



BRITISH UNIVERSITIES
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BUCS YACHTING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

2nd- 6th April 2023

The Organising Authority is the British Universities Sailing Association (BUSA) in conjunction with Fairview Sailing, on behalf of the British Universities & Colleges Sports (BUCS).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*
- 1.2. 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.
- 1.3. Byelaws and general directions of the Hamble River Harbourmaster will apply.
- 1.4. Byelaws and general directions of the Cowes Harbourmaster will apply.
- 1.5. Southampton Harbour Bye-laws will apply. The attention of all competitors is drawn to Notice to Mariners No 3 of 2016: The Moving Prohibited Zone shall be deemed an obstruction and the race committee may disqualify a boat that infringes this instruction without a hearing except that the offending boat shall be entitled to a hearing on request. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 1.6. The Race Committee or Protest Committee may protest a boat for a breach of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS), or the rules in NOR 1.3, 1.4 and 1.5 based on a report from any source. This changes RRS 60.2(a) and 60.3(a).
- 1.7. The allocation of boats will be by Fairview Sailing Ltd.
- 1.8. Any performance consequences of the allocation including the supply, condition and maintenance of a boat and her equipment shall not be grounds for redress.
- 1.9. Breakages, consequent on the condition or maintenance of the boat, not reasonably preventable by the crew may be considered as grounds for redress
- 1.10. Specified coaches may give outside help to any boat during racing and any boat may receive such help. This changes RRS 41.
- 1.11. When RRS 20 applies, a boat may indicate her need for room to tack or her response by hailing.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available after Tuesday 28th March 2023.
- 2.2. The sailing instructions will be displayed on the event web page and on the official notice board located at the Fairview Sailing Office.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at <https://busa.co.uk/championships/bucs-yachting-championships-2023>
- 3.2. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on International channels.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4. Informal race communications will also be made via a WhatsApp or Telegram group to be linked in the SIs.
- 3.5. From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY



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- 4.1. The regatta is open to teams from all member clubs which are currently affiliated to and in good standing with BUSA.
- 4.2. The number of teams is limited to 15.
- 4.3. To make a valid initial entry each team must:
 - 4.3.1. At 1200 on 16th December 2023 a Google Docs online form will open and will decide the entries into the Championship on a first come first serve basis.
 - 4.3.2. By Monday 18th December, or within 72 hours of your entry, you will receive an email confirming your place in the Championship with the Fairview Sailing booking form attached.
 - 4.3.3. By no later than 28th February 2023, submit a completed booking form to Fairview Sailing.. The form is located on the BUSA Yachting Championships web page.
 - 4.3.4. Receive a confirmation from Fairview that they can charter a Fairview Oceanis 37.
 - 4.3.5. After receiving Fairview approval, from 3rd January 2023 and by the initial entry deadline of 23:59 on 10th March 2023, complete the BUCSPlay Stage 1 online entry process.
 - 4.3.6. Pay the Stage 1 entry fee by the initial entry deadline.
- 4.4. After the initial entry deadline, Stage 1 places will be allocated by BUSA, based on:
 - 4.4.1. One place per university, on a first come, first served basis in the order that completed Google Docs online booking forms are received by Fairview Sailing..
- 4.5. If the entry limit has not been reached by the initial entry deadline, a late entry team must:
 - 4.5.1. Submit a completed Fairview Sailing booking form. The form is located on the BUSA Yachting Championship web page.
 - 4.5.2. Receive a confirmation from Fairview that they can charter a Fairview Oceanis 37.
 - 4.5.3. After receiving Fairview approval and by the late entry deadline of 23:59 on 23rd March 2023, complete the BUCSPlay Stage 2 online late entry process.
 - 4.5.4. Pay the Stage 2 entry fee by the late entry deadline.
- 4.6. Late entries will be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority and BUCS. There is no obligation to accept these entries.
- 4.7. 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 email to secretary@busa.co.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 BUCSPlay as per NoR 4.1 or NoR 4.3.
- 4.8. Guest entries will be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority and BUCS. There is no obligation to accept these entries.
- 4.9. OA's must approve the entry by no later than 23:59 on Thursday 30th March.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The Stage 1 entry fee is £280 per team.
- 5.2. The Stage 2 entry fee is £335 per team.
- 5.3. Yacht Charter £2,209
- 5.4. Yacht Charter Damage Deposit £3000
- 5.5. Berthing in Cowes - expected to be about £45
- 5.6. An additional cost for a Black-Tie Dinner in Cowes will be announced and teams will be informed closer to the event.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1. The following limitations apply:
 - 6.1.1. Each team must shall:
 - 6.1.1.1. Consist of eight team members, all of whom must sail on the boat while racing.
 - 6.1.1.2. Consist of a minimum of two females and two males
 - 6.1.1.3. Appoint a Team Captain, with whom all communications will be made before and during the event.



