



RYA Women's Nationals' 2019
Notice of Race



*Spinnaker Sailing Club & Wessex Sailing
Club on behalf of the RYA and BUSAs*

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RYA Women's Team Racing National Championship

Incorporating the

BUSAs Women's Team Racing Championship

23 – 24th March 2019

Revision Tracker

Rev 00 (2018.10.30) – First Draft – For Discussion

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 The RYA Women's Team Racing National Championship 2019, for three boat teams, will take place on 23 and 24 March 2019. The event also combines the BUSA Women's Team Racing Championship. The event is open to any team meeting the conditions below.
- 1.2 The Organising Authority is Spinnaker Sailing Club and Wessex Sailing Club, on behalf of the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) and British University Sailing Association (BUSA)
- 1.3 The event shall be sailed at Spinnaker Club on Ivy Lake, Blashford, near Ringwood. In two-person Firefly-type dinghies provided by the organising authority

2 Event Format

- 2.1 Registration will take place at Spinnaker Club, Blashford, near Ringwood between 0830 & 0915 on Saturday 23rd March 2019
- 2.2 The event format and race schedule will be available at registration
- 2.3 Unless otherwise notified by email to accepted entries not less than seven days before the event, there will be a briefing for all competitors at 0920 at Spinnaker Club, Blashford, near Ringwood on Saturday 23rd March 2019
- 2.4 The first warning signal will be at 1000 on Saturday 23rd March 2019.

3 Entry & Eligibility

- 3.1 Entries are invited from teams of six sailors, who are either female or identify as female.
- 3.2 Entry is limited to 30 teams; teams will be selected on a first come, first served basis. The closing date for receiving entries is 1700 hours on Monday 11th March 2019. Entries may be accepted after this date at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority
- 3.3 Teams consisting of six women who all fulfil the criteria, listed below, are also eligible to enter the BUSA Women's' Team Racing Championship
 - a) The Team shall consist of sailors from the same institution, representing a university or higher education establishment that is a member of, and of good standing with, the British University Sailing Association.
 - b) Each competitor must meet the BUCS General Regulations (Regulation 6).
<http://www.bucs.org.uk/page.asp?section=17288§ionTitle=REG+6+Individual+Eligibility+and+Team+Selection>
 - c) Each team member shall present valid Student I.D for inspection at registration.
- 3.4 Decisions of the race committee about entry or eligibility shall not be cause for redress. This amends RRS 62.1.
- 3.5 All competitors in all teams shall complete the registration requirements before racing.
- 3.6 All competitors who will be under 18 years of age on 23rd March 2019 shall provide at registration a fully completed and signed RYA parent/guardian declaration form.

4 Entry Fees & Damage Deposits

- 4.1 The entry fee is £360 per team. This is reduced to £300 for teams entering before 1700 hours on Friday 28th February 2019
- 4.2 Refunds for late cancellations are as follows:
 - a) Less than one week before the event – no refund
 - b) less than 2 weeks before the event – 50%
- 4.3 Each team will be liable for the cost of damage to boats, equipment and property up to a maximum of £300 per incident. A deposit for this amount will be required at registration and before a team may sail. When a team is assessed as liable for damage, it shall restore the deposit to the original value to continue sailing. Damage attributed to competitors generally or to an unidentified team will be attributed equally between all teams. A team may apply to the protest committee to determine their responsibility for any damage.

5 Rules

- 5.1 The event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules.
- 5.2 A modified version of the UK Team Racing Association (UKTRA) Standard Team Racing Sailing Instructions will apply. These change some rules in the RRS; they will be available at registration and may be emailed to teams prior to the event.
- 5.3 All Races will be umpired.
- 5.4 In accordance with RRS 70.5(a) the right of appeal will be denied

6 Buoyancy & Clothing

- 6.1 Adequate personal flotation devices and wet or dry suits shall be worn by all competitors at all times when afloat and on the pontoons
- 6.2 Wetsuits must be a minimum of 3mm thickness and have body coverage of at least a long-john design.



7 Risk Statement & Insurance

- 7.1 RRS 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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;

8 Prizes

- 8.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- a) For All Teams entered:
 - I. **The RYA Women's Team Racing Trophy** – Awarded to the top placed team as determined by the competition
 - II. Second Place Glassware – Awarded to the second placed team as determined by the competition
 - III. Third Place Glassware - Awarded to the third placed team as determined by the competition
- b) For teams entered in the BUSA Women's Team Racing Championship (as described in Section 3.3 of this Notice of Race)
 - I. **The BUSA Women's Team Racing Trophy** – Awarded to the top placed BUSA Women's team as determined by the competition
 - II. Second Place Glassware – Awarded to the second placed team BUSA Women's team as determined by the competition
 - III. Third Place Glassware - Awarded to the third placed BUSA Women's team as determined by the competition
- c) **The Under 19 Trophy** – Awarded to the highest placed team, as determined by the competition, with all helms and at least 2 crews under the age of 19 at registration (23rd March 2019)

- 8.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.