



**BRITISH UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES SPORT
NATIONAL FLEET RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS
SATURDAY 7TH AND SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2015
NOTICE OF RACE**

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Organising Authority is the British Universities Sailing Association (BUSA) in association with British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS) in conjunction with Cardiff University and Cardiff Bay Yacht Club (CBYC).

2 RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 2.2 All competing boats shall comply with the Cardiff Harbour Authority Bye-Laws and any relevant Local Notices to Mariners. A copy will be posted on the Official Notice Board and is available at http://www.cardiffharbour.com/content.asp?nav=12,104&parent_directory_id=1
- 2.3 Competitors shall comply with the Cardiff Bay Yacht Club (CBYC) Code of Conduct. A copy of which will be available to competitors at registration.
- 2.4 Instructions given by any safety craft in respect of actions relating Harbour Bye-Laws or Club Code of Conduct will be deemed to have come from the Organising Authority. Disregarding these instructions may lead to disqualification and subsequent exclusion from the event.
- 2.5 Racing Rules 40, 41, and 62.1(a) will be changed under NOR 10.1, 12.2, and 3.7. The Sailing Instructions may also change other Racing Rules.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 To be eligible each competitor must meet the BUCS General Regulations (Reg 6 Eligibility). <http://www.bucs.org.uk/page.asp?section=17288§ionTitle=REG+6+Individual+Eligibility+and+Team+Selection>
- 3.2 All competitors must be from an institution which is currently affiliated with the British Universities Sailing Association.
- 3.3 The helm and any crew of a boat must be from the same institution.
- 3.4 All competitors shall 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 15th October 2015.**
- 3.5 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 been registered on BUCScore. Any crew, boat, or sail number change requests made to the Organising Authority after 11:59pm on Wednesday 4th November 2015 will incur a £5 donation to the Sail4Cancer charity.
- 3.6 **Late entries received after midnight on Thursday 15th October 2015 may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority. No late entries will be accepted after midnight on Thursday 29th October 2015.**
- 3.7 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 – monohull dinghies with Portsmouth Yardstick Numbers 1200 and 700 (No Keelboats). Portsmouth Yardstick Numbers can be viewed on the RYA website- <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/portsmouthyardstick.aspx>. 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). If significant entries from a single class are received (such as RS200), the OA reserve the right to include an additional single class fleet and a single handicap fleet. Boats with a handicap outside of this range or without a published Portsmouth Yardstick Number may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

- 3.8** 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 Organising Authority or Race Committee to present a danger to its crew or the event may be excluded from the event or prevented from going afloat under RRS 76.1.** Competitors are also reminded that they go afloat at their own risk, and notwithstanding anything within this clause, the Organising Authority and Race Committee do not accept any responsibility or liability for the inspection of boats.
- 3.9** Any class which receives less than 15 entries may be cancelled or merged with another class at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 3.10** Each Institution is limited to 15 entries. Additional entries may be submitted after the closing date on Thursday 15th October 2015 if there is sufficient space at the event. These will be allocated on a first come first served basis.
- 3.11** All competitors must produce at registration their University Registration/Matriculation Card - an NUS card will not suffice.
- 3.12** All competitors must complete a Medical Form before registration. Team Captains must also present an Acknowledgement of Risk Form at registration. Both will be emailed to competitors and team captains before registration.
- 3.13** 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. Fireflies 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 be provided at registration for all Firefly boats and shall be displayed at all times.

4 FEES

4.1 Required fees are as follows:

Single handed boats: £47.50 Double handed boats: £63

4.2 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.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration

Friday 6th November 2015 1700hrs – 1800hrs

Saturday 7th November 2015 0800hrs – 0930hrs

5.2 A Briefing will take place at 09:30hrs on Saturday and 09:15hrs on Sunday. All helms and crews are required to attend the briefings.

5.3 Schedule of Races

<i>Day</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Warning Signal</i>
Saturday 7 th	1	10:55hrs
	2	As soon as possible after Race 1
	3	As soon as possible after Race 2
Sunday 8 th	4	10:25hrs
	5	As soon as possible after Race 4
	6	As soon as possible after Race 5

- 5.4** The Organising Authority may alter the schedule of races, including the start times. Any changes to the schedule of races or start times shall be posted on the Official Notice Board before 21:30hrs on the day before the day the changes are to take effect.
- 5.5** Two completed races are required to constitute a series.
- 6 MEASUREMENT**
If applicable, each boat shall possess a valid measurement certificate.
- 7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
Sailing instructions may be posted on the BUCS/BUSA websites prior to the event. Each team captain will be provided with an event pack containing the sailing instructions and all notices at registration. Sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 8 VENUE**
Racing shall take place out of Cardiff Bay Yacht Club (CBYC), with the race courses located within Cardiff Bay. Further information on the club and bay can be found on the CBYC website- <http://www.cbyc.co.uk>
- 9 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 sailing club.
- 10 EQUIPMENT**
- 10.1** Rule 40 is changed to apply to all times whilst competitors are afloat and on the pontoons.
- 10.2** All competitors shall also wear wet suits or dry suits whilst afloat, unless indicated by the Race Committee on each racing day. The penalty for a breach of this rule is at the discretion of the Protest Committee.
- 10.3** All boats are required to carry a 3 metre (Minimum 8mm) rope attached to their bow.
- 11 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.
- 12 SUPPORT BOATS**
- 12.1** Except as provided in 11.2, 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.
- 12.2** 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 changes rule 41.
- 13 PRIZES**
Prizes will be awarded 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 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.

Ladies Team Prize: The Ladies 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.

BUCS Medals and points will be awarded to boats placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Firefly, Laser handicap, Fast Handicap and Slow handicap fleets. Boats placed 4th in the Firefly, Laser handicap, Fast Handicap and Slow handicap fleets will also be awarded BUCS points.

14 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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;

15 **INSURANCE**

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

16 **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information about entry and BUCScore please contact: Nick Burley, BUCS Event Coordinator British Universities & Colleges Sport 20-24 Kings Bench Street, London, SE1 0QX E: Nick.Burley@bucs.org.uk Tel: 0207 633 4997	For Organising Authority queries, please contact: Lizzie Fiddaman, BUSA Secretary E: Lizzie.Fiddaman@rya.org.uk Tel: 0238 060 4235
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