



BRITISH UNIVERSITIES
& COLLEGES SPORT



BUCS Match Racing Championships 2016

15th-17th April 2016 @ WPNSA

Notice of Race

1. The Organising Authority

- 1.1 The Organising Authority will be the Royal Yachting Association, in conjunction with British Universities & Colleges Sport, British Universities Sailing Association and WPNSA.
- 1.2 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.3 The prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association shall apply.
- 1.4 The Rules and Regulations of British Universities & Colleges Sport shall apply.
- 1.5 The byelaws of the host sailing club shall apply.

2. Event Grading

ISAF Grade 3 status has been applied for the event.

This grading is subject to review by the ISAF Match Race Advisory Board. The events may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

3. Provisional Programme

- 3.1 Registration from 1800 to 2000 on Thursday 14th April in Portland House.
- 3.2 Crew weighing to be completed by 2000 on Thursday 14th April.
- 3.3 Practice is available, weather permitting, on Thursday 14th April. Contact the Organising Authority for availability.
- 3.4 First briefing will be at 2030, or as soon as possible after dinner, on Thursday 14th April.
- 3.5 There will be daily briefings on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 0830.
- 3.6 First briefing with umpires will be immediately on completion of the Thursday briefing.
- 3.7 Racing days will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
- 3.8 The time of the first race on all days will be 0930.
- 3.9 Prize giving on completion of the racing in the dinghy park.
- 3.10 Unless excused by the O.A. attendance at the following is mandatory.
 - a) Registration and weigh in.
 - b) First briefing for skippers.
 - c) Prize giving for final skippers and crews.

4. Skippers Eligibility

- a) A maximum of 14 skippers will be invited to the event. Only skippers invited by the O.A. will be eligible to enter the appropriate event.
- b) The O.A. intends to accept entries in the following order:
 1. One team per university, on a first come first served basis.
 2. Priority entry will be given to teams attending the following events:
 - a. Ceilidh Cup/SSS Match Racing Championships – 3-4 October 2015

- b. RYA Winter Match Racing 1 – 23-24 January 2016
 - c. RYA Winter Match Racing 2 – 20-21 February 2016
 - d. RYA Winter Match Racing 3 – 19-20 March 2016
3. Other teams may be accepted, including second teams, if space, if they have completed the entry requirements and on a first come first served basis.
- c) All crews shall be from the same institution in accordance with the [British Universities and Colleges Sports rules and regulations](#). (University registration cards will be required when the crew weigh-in; NUS cards will not be adequate.)
 - d) All competitors shall meet with the eligibility requirements of ISAF Regulation 19.2 and [BUCS Regulation 6](#).
 - e) All skippers shall obtain an ISAF Sailor ID by registering online www.sailing.org/sailor. Skippers shall inform the O.A. of their ISAF Sailor ID before registration.

5. Entries

- 5.1 Entries must be received by 23.59hrs on Thursday 10 March 2016 and are not valid unless all of the entry requirements are met.
- 5.2 Entries must be made via the BUCScore online system (accessed via a university's student or athletic union). Individual competitors must be registered with BUCScore in order to enter via the system. Institutions should contact Nick Burley (BUCS Event Coordinator – Nick.Burley@bucs.org.uk) in the event of any problems using the system.
- 5.3 On entry, a team must designate its skipper and provide contact details. They must also list all team members and any reserves. This should all be done via the BUCScore online system no later than 23.59hrs on Thursday 10 March 2016.
- 5.3 When entering on BUCScore all teams will be charged a non-returnable entry fee of £105 per person , except in the case that the event is oversubscribed and a place is not available.
- 5.4 Damage Deposit
 - a) An initial damage deposit of £500 payable to the RYA, shall be paid upon entry. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
 - b) In the event that a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the O.A., it may require the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
 - c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within the 14 days after the event.
- 5.5 The skipper & team shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits.
- 5.6 Entries are only accepted from BUSA Member Clubs in good standing with BUSA (i.e. clubs which are not in arrears and which have paid their 2015/2016 subscription as determined by the BUSA Honorary Treasurer).

6. Rules

- a) The event will be governed by the current rules as defined in the RRS, and include Match Racing Appendix C.
- b) The 'Rules for the Handling of Boats' will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing. Class rules shall not apply.
- c) **Personal flotation device must be worn whilst afloat.**

7. Boats and Sails

- a) The event will be sailed in Elliot 6M.
- b) 6 boats will be provided.
- c) The following sails will be provided for each boat:- mainsail, jib and symmetrical spinnaker.

- d) Boats will be allocated by draw either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee.
- e) Upper wind strength limitations may determine whether the fleet can race.

8. Crew (including skipper)

- a) Teams shall consist of between 3 and 4 sailors (including the skipper).
- b) All registered crew shall sail all races.
- c) The maximum total crew weight for the event determined prior to racing shall be 250kg when wearing at least shorts and shirt.
- d) The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- e) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the Jury/O.A. may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- f) When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the Jury/O.A. may authorise a temporary substitute or other adjustment.
- g) The skipper and at least one crew member must remain the same between the qualifying event and the Finals.

9. Event Format

- a) Skippers will be seeded based on the most recently published ISAF ranking list 14 days before the appropriate event.
- b) The event will consist of the following stages:-
Series 1 - Single Round Robin
Series 2 - Semi-Finals
Series 3 - Finals
- c) The O.A. may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round when conditions do not permit the completion of the intended format.

10. Course

- a) The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
- b) The intended course area will be announced at the first briefing.

11. Prizes

- a) BUCS Medals will be awarded to the top 3 teams. BUCS Points will be awarded to the top 8 teams.
- c) Prizes may be awarded to the top 3 teams.
- d) The winner may be invited to the RYA National Match Racing Championship Finals in November 2016.
- e) The O.A. may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

12. Media, Images and Sound

The O.A. may require television personnel and equipment (or dummies) to be carried on board while racing and may require competitors to be available for interviews. The O.A. shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

13. Coach Boats

- a) Coach boats shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached.
- b) The organisers will not provide berths for coach boats.
- c) Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the Jury /Protest Committee to the appropriate skipper or team.

14. 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.

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