bring volunteers and how if the university didn't, there was a penalty in the past.
7.	<p>Constitutional and Standing Order Amendment(s)</p> <p>The following changes were proposed, and all carried with over 95% of the votes</p> <p>7.1 Carried 8.1 Carried 9.3 Carried 15.2 Carried C1 Carried A1 Carried E Carried</p>
8.	Officer Elections

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Vice President ● Vice Chair ● Treasurer ● Team Racing Officer ● Fleet Racing Officer ● Keelboating Officer ● Match Racing Officer ● Development Officer ● Media ● Regional Chairs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scottish ○ Northern ○ Midlands ○ Western ○ Southern ○ Eastern <p>Contested Roles: No roles were contested</p>
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	<p>Any Other Business (AOB) No -</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Results of the 2022-2023 elections announced Media Officer- Cesca Geraghty stood for the role and voted in with over 96% of votes All roles voted in with over 96% of votes BUSA 2022-23 has a full committee</p>

<p>10.</p>	<p>Annual General Meeting Date for 2023 TBC - 2023 AGM</p>
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