

## BUSA COMMITTEE 2020-21 APPLICATIONS

Full Name	Position nominated for:	University, current year of study and graduation date:	Experience: Why would you be a great committee member? What relevant sailing, committee and leadership experience do you have?	Proposer	Seconder
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### CONTESTED ROLES

<b>Lydia Barber</b>	Fleet Racing Officer	University of Southampton, Year 1, 2022	I have been on committees in the past, and have an interest in social media promoting, I run my own blog which documents my Sailing journey. I am also a University student who has little desire to Team race, as I have not done it before and prefer Fleet racing. I feel like there is no focus/help/events or Training for fleet sailors whilst at University, as there is a Team Racing league there should also be one for Fleet racing, I myself sail a Laser Radial, and know a variety of students who sail Lasers. There is also probably a market for a handicap fleet within University sailing.	Lydia Barber - University of Southampton	Chris Haslam - Southampton Solent
<b>Daniel Fox</b>	Fleet Racing Officer	Brunel University. Level 2 graduating in 2022.	As Brunel, I'm commodore this year, I have become well experienced with motivating people and organising activities. Having sailed for ten years, I have extensive knowledge in all aspects of fleet racing events, from competing and supporting, to officiating and organisation. Having competed in numerous events, I am well aware of the demands of competitors and the desires for an enjoyable event while with my experience in organising various fleet racing events I am well aware of difficulties and the technicalities required for a successful event. Furthermore, being a member of the 2020 Fleet Championships hosts will give me an advantage to make the running of the championship as smooth as possible due to good relationships and strong understanding of operations. As fleet racing is the main discipline that most experienced sailors are used to when they join university, I believe that the provision for fleet racing could be enhanced to help retain sailors as they join USCs. With awareness for the already high demand on time that championships take, I believe that collaboration with class associations and clubs to encourage student engagement in events (such as the Bloody Mary, Laser Traveller Circuit, etc) will help expand the provision for sailors without drastically increasing the workload for either the BUSA committee or individual USCs. Forging new relationships with classes, to identify the possibility of charter boats, etc, benefits both students and other sailors alike as the attendance of events improves.	Edward Cray - Brunel	Alex Thomas - Brunel
<b>Cat Hunt</b>	Keelboat Officer	University of Southampton, 2nd year entering 3rd year, graduation 2021	Having spent a year as keelboat officer from 2019-2020 I have a good insight into the role and the demand of leading keelboat sailing for BUSA. In particular, I have the experience behind me of the organisation of the yachting national's event - it would be great to be able to run the event as keelboat officer in 2021. Outside of BUSA, I have experience in running yacht racing programmes, where I was responsible for the development of an offshore racing programme for young adults, and involved in the sponsorship and business logistics of the campaign. I have developed good communication and leadership as 6 years dinghy instructing and as a senior instructor.	Tommy Darling University of Southampton	Ed Myers University of Southampton
<b>George Kennedy</b>	Keelboat Officer	Plymouth University, 2nd, June 2021	I was on the Plymouth sailing clubs committee as fleet racing captain. As a part of this role I organized the BUCS fleet racing championships with the help of the commodore and our student union. This has given me a lot of experience and knowledge about how to organize a successful event. This would help me with the organization of the Yacht racing championships. Previously I have managed a successful keelboat racing team. This gave me the experience of organizing a team of people towards a common goal. At my home club I have been class captain of two classes. This has given me experience leading a group of people, managing fixtures and organizing events. I have raced keelboats and yachts for the last 8 years gaining experience across a large amount of boats. This includes finishing 1st British boat and 2nd overall at the RS21 nationals last year, 2 fastnet races and over 3,500 miles of offshore racing, offside trimmer/grinder in Fast 40 fleet in 2018 and 2nd at the J24 under 25 worlds in 2018. I am a yacht master offshore which would allow me to skipper a yacht to help with running training etc. I have some good keelboat coach contacts who I would like to bring into the yacht racing championships, as previously done, to help the whole fleet improve their sailing and help to narrow the gap between boats in the competition. I would also like to create training weekends in a variety of keelboats.	Hebe Hemming Portsmouth University	Alaric Bates Plymouth University