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6.1.1.4. Submit the final and full crew list by email to secretary@busa.co.uk by 23:59 on 23rd March 2023. In exceptional circumstances, late changes to crew lists made in writing to the Organising Authority may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

6.1.2. Each team member shall:

6.1.2.1. meet the BUCS General Regulations.

6.1.2.2. be over the age of 18 years old.

6.1.2.3. be a member of the entered member club

6.1.2.4. be registered on the BUCSPlay 'Competitors & Reserves List 2022-2023'.

6.1.2.5. Reserves can be added via BUCSPlay until 23:59 on 23rd March 2023.

7. ADVERTISING

7.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

8. QUALIFYING AND FINAL SERIES

8.1. Not applicable.

9. SCHEDULE

9.1. Registration and Boat Collection:

Date	From	To
Sunday 2nd April 2023	1900	2100

All team members must register in person at Port Hamble Marina between 1900 and 2100 on Sunday 2nd April 2023 and shall present their University Registration Card to the Organising Authority at registration.

9.2. Dates of Racing:

Date	Time	Warning signal	Other
Monday 3rd April	Before 1100		Conduct safety drill - see NoR 9.2.1
	1100	Practice Race	
	1200	Race 1. Race 2 & 3 to follow	
	After Racing		Boats return to Port Hamble Marina
Tuesday 4th April	1000	Race 4. Race 5 & 6 to follow	Last race of the day may be a coastal race of approx. 2.5hrs.
	After Racing		Boats to return to Cowes Yacht Haven



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Wednesday 5th April	1000	Race 7. Race 8 & 9 to follow	Last race of the day may be a coastal race of approx. 2.5hrs.
	After Racing		Boats to return to Port Hamble Marina
Thursday 6th April	0915	Race 10.	
	After Racing		Boats to return to Port Hamble Marina
	1200	Prize Giving	Prize-giving at Port Hamble Marina
	1130-1400	Boat Handover	

9.2.1. Each boat shall conduct an on-board safety exercise prior to the first race in the series. This exercise shall include a safety briefing and a man-overboard drill.

9.2.2. The scheduled time of the first warning signal for the next day will be released by 2000 each day.

9.2.3. On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1000

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1. Boats shall comply with the class rules at all times. Competitors should only use equipment supplied by Fairview Sailing, except for additional tape and ropes of up to 5mm diameter. The OA reserves the right to protest if this rule is breached

10.2. Boats may be inspected at any time.

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1. Not applicable

12. VENUE

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

13. COURSES

13.1. The courses to be sailed are expected to include windward\leeward, coastal races and shorter round the cans.

13.2. Downwind and reaching starts may be used.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

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

14.3. At a protest hearing, the penalty breach of a rule other than in Part 2 of the RRS may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the jury.

15. SCORING

15.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply except as modified below.



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15.2. Weighting:

15.2.1. Points will be multiplied by the point factor apply to the race as follows:

Course Type	Points Factor
WW/LW	1.0
Round the Cans	1.0
Coastal	1.5

15.3. In the Race Series:

15.3.1. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores

15.3.2. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst race score.

15.3.3. A discard shall not be applied to the coastal races. This changes RRS A.2.1.

15.4. Four races are required to be completed to constitute a championship

15.5. Scores are changed as follows:

15.5.1. A boat scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) shall be scored points equal to the number of finishers plus one.

15.5.2. A boat scored BFD, DSQ, DNE and DGM shall receive points for one place worse than DNF. This changes RRS A5.2.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1. Support person vessels are not allowed

17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

17.1. A chartered boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

18. BERTHING

18.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the marina.

19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

19.1. Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

20.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used for the duration of the event except with and according to the terms or prior written permission of the race committee.

20.2. Boats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means during the event.

21. DATA PROTECTION

21.1. The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The result of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.



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22. RISK STATEMENT

22.1. Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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 other 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.

23. INSURANCE

23.1. The Organising Authority suggests all competitors ensure that they have adequate personal insurance for personal injury and personal effect.

24. PRIZES

24.1. BUCS points are available for this event

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Championship	50	35	24	16	14	12	10	8
Coastal race	30	21	14	12	11	9	7	5

24.2. Prizes are awarded as follows:

Result	Trophy or Award
Winner of the Championship	Yachting Trophy



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Top 3 teams in the Championship	BUCS Medals
Coastal Race	Jim Saltonstall Teapot Trophy
Top Scottish Team	John Derbyshire Trophy

25. MEDIA RIGHTS

25.1. In participating in this BUCS Championship any competitor automatically grants 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 them during the period of the event without compensation, in perpetuity.

26. FURTHER INFORMATION

26.1. All enquiries and correspondence should be addressed to: Karen Rawson, BUSA Secretary, The Cliff Inn, Kirklington, CA6 6DD.

Email: secretary@busa.co.uk