



University of
Strathclyde
Glasgow

British Universities & Colleges Sport Fleet Racing Championship 2023

11th – 12th November 2023

Helensburgh Sailing Club, Argyll and Bute, UK

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. This Organising Authority is British Universities Sailing Association on behalf of British Universities & Colleges Sport and in conjunction with Helensburgh Sailing Club and University of Strathclyde Sailing Club.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in [The Racing Rules of Sailing \(RRS\)](#) and local byelaws.
- 2.2. Competitors shall sail in accordance with the [RYA Racing Charter](#).
- 2.3. The regulations of PeelPorts Clydeport and also the Clyde Dockyard Port (King's Harbour) will apply (see NoR 16.1).
- 2.4. The Post-Race Penalty, Advisory Meeting and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures will apply. The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed. Information on the procedures can be found [here](#).
- 2.5. The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 2.6. [DP] RRS 40 is changed to: Competitors shall wear personal floatation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This rule applies at all times while afloat. Wetsuits and drysuits are not personal floatation devices.

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available electronically on the [Official Notice Board](#) online and on the [BUSA website](#).
- 3.2. Individual copies will not be distributed on the day, please print your own if required or view electronically to save paper.

4. COMMUNICATION

- 4.1. All documents governing this event will be available from the [Official Notice Board](#) hosted online and on the Helensburgh Sailing Club Notice Board located in the Helensburgh Sailing Club Clubhouse.
- 4.2. Communication to competitors during the event will be made via the event Telegram Group - please join by following this [link](#).

- 4.3. [DP] While racing, 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.

5. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 5.1. The event is open to all competitors who meet the [BUCS General Regulations](#).
- 5.2. All competitors must be from an institution which is a current member of the British Universities Sailing Association, or be an individual member of the British Universities Sailing Association.
- 5.3. The helm and crew of a boat must be from the same institution.
- 5.4. All competitors shall enter through BUCSPlay. This includes any reserves who may be used. Each entry must confirm the Competitors/Fleet/Class/Sail number in order to enter the event. **The entry deadline is 23:59 on Tuesday 31st October 2023, with AU Admin approval required by 23:59 on Thursday 2nd November 2023. No entries will be accepted after 23:59 on Tuesday 31st October 2023.**
- 5.5. 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 also been registered on BUCSPlay on the 'Competitors and Reserves List'.
- 5.6. Reserves must be entered through BUCSPlay onto the BUCS Sailing Competitors and Reserves List by 23.59 on 31st October 2023, with SU Admin approval required by 23:59 on Thursday 2nd November 2023.
- 5.7. The event is open to boats of the following classes:
- a) **Firefly**
 - b) **ILCA Handicap** (Inc. ILCA 4, 6, 7)
 - c) **Slow Handicap** and **Fast Handicap** Fleets – dinghies with [Portsmouth Yardstick Numbers](#) between 700 and 1240. The split between the fleets will be decided after entries have closed. 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). Boats with a handicap outside of this range or without a published Portsmouth Yardstick Number may be accepted at the discretion of the OA. *(NB. on BUCSPlay entries will be split into single and double handers. This is purely due to the admin of the online entry system and not how the fleets are split for the event.)*
- 5.8. Any class which receives less than 15 entries may be cancelled or merged with another class at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 5.9. All competitors must produce at registration their University Registration/Matriculation Card.
- 5.10. After entry, competitors who wish to request accommodation with University of Strathclyde students should fill out this [Google Form](#). Please note that **applications for accommodation submitted after Sunday 29th October will not be considered.**
- 5.11. Entries are limited to 80 boats.
- 5.12. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall have completed all required entry documentation, met all entry requirements, and have paid fees in full.
- 5.13. Competitors under 18 years of age shall submit signed Parent/Guardian Declarations before racing.
- 5.14. All boats shall sail under their register numbers to comply with **RRS 77**.
- a) 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 (for example all Fireflies shall have a sail number corresponding to their hull plaque number).
- 1.2. [DP] All Craft entering the event must be in a good state of repair and adequately prepared for the conditions. Any craft deemed by the OA or Race Committee to present a danger to its crew or others will be excluded from the event. **This changes RRS 76.1**

2. FEES

- 2.1. The entry fee is **£100 for double handed boats** and **£50 for single handed boats**.
- 2.2. If the event is cancelled by the OA a refund less any costs incurred will be issued.
- 2.3. If a competitor cancels within 7 days of the event, no refund will be given. Before 7 days, an 80% refund will be given.

3. SCHEDULE

- 3.1. The table below gives the key timings and schedule, a full schedule will appear in the Sailing Instructions.