<b>Jamie Webb</b>	Team Racing Officer	Cambridge University. 1st year of PhD. Expected graduation September 2023.	<p>I have spent since 2015 experiencing team-racing events, run by both universities and other organisations, all over the country. In my first two years at Cambridge I crewed, coming 4th and 2nd at BUSA finals in 2016 and 2017 respectively. For the last three years I have helmed, coming 6th and 2nd in 2018 and 2019, so I have experienced both the crewing and the helming side to team racing. I was the Cambridge Commodore in 2017/18. Other roles I had on the Cambridge committee are junior secretary in 2016/17, and bosun for 2018/19 and 2019/20. Other non-sailing leadership roles include 2 years on the Caius college boat club committee, including as captain. I have also organised Cambridge 2 boat team-racing event for just over 100 people and helped out with running the Cam Cup each year. All of this has given me exposure and experience with the organisational side of university sailing, team racing, and committees.</p> <p>Im in the first year of my PhD so will be at university until at least 2023, so I am able to take on the 1 year term for Team Racing Officer quite happily. I also don't have exams to worry about so can devote the necessary time to the role all year round.</p>	Robbie King - Cambridge	Nicole Ames - Solent
<b>Will Knatchbull</b>	Team Racing Officer	University of Exeter, 3rd year, graduating 2020, commencing a GDL at Exeter in September 2020	<p>I have a wealth of experience on the Committee of one of the biggest and most successful BUSA member clubs. In my Three years at Exeter I have held two Committee positions, the first was alumni secretary which involved organising the Rory Cheetham cup. This is a match racing event with 6-10 teams, umpires and leased boats, so has crossover with many of the keys aspects of organising team racing events. This would make me a very suitable candidate to oversee host clubs organising regional qualifiers and the BUSA team racing championship. Additionally, I was part of the team that organised Exeter Excalibur 2020 which was an extremely successful event with minimal breakages and many races. Finally, I have spent three years competing for Exeter at a variety of different team racing events which has further allowed me to understand the elements needed to efficiently run a team racing event. I am confident if elected I can oversee the bidding process and hosting of all stages of the BUSA team racing championship. Additionally, I am enthusiastic about contributing to the organisation of the BUSA tour and selection of BUSA teams for other events.</p>	Dom Lewis - Exeter	Nicole Ames - Solent
<b>William Cunliffe</b>	Western Area Chair	Cardiff University, Second Year, June 2023	<p>I have been competing on the University circuit for Cardiff for the past two years, have participated in all of the Western Team Racing Events and would love to contribute to the continued success of the region as BUSA Western Area Chair.</p> <p>For the past year I have been on the Cardiff Sailing Committee as Team Secretary; in charge of entering and getting our teams to BUSA and BUCS events. The role has provided the opportunity to liaise with representatives from the other Western Universities and an invaluable insight into the organisation and planning that goes into running and competing in events in our area. If elected as Western Chair I would like to use this experience to continue the great job done by Emma in building communication and links across the region to ensure that we all work together to deliver our events and develop participation in all our clubs, across all disciplines of the sport.</p>	Emma Hartley/Bristol	Bridie Lynch/Cardiff
<b>Eleanor Gibson</b>	Western Area Chair	Second Year Business Management student at Cardiff University, Graduation date: July 2022	<p>I am a committed and very organised member of Cardiff University Sailing club who has enthusiastically thrown themselves into the team. I will bring great skills and dedication to the role of Western Area Chair - I have experience of leading teams and communicating with organisations, including being an NCS team leader where I had to work with staff to coordinate and communicate the program. I fully understand what is required to run events - at this years Welsh Dragon I was in charge of the schedule and coordinating changeovers as well as race results. I have always been a flexible and dedicated member of my sailing team; able to fill in wherever needed, helping out at events or running down to the bay to fix boats. Importantly, I have always been encouraging when coaching new crews and supportive at club sailing to get more people on the water. If elected I will build upon the communication links between all BUSA committee positions and regional universities so that I become a point of call across all Western universities. I will also be an area promoter for all BUSA events to boost engagement and encourage the development of all areas of the sport within the western region. Next year I will be on placement based in the West. So, unfortunately, I won't be competing, but I will have more time to dedicate to ensuring the West is properly represented in BUSA organisation, helping to bid for, promote and deliver the best events in BUSA!</p>	Daniel Discombe, Cardiff University	Hannah Mumford, Cardiff University

