



BRITISH UNIVERSITIES  
& COLLEGES SPORT



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## BRITISH UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES SPORT NATIONAL FLEET RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS SATURDAY 1ST AND SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2014 NOTICE OF RACE

Organising Authority: The British Universities Sailing Association (BUSA) (in association with the British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS)) in conjunction with The University of Plymouth and Mount Batten Watersports & Activities Centre.

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016*.
- 1.2 Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order and the Plymouth Local Notices to Mariners shall apply to all competitors. All competing boats shall comply with such regulations as may be in force within the Dockyard Port of Plymouth. A copy will be posted on the Official Notice Board and is available at <http://www.qhmplymouth.org.uk/regulations/dppo>
- 1.3 Competitors shall comply with the Mount Batten Water Sports and Activity Centre code of conduct. <http://www.busa.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2013/09/Code-of-Conduct-MBCv1-2013.pdf>  
Instructions given by any safety craft in respect of actions relating to the Port Order will be deemed to have come from the organising authority. Disregarding these instructions will lead to disqualification and subsequent exclusion from the event.
- 1.4 The Sailing Instructions will change RRS 62.1(a) (see NOR 2.11) and RRS 41 (see NOR 13.2).

### 2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 To be eligible each competitor must meet the BUCS General Regulations (Reg 7 Eligibility). <http://www.bucs.org.uk/page.asp?section=17289&sectionTitle=REG+7+Individual+Eligibility>
- 2.2 All competitors must be from an institution which is currently affiliated and in good standing with the British Universities Sailing Association.
- 2.3 All competitors must enter through BUCScore. **This includes any reserves** who may be used. The University representative must then select the Competitors/Fleet/Class in order to enter the event. **The entry deadline is 11.59pm on Thursday 16th October 2014.** After the entry deadline and in the event of an institution wishing to change the crew selected to race in a particular boat, it must apply to the Organising Authority for permission to do so. The Organising Authority will only give permission where the replacement crew has been registered. The Organising Authority will accommodate institutions who need to reallocate crews amongst their boats, but it will not accept any individual competing in the event who has not been previously entered. Any last minute/on the day changes such as crew, boat or sail number changes will incur a £5 donation to the Sail4Cancer charity.
- 2.4 The helm and any crew of a boat shall be from the same institution.
- 2.5 The regatta is open to all boats of the following classes:
  - **Firefly** / Firefly type dinghy (i.e. team racing fireflies)
  - **Laser Handicap** (Inc Laser Radials, 4.7s)
  - **Slow Handicap** and **Fast Handicap** Fleets - dinghies with Portsmouth Yardstick Numbers 1200 and 700 (No Keelboats). The split between the fleets will be decided after entries have closed. If significant entries from a single class are received (such as RS200), the OA may change this to

one handicap fleet and a single class fleet.

<http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/portsmouthyardstick.aspx>

Boats with a handicap outside of this range or without a PN published by the RYA may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

- **\*\*NEW\*\* Development Handicap Fleet** – for dinghy sailors who are new to racing (i.e. have not attended this event or national championships before). Instructing/Coaching will be provided during the races. There will be no BUCS points/medals for this fleet, however BUSA will provide prizes. The Portsmouth Yardstick numbers for this fleet are between 1350 and 900, however the OA may accept others at its discretion.

All craft entering the event must be in a good state of repair and adequately prepared for winter sea sailing. **Any craft deemed by the Race Committee to present a danger to its crew or the event may be excluded, under Rule 76.1 or the Race Committee may direct that the boat shall not go afloat.** Competitors are also reminded that sailors go afloat at their own risk and, notwithstanding anything within this clause the Organising Authority and Race Committee do not accept any responsibility for the inspection of boats.

- 2.6 **Late entries received after midnight on Thursday 16th October 2014 may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority. No late entries will be accepted after midnight on the 30th October 2014.**
- 2.7 Any class which receives less than 15 entries may be cancelled or merged with another class at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 2.8 **Each Institution is limited to 15 entries. Additional entries may be submitted after the closing date (16/10/14) if there is sufficient space at the event. These will be allocated on a first come first served basis.**
- 2.9 All competitors must produce at registration their University Registration/Matriculation Card - an NUS card will not suffice.
- 2.10 All competitors must produce before registration a completed Medical form. Team Captains must present an Acknowledgement of Risk Form (both download from the busa website).
- 2.11 All sail numbers must be clearly displayed. No changes of sail number will be permitted except with the prior written permission of the Race Committee. Fireflys which have only a two-digit sail number must display the first letter of their institution before the number (i.e. Cardiff University 12 and 13 become C12 and C13). Bow numbers will also be provided at registration, along with placement guidance, for all Firefly boats. These shall be displayed by the boats at all times.
- 2.12 The Organising Authority will divide the Handicap class into a Fast Handicap and Slow Handicap class. The decision of the Organising Authority or Race Committee as to which division a boat shall compete in shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

### 3 FEES

3.1 Required fees are as follows:

**Single handed boats: £46**

**Double handed boats: £61.25**

3.2 Entries shall be made via the BUCScore online entry system. All member athletic/student unions have access to this system. If an institution does not have access or cannot enter please contact the BUCS office.

