



BUCS/BUSA TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014

NOTICE TO TEAM CAPTAINS – NO. 4 NORTHERN QUALIFIERS

RESERVE WEEKEND

- 1 Thank you for coming to West Kirby last weekend for the aborted attempt at the Qualifiers. We appreciate it is frustrating when the conditions do not allow for any racing.
- 2 It will be necessary to continue the event onto the reserve weekend and there will be one day of racing only (Saturday 15 February). West Kirby is not available on the Sunday. In the event that racing does not happen on this day, a contingency qualification plan will be put into force (please see below).
- 3 With respect to the forecast for Saturday, and as requested by the teams last weekend, BUSA will make a decision at **17.00hrs on Thursday 13 February** whether or not to proceed with the Qualifier. This decision will then be communicated to teams via email and the BUSA Sailing Facebook page.
- 4 It is essential that any team intending to race this weekend informs BUSA (Bex Dawkes, Sean Clarkson and Jess Beecher) as soon as possible and no later than **17.00hrs on Wednesday 12 February**. The number of teams affects the amount of racing that we have to hold in order to achieve a result. Please see below with respect to team changes.

TEAM CHANGES

- 4 As the event is now in progress, the Sailing Instructions require that any changes to the team must be approved by the Race Committee. Given the circumstances, the Race Committee intends to approve any substitution provided that the new competitor is from either (i) your reserves list or (ii) another team that has withdrawn.
- 5 Substitutions should be notified as soon as possible.

CONTINGENCY QUALIFICATION PLANS

- 6 In the event that the Qualifier cannot take place this weekend, the strict position is that no team will qualify for Finals or Playoffs. We are currently considering how to amend the NOR to allow for qualification to occur, however the RRS require us to take into account the fairness to all teams from all areas and this is by no means an easy task.
- 7 The current intention is that each university will be permitted to proceed with one team. Three universities would be selected at random to compete at the Playoffs and the remaining universities must compete at a smaller qualification event held before the Finals entry deadline (17 March). This would be in the form of a triple round robin (so around 45 races). The number of direct qualification places would be reduced from four to three and the extra place given to the Playoffs. In the extreme event this extra qualification event did not occur, a random draw would be used to select the teams for Finals.
- 8 This is only the intention – the final plan will be confirmed later this week and you are welcome to send any views to the BUSA Secretary marked for our attention on the proposal.

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BUSA Technical Delegates

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