## UNCONTESTED ROLES

<b>Nicole Ames</b>	Vice President	2021	<p>I have been in the BUSA Committee for the last 3 years gaining insight and knowledge with the values and ideals that BUSA uphold. I feel that I would be best suited to the role as I already have the understanding of the operational procedures that BUSA use and will be able to provide guidance to the new committee members.</p> <p>Within my latest year of being part of the BUSA Committee, I have created numerous documents to aid the bidding process, and the planning of the BUCS Qualifiers, Playoffs and Finals 2020.</p> <p>Throughout the year I have worked closely with the BUSA Chair and Vice Presidents, to fulfil my role as Team Race Officer, therefore gaining valuable relationships with the executive committee and will also then be able to provide a key short-term institutional memory and consistency among all the changes.</p> <p>During my first two years on the BUSA Committee I was the South-Central Area Chair, where took feedback from the membership and also ran 2 regional Qualifiers. Whilst also doing this I have run a multitude of events for the RYA and NSSA for not only Team Racing but Match Racing also, so my knowledge of events and my knowledge of event management will also prove useful within this role.</p> <p>Whilst being at University I have competed and have been involved with all the 4 disciplines within university sailing, and have a broad knowledge of the event management and changes that have been made over the previous years.</p>	Karen Thomas - Cambridge University	Abby West - Loughborough University
<b>Abby West</b>	Vice Chair	Loughborough University, fourth year, June 2020	<p>I've really enjoyed taking an active role within BUSA as the Development Officer in 2018-19 and Vice Chair in 2019-20, and have learnt lots about the challenges and opportunities that running student sailing presents.</p> <p>The first year following our move away from the RYA was never going to be easy, but we have made some excellent progress across several areas. I have enjoyed taking a lead on developing commercial partnerships for BUSA, including our training deal with the Andrew Simpson Foundation and delivering a successful kit tender, resulting in a partnership with Rooster Sailing going forward. There is huge scope to increase BUSA revenue and deliver more for our members through partnerships - maintaining this commercial focus would be a key aim of mine if re-elected.</p> <p>Additionally, we have put a lot of work into our communication in 2019-20. Overseeing the social media channels has been very rewarding, and I am pleased to see the audiences growing hugely in recent months.</p> <p>Everything we do as a committee is guided by the student feedback we received through the 2018-19 Sailor Survey, and I would love the opportunity to continue working with the committee to address these areas for improvement. This survey will be repeated in 2020-21 and I look forward to seeing more up to date responses.</p> <p>I have the enthusiasm, experience and commitment to continue driving for improvement that the Vice Chair will require, and I would love to continue supporting the committee to build a better BUSA for 2020-21 and beyond.</p>	Karen Thomas / Cambridge	Iona Smith / Glasgow
<b>Jenny Cropley</b>	Honorary Treasurer	Oxford, 3rd year, 2021	I have been competing on the BUSA circuit for the last 4 years so I very familiar with the way BUSA operates. I have been treasurer of OUYC since January 2019.	Helen Jones, Oxford	Lucy Mellers, Oxford

