

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS GROUP

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Subject

Mixed Yachting – Sailing

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Background

Previously the championships competition format consisted of 4 days of racing; a 3-day qualifying series followed by a final day of racing, split into 'Championship' and 'Trophy' fleets, based upon ranking from the qualifying series. The top 8 universities in the 'Championship' fleet and 'Trophy' fleet received BUCS points.

Change

Sunsail are replacing their fleet of F40 boats over the next 2 years. 15 new boats will be available for the 2020 event, followed by a further 10 in 2021. 10 of the current F40s will be available for the 2020 event. There are no other large charter fleet options available for BUSA in the UK.

The new boats will be [Jeanneau 410](#). They are a new cruiser/racer yacht design, which is having a number of Sunsail specific alterations to enhance their performance for Sunsail related activities; this includes a symmetrically rigged spinnaker and removal of the bowsprit.

As there will not be a matched fleet of 25 boats available for the 2020 event the format will have to be amended from previous editions and limited entry will be required. It is expected to be able to return to the 2019 format in 2021. Sunsail have been consulted as there will be extra requirements on them to facilitate these changes for the 2020 BUCS Championship.

Proposal

To run qualification in 2 fleets, 10 of each boat, 20 teams in total over two days. To run the Championship in 8 F40's and the Trophy in 12 Jeanneau 410's.

Sunsail will allocate teams to boats by random draw each time a change is required.

The qualifying races would take place over the first 2 days. Teams will swap boats on the first evening (Monday). Sunsail will provide extra support to turn the boats around, however teams will have to ensure boats are left clean, and defects reported promptly. As in the current format competitors are invited to use their racing boats as accommodation, there will be up to two swaps for teams during the regatta, with every team swapping on the first night.

The qualifier racing for both days will be up to 3 quick windward/leeward races, followed by a short coastal. The top 8 teams will qualify to the Championship based on scores from the 8 qualifier races combined.

The Championship fleet will sail in the existing F40s, reducing down to 8 boats. Sunsail will bring 2 of the new 410's down to Gunwharf to add to the Trophy fleet.

The final 2 days of racing, will include up to 4 more windward/leeward races and a long inshore/coastal race. There will not be umpires or an addendum Q during the finals racing. Discards and ranking points carried forward will remain the same as 2019.

Entry fees will be the same for everyone, regardless of the type of boat they are on. There will still be one damage deposit per incident (the same as 2019).

Proposed Date of Change

Effective for the BUCS Yachting Championships 2020.