### 4 SCHEDULE

4.1 Registration:                  Friday 31 October 2014                  1700hrs – 1800hrs  
    Saturday 1 November 2014                  0800hrs – **0930hrs\***

(\*Anyone who turns up after 0930hrs to register may be charged a late fee of a £5 donation to Sail4Cancer)

**A Briefing will take place at 0945hrs on Saturday and 0915 on Sunday.**

4.2 Schedule of Races

<i>Day</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Warning Signal</i>
Saturday	1	1055hrs
	2	As soon as possible after Race 1

	3	As soon as possible after Race 2
Sunday	4	1025hrs
	5	As soon as possible after Race 4
	6	As soon as possible after Race 5

The Organising Authority may alter the schedule of races, including the start times at any time until 21.30hrs on the day before the day the changes are to take effect.

**4.3** Two completed races will constitute a series.

**4.4** Access to the centre to drop off boats will be until 10pm on Friday 31st October and will re-open at 7am on Saturday 1st November. All boats must be removed from the boat park by 12pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. For queries about access please contact Mount Batten Watersports & Activities Centre on 01752 404567.

## **5 MEASUREMENT**

Each boat shall possess a valid measurement certificate, if applicable.

## **6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board and may be available beforehand from the BUCS/BUSA websites. Each Team Captain will be given an event pack with all notices at registration.

## **7 VENUE**

Races shall be sailed in Plymouth Sound, North of the breakwater.  
Directions to the Mount Batten Centre can be found on their website:  
<http://www.mount-batten-centre.com/contact.php>

## **8 THE COURSES**

The courses to be sailed will be indicated in the Sailing Instructions.

## **9 SCORING**

The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.

## **10 BERTHING**

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park. No cars are permitted to park in the boat park. There will be a boat 'drop off' system in place at the centre.

## **11 EQUIPMENT**

**11.1** Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn whilst on the pontoons and when afloat. A drysuit or wetsuit does not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

**11.2** A Drysuit or wetsuit must be worn whilst afloat.

**11.3** All boats are required to carry a 3 metre (Minimum 8mm) rope attached to their bow.

## **12 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **13 SUPPORT BOATS**

**13.1** Except as provided in 13.2, team leaders, coaches, support personnel, and anyone associated with a competitor shall stay outside areas where boats are racing, and shall not communicate with competitors at any time while racing unless attending a boat in distress requiring assistance, or as directed by the race committee. These support boats should register at registration and provide a name, mobile number and boat name.

**13.2** Specified BUSA coaches, whose names will be posted on the official notice board, may enter the

racing area. These coaches may give outside help to any boat during racing and any boat may receive such help. (This amends rule 41).

#### 14 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

Men's Team Prize: The Men's team prize will be awarded to teams from the same institution which has the 3 boats (not including the Development Fleet )of all males who have the combined lowest score. Each boat must have raced in a class which had 15 or more entries. If a class has less than 15 entries and is combined with another class, a boat which would have raced in the former class will not count. BUCS points are awarded to the top 8 teams.

Ladies Team Prize: The Ladies team prize will be awarded to teams from the same institution which has the 3 boats (not including the Development Fleet ) of all females who have the combined lowest score. Each boat must have raced in a class which had 15 or more entries. If a class has less than 15 entries and is combined with another class, a boat which would have raced in the former class will not count. BUCS points are awarded to the top 8 teams.

BUCS Medals and points: For boats placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Firefly, Laser handicap, Fast Handicap and Slow handicap fleets raced, numbers permitting. 4th placed boats will also be awarded BUCS points.

BUSA will provide prizes for the Development Fleet.

#### 15 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 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 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the 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;

#### 16 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

#### 17 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about entry and BUCScore please contact: Francesca Stirling, Sports Coordinator British Universities & Colleges Sport 20-24 Kings Bench Street, London, SE1 0QX E: <a href="mailto:francesca.stirling@bucs.org.uk">francesca.stirling@bucs.org.uk</a> Tel: 020 7633 5080	For Organising Authority queries, please contact: Jessica Beecher, Event Director, BUCS Fleet Racing Championships. E: <a href="mailto:jessica.beecher@rya.org.uk">jessica.beecher@rya.org.uk</a> Tel: 02380 604 167
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