<b>Iona Smith</b>	Development Officer	Glasgow, will be 1st year Masters, graduating September 2021	<p>I have been Treasurer and President at Nottingham and sat on the BUSA committee for two years as Vice-President. I have plenty of development experience and connections from 5 years of student sailing, sitting on the BUSA Development sub-committee, and working closely with the previous two Development Officers. I would continue their hard work and build on the results of membership surveys and focus groups to build a clear picture and address the problems with Student Sailing in the UK. As Development Officer, I would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Work with the Area Chairs and SSS to improve participation across all disciplines. For this, I would encourage Development Fund bids from keelboat and beginners-based projects. To help every region thrive, I would work closely with the North and Scotland to increase their participation in BUCS events and ensure equal representation across BUSA.</li> <li>- Address the gender imbalance in student sailing. While the ratio of men:women in club membership and in team racing is approximately 55:45, in match racing and yachting this is closer to 70:30; in particular, less than 20% of helms are female in any discipline. To address this, I would set up a working group of like-minded sailors to promote the development of women in sailing, encourage women, training across the UK, and promote opportunities from schemes like the Magenta Project and Sunsail Magenta.</li> <li>- Write monthly</li> <li>-Development: In Focus, on articles to provide resources and advice for club committees on common issues such as fundraising, retaining members, institutional memory, event organisation and club sustainability.</li> </ul>	Hannah Thompson, Nottingham	Nicole Ames, Southampton Solent
<b>Emma Hartley</b>	Media Coordinator	University of Bristol, Currently Year 2, anticipated graduation 2021	<p>I am very organised, reliable and committed. I am proactive and creative, with experience with social media as the media coordinator for UBSC (check out our instagram and FB). I have experience working on committees as the Western Area Chair this past year and Events Secretary on the UBSC Committee, organising our own Bristol Brew, the BUSA Western Area Qualifiers and BUSA Playoffs. My experience on the BUSA Committee this year means I have a good understanding of how it all works and the work that is required. I have good communication skills and excellent links with clubs (especially in the West) with a desire to get more experience of promotion and advertising. I am very enthusiastic to get involved more with BUSA media this year, as have thoroughly enjoyed doing it for our Uni club in Bristol.</p>	Ella Bennett/ University of Bristol	Tom Martin/ University of Exeter
<b>Hannah Hunt</b>	Match Racing Officer	University of Sussex, currently in 2 year of study, anticipating to graduate 2022	<p>With a broad background of keelboat/yacht racing I have a good understanding and knowledge of Match Racing from participation in the RYA match racing circuits and training as part of the British Keelboat Academy, I am keen to develop a wider provision of match racing within BUSA to engage more students in this exciting area of keelboat racing, using my own experience and liaison with the RYA. I engage well and really enjoy working as a team: my current jobs as a Sailing instructor and First Mate at Sun Sail have strengthened my communication and leadership skills and increased my appreciation of a hardworking and reliable team. I consider myself organized and hardworking, which is key for to balance both BUSA committee responsibilities and my own studies! I have valuable experience of being on my university committee for the past 2 years as Fresher Rep and Dinghy Coach.</p> <p>Over the next year I would like to encourage a more diverse range of BUSA match racing teams: I'd like to aim for a BUSA team entry at the Female match racing events to increase female representation, likewise I like to broaden provision past the south coast by encouraging entering a student team at the RYA winter match racing held in Scotland.</p> <p>I am enthusiastic to develop BUSA'S involvement in the current BUCS match racing championships, increasing the number of student match racing events and introducing the potential for training events and coaching to give more students the opportunity to try out match racing.</p>	Charlie Howden, Commodore, University of Sussex	Abby West, Loughborough University
<b>Emily Hill</b>	Scottish Area Chair	University of St Andrews, 4th year, 2021	Scottish area chair 2019-20, on sss committee 2 years, member of St. Andrews sailing committee 4 years	Claire Valluy	University of St Andrews

<b>Kate Ledgard</b>	Northern Area Chair	University of Sheffield, Year 4, 2022	As of September I will have been at university for 4 years, each of which I've been involved in sailing with universities - mostly team racing, this has given me a few useful contacts. In the past I've been Sheffield University club captain and secretary, also been part of Bristol University Sailing Club so have experience of two different university sailing clubs. Outside of university I sail keelboats competitively inshore and offshore, and have been part of the British Keelboat Academy this past year. I'm an organised person so would be proactive in communication side, I'm good at managing my time balancing sailing and studying medicine, I'm also friendly and approachable which is important for a role which involves communication. I recognise and understand the difficulties of being a university club, but also what amazing work the clubs do.	Elizabeth Geraghtly/Sheffield University	Emma Hartley/Bristol University
<b>Patrick Croghan</b>	Midlands Area Chair	UEA; 3rd year; 2023	<p>I think I'd be a good choice to take the helm in the midlands because I have the relevant experience and am well suited to the role.</p> <p>I'm sociable I am relatively well known within the region and have good relations with many other universities; I'm organised, I have been in charge of team racing at UEA for the last two years and recently secured funding for 6 new fireflies; I am driven, I coached our entire first team from total team racing beginners to a playoffs spot and tripled the number of team racers at UEA over two years; I also understand the role, having talked to previous midlands chairs Karen and Grace about it for some time, I already know what the job entails and feel prepared for the challenge.</p> <p>If I was elected, I would work hard to increase engagement across the region. I would continue to develop the Midlands Mixer event and also provide more opportunities for inter-university training, catering for more people and a wider range of abilities.</p>	Karen Thomas; Cambridge	Clare Peterson; UEA
<b>Jessica Harman</b>	South-Central Area Chair	Solent University, 2021	I am currently Vice Dinghy Captain for my university where I have organised fleet sailing, team racing and recreational sailing so I have experience with sailors with all different abilities. I have been speaking to Karen Thomas about sailability and boosting young disabled people into sailing. I am also currently organising varsity with Will Birchall which shows that I am able to communicate well to create an event.	Will Birchall/Bournemouth University	Nicole Ames/Solent University