

Name and Contacts	Committee Role interested in	University	Current year	Studying	Graduation year	Experience: Why would you be a great committee member? What sailing, committee and leadership experience do you have?
Emily Robertson	Vice President	Glasgow University and The Glasgow School of Art	5th	Product Design Engineering	2017	I have been on the BUSA committee for the past two years as Scottish Rep, meaning I have also been on the Scottish Student Sailing Committee for that time. Before that I was Ladies Team Racing Captain at Glasgow for two years. Over my time in uni I have competed in team racing, Scottish fleet racing and Scottish yachting and match racing, giving me a broad understanding of each area of the sport. I have also taught in the beginners section of the club. I have attended three BUSA finals and two BUSA Playoffs as a competitor and so have a good idea of what happens at these events. In the past four years I have co-founded the Glasgow Grouse, the pre-season coach coaching events and the Scottish Student Sailing Ladies Team Racing Championships. I have also run three SSS Leagues a year for the past two years as well as overseeing BUSA Playoffs a couple of weeks ago. I believe that my experience on committees and also as a competitor make me a good candidate for this position, and I hope that you do too!
Neil Marshall	Chair	University of Plymouth	6th	Medicine	2020	I've been part of university sailing for the past 5 years, and over that time I've gained a thorough understanding of how BUSA works, which I feel will make me an excellent BUSA chair for the next two years. My involvement in team racing, match racing, yachting and fleets ensures that I'm able to support all members of the committee in their roles if needed, and to further the opportunities BUSA provides for our member clubs. As an active Umpire I'm also passionate about getting younger people into officiating at events, and it's something BUSA is keen to support across the country. During my time at university I've competed at all of the championships that BUSA run, as well as being involved with the running of Fleets and Team racing. I've been on the BUSA committee for the past two years, the first as the Western rep, and this year as the Team Racing Co-ordinator and Development Officer. I'm truly passionate about supporting our member clubs, ensuring that we take on your feedback after events, and through providing development opportunities for all clubs at all levels. This year I've led on BUSA's first structured training for a number of years, focussing on helping you guys to perform better at team racing, and providing you with coaching feedback at events. Recently we've planned our development plan for the 17/18 academic year, which will see BUSA provide even more support to your clubs! I've been the Commodore for my own club, and through that I've developed excellent leadership skills, which I know will ensure that I'm able to lead the committee over the next two years. As a dedicated member of the committee I make it a priority to make the time to go to BUSA meetings, and have even ended up chairing when our chair couldn't make it. My two years on the committee so far have allowed me to be part of the organisational process of all aspects of what BUSA do, and to see where we can make changes to make things better for you guys!
Lucy Storey	Chair	University of Manchester	5th	Medicine	2018	This year I have worked alongside the committee as BUSA Northern Rep and would now like to take on the role of BUSA Chair. I am passionate about seeing student sailing grow across the UK and have worked hard to promote growth in the North this year- the success of this work is evidenced in the over-subscription of this year's northern qualifier. I have sailed with Manchester Uni as a crew on the 1st team for four years and latterly as a helm on the 2nds. I was team captain for my 2nd year of university and club captain for two years prior to becoming Northern Rep so sailing committees are second nature to me! My main focuses would be: - Personally supporting smaller developing clubs - providing a central body of information and resources for all clubs to use - reviewing the qualifier process to ensure it is as fair as possible in light of increasing numbers of entrants - helping with finance planning for smaller clubs - providing routes for alumni to support and stay engaged with university sailing
Matt Whitfield	Men's Captain	Southampton	2nd of 1st year	Geophysics	N/A	I have been a member of the RYA P3 squad for the Lasers and came 14th at the U21 Worlds and have been team racing for 1.5 years with Southampton, coming 6th at Finals last year in my 1st year of team racing. I have also started to match race having come 4th at the RYA Grand Finals and am intending on taking match racing a lot more seriously travelling a lot to do more events. I have been on the Penarth YC committee as a youth representative for a number of years and the Wessex (Southampton uni) Sailing Club committee for a year as bosun. Whilst it is a different sport I was captain of my junior football team for some years. I have also done some coaching of younger sailors (mainly optimist and topper) that has meant that I have had to run sessions in a group of sailors.