Day	Event	Time
Friday 10 th November 2023	Helensburgh Sailing Club Open to drop of boats with HSC/USSC member present	14:00 - 18:00
	Registration Opens	15:00
	Registration Closes	18:00
Saturday 11 th November 2023	Registration Opens	08:30
	Registration Closes	09:30
	Competitors Briefing	09:30
	1 st Warning Signal Not Before	10:55
	Number of Races	3
Sunday 12 th November 2023	1 st Warning Signal Not Before	10:27
	Number of Races	3
	No Warning Signal After	14:30
	Prize Giving	ASAP After Racing

4. ADVERTISING

- 4.1. In accordance with the World Sailing Advertising Code, all advertising on supplied equipment will be made available to the Organising Authority
- 4.2. [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority

5. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 5.1. Boats may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules.
- 5.2. All boats are to have a painter for towing of at least 4m length, fitted when afloat to the bow of the boat. An infringement of this rule will incur a points penalty and second offence a disqualification.

6. PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- 6.1. [DP] All competitors will be required to wear wetsuits or drysuits, unless indicated by the Race Committee on each racing day.

7. VENUE

- 7.1. The Venue is Helensburgh Sailing Club, Rhu Road Lower, Helensburgh, G84 8QT.
- 7.2. The racing area will include Rhu Bay and the East Patch
- 7.3. Venue information is available at www.helensburghsailingclub.co.uk
- 7.4. The venue will be open all day on Friday for boats to arrive. If you will be arriving after 18:00 and would like someone to be there to meet you, please get in touch with Calum Bell (BUSA Fleet Racing Officer) 07824769289.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. The courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions
9. **PENALTY SYSTEM**
- 9.1. The post-race penalty and RYA arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. The post-race penalty will be 30%.
10. **SCORING**
- 10.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.3. When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
11. **SUPPORT VESSELS**
- 11.1. [DP] Support vessels are not permitted.
12. **PRIVACY STATEMENT**
- 12.1. 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 the 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 results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.
13. **MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND [DP]**
- 13.1. When required supplied media personnel, equipment or dummies shall be carried on board while racing.
- 13.2. Any member of a Crew
- a) May be required to wear provided media devices that may record, transmit or provide two way communication.
- b) Will make themselves available for interviews when requested by the Organizing Authority or Event Director.
- 13.3. Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of supplied media equipment.
- 13.4. Competitors automatically grant the Organizing Authority, without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of and/or relating to the event.
14. **RISK STATEMENT**
- 14.1. RRS 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 by its nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk.
- 14.2. 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 or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event
- 14.3. The Organising Authority will make every reasonable effort to ensure that its events is run in a safe environment. It is the responsibility of all participants to consider any known medical conditions or disabilities before entering or competing in this event. If you know or are aware of a medical condition that might interfere with you exercising or participating safely, please consult a medical professional before participating. All participants assume full responsibility for any, and all, injuries, losses and damages that are incurred while participating in this event.

15. INSURANCE

- 15.1. [DP] Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident or the equivalent.

16. KING'S HARBOUR REGULATIONS

- 16.1. Racing will take place within waters forming part of the Clyde Dockyard Port and is subject to the regulations imposed by the King's Harbourmaster for the Port. These regulations stipulate a Restricted Channel which may from time to time be closed to leisure vessels to allow safe passage of major naval units which include Trident submarines. Channel closure is signalled by red and green lights displayed on a mast at Rosneath Point, and also at Rhu Hangers between the Sailing Club & Rhu Marina and is managed by MOD Police launches and RIBs to ensure compliance. Notification of any likely closures will be intimated at the briefing, and will be confirmed by the Beachmaster and/or committee vessels in the vicinity. Competitors are REQUIRED to comply with all instructions issued in respect of Channel Closure and must, if necessary, sail or paddle clear of the channel if instructed to do so. Failure to comply with this instruction will result in protest by the Race Committee and likely disqualification.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. Prizes will be awarded as follows and in accordance with [BUCS Sailing Regulations](#):
- a) **Men's Team Prize:** The Men's team prize will be awarded to teams from the same institution which has the 3 boats of all males having the combined lowest score. Each boat must have raced in a class which has 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.
 - b) **Women's Team Prize:** The Women's team prize will be awarded to teams from the same institution which has the 3 boats of all females who have the combined lowest score. Each boat must have raced in a class which has 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.
 - c) **BUCS Medals and points will be awarded to boats placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Firefly, Ilca Handicap, Fast Handicap and Slow Handicap fleets. Boats placed 4th in the Firefly, Ilca Handicap, Fast Handicap and Slow Handicap fleets will also be awarded BUCS points.**
- 17.2. BUCS Points allocations:

Team Points	
1st	20pts
2nd	14pts
3rd	10pts
4th	7pts
5th	5pts
6th	3pts
7th	2pts
8th	1pt

Fleet Points	
1st	12pts
2nd	8pts
3rd	6pts
4th	4pts

FURTHER INFORMATION

The HSC Kitchen will be open during the weekend to serve breakfast and post-sailing food.
 Parking arrangements and dinghy park allocations will be released closer to the competition date.

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