



BUCS/BUSA YACHTING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016

NOTICE OF RACE

20th– 24th March 2016

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority is the Portsmouth Harbour Yacht Club, the British Universities Sailing Association (BUSA), and British Universities & Colleges Sports (BUCS).

2 RULES

The Championship will be governed by:

- 2.1 The Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS).
- 2.2 Sunsail Match First 40 Class Rules.
- 2.3 For the purpose of this regatta the word team may be used to mean the crew of a boat. The word boat and yacht are interchangeable.
- 2.4 In the event of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

3 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising supplied by the Organising Authority.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Entries will only be accepted via the BUCScore online entry system (accessed via a university's student or athletic union). On entry, a team must designate its team captain and provide contact details. They must also list all team members and any reserves. 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.
- 4.2 Entries must be received by **23.59hrs on Thursday 3rd March 2016**. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority, subject to the availability of boats.
- 4.3 The event is open to teams of EIGHT people all of whom must sail on the boat while racing, which must include at least two females.
- 4.4 The Skipper/Helm for each team must have a minimum of 500nm Racing experience in order to charter a boat from Sunsail. At least 2 members of the team must hold a valid RYA Day Skipper Practical qualification or equivalent keelboat racing experience.
- 4.5 The number of teams is limited to the number of boats made available by Sunsail. Places will be allocated by BUSA, based on:
 - (i) Meeting the required experience set out by Sunsail Charter agreement.
 - (ii) One place per university, on a first come, first served basis in the order that entries are received.
 - (iii) All other places filled on a first come, first served basis in the order that entries are received.
- 4.6 A Sunsail Match First 40 will be chartered to each team. The allocation of boats will be by a draw. Any consequences of the allocation including the supply, condition and maintenance of a boat and her equipment shall not comprise grounds for seeking redress (affecting RRS 62.1 (a)).
- 4.7 The charter document must also be completed and e-mailed to [Nick Burley](mailto:Nick.Burley@bucs.org.uk) by Thursday 3rd March 2016. The invoice or purchase order will be sent to the club, when their entry is accepted for **£1575.00 Charter Fee** and **£3000.00 Security Deposit** (Payable via BACS or Cheque, to Sunsail Worldwide Sailing Ltd, Personal cheques will not be accepted. Cheques will be cashed).
- 4.8 For an entry to be considered as valid, teams must complete all the entry information on BUCScore and required charter form information (i.e. Skipper and experienced crew).
- 4.9 Teams are strongly advised to register as many reserves as possible on BUCScore. No student can compete in the Championship if they are not registered on BUCScore.

- 4.10 Additional reserves can be added via BUCScore until 23.59 on Thursday 10th March 2016. The final and full **crew list must be e-mailed to busa@rya.org.uk by Friday 11th March 2016, using only those individual registered on BUCScore.** Late changes to crew lists may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 4.11 To be eligible each competitor must meet the BUCS General Regulations ([Reg 6 Eligibility](#)). All competitors must be from an institution which is currently affiliated and in good standing with the British Universities Sailing Association.

5 SCHEDULE AND FORMAT

- 5.1 Registration. All Crew members must register in person at Port Solent between 1700 and 1845 on Sunday 20th March 2016. All competitors shall present their University Registration Card to the OA at registration (NUS cards will not be sufficient). The yachts will be allocated by draw and a hand over and inventory check must be conducted on the allocated yacht. Failure to do so may render a team liable for previously caused damage or loss to a yacht or her equipment. Sunsail staff will be on hand to assist.
- 5.2 Boat Collection will be from 1900 – 2100.
- 5.3 Competitors Briefing. This will take place at 1900 on Sunday 20th March 2016 at the Portsmouth Harbour Yacht Club.
- 5.4 It is the intention of the Organizing Authority that the regatta will consist of 8 qualifying races and 2 final series races. The qualifying series may consist of a mixture of windward / leeward and coastal racing. The final series will be windward / leeward races.
- 5.5 Boats will be assigned to the final series fleets Gold and Silver, based on their rank in the qualifying series.
- 5.6 Provisional Schedule

Sunday 20 th March	17:00 to 18:45 Registration at Portsmouth Harbour Yacht Club 18:45 Boat allocation draw 19:00 Competitors briefing
Monday 21 st March	08:30 Harbour exit 10:00 1st warning signal for practice starts and race 11:15 Race 1 warning signal with a further 2 windward / leeward races
Tuesday 22 nd March	10:00 First warning signal – 3 races scheduled, including one coastal race of approximately 3 hours.
Wednesday 23 rd March	10:00 First warning signal – 2 races scheduled, including one coastal race of approximately 5 hours.
Thursday 24 th March	10:00 First warning signal - 2 windward / leeward races scheduled. Prize giving after racing (target time 15:00)

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and will be posted on the BUCS & BUSA website Yacht Racing event pages by Tuesday 15th March 2016.

7 RACE AREAS

The race area will be in The Solent and adjacent waters east of the Isle of Wight.

8 THE COURSES

A variety of windward / leeward and coastal round the buoys courses will be used. Downwind and reaching starts may be used. Further details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

9 PENALTIES

The sailing instructions will change RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty (1 tack and 1 gybe).

10 PROTESTS

- 10.1 In addition to RRS 61 the Sailing Instructions will add the following: Boats intending to protest shall notify a race committee of her intention to protest immediately after finishing the race concerned.
- 10.2 For protests involving an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS, the parties may elect to have an arbitration hearing. Details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply except as modified below.
- 11.2 The Qualifying series shall comprise at least three completed races.
- 11.3 If three or more races have been completed by the end of racing on Wednesday, a Final Series will be sailed on Thursday.
- 11.4 If less than three races have been completed by the end of racing on Wednesday, the Qualifying Series will continue on Thursday and no Final Series will be sailed.
- 11.5 Scores for coastal races shall not be discarded.
- 11.6 If three or more windward leeward races are completed in the Qualifying Series, a boat's worst score for these races shall be discarded.
- 11.7 There shall be no discards in the Final Series.
- 11.8 A boat's championship ranking shall be based on the total of her Qualifying Series score (after any discard is applied) and her Final Series score.
- 11.9 If at least one Final Series race is completed, Silver Fleet boats shall be ranked below the lowest ranked Gold Fleet boat.

12 SAFETY

A man-overboard procedure shall be practiced aboard each boat by the crew racing in the championship prior to the first race of the series.

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 The top English, Scottish and Welsh teams from this event may be invited to the Student Yachting Worlds 2016 (providing they are eligible to race with no crew changes). If the winning team are ineligible to compete then a runner up may be offered an invitation.
- 13.2 The top 3 teams will receive BUCS medals. BUCS points will be awarded at the discretion of BUCS for the top 8 teams who are representing BUSA Member Clubs.
- 13.3 The winner of the Long Inshore Race (if raced) will be awarded the Jim Saltonstall Teapot Trophy.

14 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 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 inherently 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 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;

15 MEDIA RIGHTS

In participating in the BUCS/BUSA Championships any competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority permission to make, use and show, from time to time, any motion pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the event without compensation, in perpetuity.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

All enquires and correspondence should be addressed to: BUSA, RYA House, Ensign Way, Hamble, Southampton, SO31 4YA. Tel: 02380 604167 Email: busa@rya.org.uk