

Executive summary Winter 2017



BUSA Committee

The committee has met three times this academic year, in September, December, and February. Contact details for each member can be found on the BUSA website: [BUSA Committee Contacts](#). BUSA is for by students for students, and we are looking for committed students to join our committee for the 17/18 academic year. The BUSA AGM is being held at BUSA Yachting Championships, on the 11th April in Tiger Tiger. Start time to be confirmed. Details of roles can be found here: [BUSA Committee Roles](#), and the application form here: [Committee Application](#). Any queries about the roles please contact [Jess Beecher](#).

Sunsail University Club Championship

BUSA are delighted to announce that Sunsail has become the Title Sponsor of the brand new championship series trophy, the **Sunsail University Club Championship**. The championship is made up of three events; the BUCS Team Racing Championships, the BUCS Yachting Championships and BUCS Match Racing Championships.

The BUCS championship events will take place over the Easter holidays with Sunsail offering the highest scoring University Sailing Club from all three events, the chance to win a fantastic sailing holiday.

Fleet Racing.

The BUCS/BUSA fleet racing championships ran over the weekend of the 5/6 2016 November at Draycote water, our first year on an inland venue for a few years.

This year saw entries grow over previous years, with over 240 students, representing 25 institutions.

Saturday saw racing run over two courses, with the wind in the high teens, gusting into the mid twenties. The Fireflies managed three windward leeward races, with a leeward gate and windward finish. The handicap classes and Lasers managed four windward leeward races, with some spectacular downwind action!

Sunday dawned with slightly more breeze than Saturday, and a bitterly cold wind chill. All fleets were run on a single course, with Fireflies managing two windward leewards, before being sent in to allow the Lasers, followed by Slow and Fast Handicap fleets, to get two further races in.

Top Three boats in each Fleet:

Fast Handicap:

Crispin Beaumont & Tom Darling - University of Southampton – 29er

Henry Edwards & Tomas Joesbury - University of Liverpool – 29er

Ben Pickering - University of Southampton – Blaze

Firefly:

1st Matthew Wallis & Jolyon Ferron - Cardiff University

2nd Henry Edwards & Harry Hampson - Cardiff University

3rd Arthur Henderson & Tom Maxwell - University of Cambridge

Laser:

1st Matt Whitfield - University of Southampton

2nd Jack Rockett - University of Sussex

3rd Laura Gilmore - University of Exeter – Laser Radial

Slow Handicap:

1st Matthew Lulham-Robinson & Ellen Devereux - University of Bath – GP14

2nd Isaac Marsh - University of Huddersfield - Streaker

3rd Emma Mcknight & Emma Baker – University of Exeter – 420

Top Three Team results:

Male:

1st University of Southampton - 20 BUCS points

2nd Cardiff University - 14 BUCS points

3rd University of Plymouth - 10 BUCS points

Female:

1st University of Exeter - 20 BUCS points

2nd University of Southampton - 14 BUCS points

3rd University of Durham - 10 BUCS points

BUSA would like to thank all of the Warwick and Solent volunteers for their efforts over the weekend, and we will be opening the bidding for the 17/18 year's Fleet championships in the new year.

Team Racing

This year we've received a record breaking number of entries for the various qualifiers, with 96 teams entering, up from 87 last year. The Northern, Midlands, South Central and Western qualifiers are all ran over the weekend of the 4&5 February. Each qualifier saw light winds over both days, however enough races were completed at all to ensure that we had a fair result to indicate the teams which qualified for finals, and those who were invited to playoffs. Emily Robertson and her team are busy organising playoffs at Bardowie Loch over the weekend of the 4&5 March.

Preparations are well underway for Finals at WKSC, running over the 4,5 & 6 April, teams eligible for finals must enter by 23.59hrs on Thursday 16th March 2017.

Match Racing

This year's event will again be hosted at WPNSA between the 20th and 23rd of April, qualifying is not required, stage 1 entries must be made by the 23rd March, through BUCScore.

Yacht Racing

The dates for this year's BUSA yacht racing championships will be running over the 9-13 April 2017, being supported by Sunsail. A full social plan is being put together by Portsmouth University sailing club, featuring a black tie dinner.

BUSA Development

BUSA is in the process of producing a development plan, to produce a structure for what we can provide to encourage the growth of university sailing over the coming years. This year the Northern and South Central reps ran a trial weekend of team racing training for universities in their area. BUSA is also planning out development for the 17/18 academic years, and our Team Racing Proposal will be emailed out to all University contacts for you guys to give us your thoughts!

BUSA Website

The website is in the process of being replaced, day to day functionality will remain, but the new one will give us a lot more scope to provide you guys with info!

The website also features club pages, where each university can advertise themselves see [Cardiff's](#). The majority of these pages are sparse, and provide another opportunity for you guys to sell your clubs! Please contact the [BUSA editor](#) to update your pages!!