Jenny Smallwood	Ladies Captain	Manchester	2nd	Mathematics and Physics	2019	I have been a sailor all of my life, learning through Optimists, Fevas and then 420s where I competed nationally and internationally, winning the RYA Youth Champs in 2015. Since then I have team raced at Manchester, helming on the first team for 2 years. In 2016, Manchester achieved their best result in recent history at BUSA Finals finishing 12th. This year we have improved further, leading to our invitation to the Oxford Top Gun. For the past year I have been Manchester's Team Captain, in charge of selecting three teams at the beginning of the year, organising and leading training sessions and entering events. I also coach our development squad sailors most Wednesday afternoons. In December I organised a big club racing event for Manchester at West Kirby so that our development squad sailors could experience some proper team racing. We ran fleet races in the morning, followed by team races in the afternoon with the proper start/finish boats, racing marks and schedules. I supported our club captain in the organisation of the Big Lash, which involved working with West Kirby and Liverpool to make sure everything was being sorted. I have an understanding of how a good team racing event is organised and run, and know the useful contacts at West Kirby. I have also submitted my views as to how BUSA Northern Qualifiers could be improved to the Northern Rep. Also at university I volunteer as a PASS leader, running sessions for 10 first year maths and physics students where we can discuss ideas learnt in lectures, questions from problem sheets and any other problems students are having at university. I have really enjoyed the 2 years I have spent on the BUSA circuit so far and look forward to the next 2 years. I would like the opportunity to share my ideas and work with others to continue improving the BUSA circuit.
Harry Bowerman	Keelboat Officer	Bangor	1st	Sports Science	2019	I have had a long and extensive career in sailing and have been able to sail and work all over the world. I am currently a member of the RYA British Keelboat Academy. During my time working as Chief Instructor of Abu Dhabi Sailing Club I was on several committees in many different roles including the ADSC main committee as an honorary advisory member, the ADSC youth Committee as Interim Chairman, I served as a consultant for Abu Dhabi's ministry of transport's committee to decide how best to implement a powerboat license, and most notably I was ADSC's representative to the United Arab Emirates Sailing and Rowing Federations (SARF) Technical Committee. During my time on all of these committees I feel that I was able to positively contribute, some examples of my contributions include steering Abu Dhabi's Ministry of Transport away from the idea of running courses similar to a powerboat two on a computer simulation and to instead to run their driving tests and training on the water. I also vetoed the need for competitors to have to pay a large deposit in order to make a protest and I also received the preliminary approval to set up an national optimist squad where residents of the UAE not just nationals could join from the President of SARF Sheikh Khalid Bin Zayed Al Nahayan this was a first in the Gulf. Aside from my work with and on committees I have worked part time for several years as a sailing photographer which has provided me skill sets, to see examples of my photography please head over to HarryBowerman.com. In short, during my years of work in the sailing industry I have developed a wide set of skills that suit this role very well. I would like the opportunity to put my skills to good work promoting the sport that I love.

Alice de Vitry	Development Officer	University of Kent	3rd	Forensic Science	2017	I started sailing when I was 6 years old, from opis, lasers, laser 2000s to a variety of catamarans. When I was 16, I joined the 420 fleet racing class for 2 years in the Paris region. I then became an assistant instructor until I passed my dinghy instructor's course at 18. For the past 3 summers, I have been working as an instructor back in my local French beach club. Moving back to England for university has made me discover a different branch of the sport : team racing. Over the past 3 years, I have gained a lot of leadership experience thanks to my committee roles in the University of Kent Sailing and Windsurfing Club. Being elected as 1st Year Representative within my first year in 2014, I was immediately welcomed and was able to help integrate new members like myself into the club and team. Working alongside the rest of the committee, I engaged with the new and current members to obtain feedback on how sessions and socials were run. Being a volunteer since my first year has enabled me to share my passion of sailing and windsurfing and contribute to the organisation of the club. Participating in our Sail to Save challenge in 2015, a team from my university club sailed in yacht around Ramsgate to Poole, fundraising nearly £4000 for the RNLI and helping members participate in non-racing events. After being elected as Race Captain in March 2015, I was able to focus more on team racing and ensure weekly training. I catered for different abilities, and helped to include members who had never raced before. Attending a "How to coach disabled people in sport" workshop allowed me to transfer teaching skills to other committee members and proved beneficial when sailing with members with mobility difficulties. Establishing a concrete contract between my University Sports Centre, a local school and us, I ensured that regular training could be provided. Borrowing this school's Fireflies ever since the club was reassembled around 2010, I have seen the problems such a young club like mine has encountered and the possible solutions that can be explored to safeguard the future of my club's training. Thanks to regular training and theory sessions I organized, our results at events all over the country have improved and my University has become more and more known within the team racing sphere. Supporting USCS development and helping them become more recognised is something I wish to pursue on the BUSA committee. Being elected as Kerf USC President for 2016/17, I have continued the progress established by the previous presidents. For example, our general club membership subscription is as strong as before and our race team has doubled. Above this, I have helped to improve certain aspects of the club. As I am still active within the race team, I encouraged new members with little sailing or racing experience to try out the racing trials. This resulted in 2 teams and has allowed us to present these 2 teams for the BUSA team racing qualifiers, for the first time ever. In late February, I entered a team to the RYA/BUSA Ladies Team Racing Championships, another event which had never been done before. Attending the event, I was able to support the participation of girls in sport and in BUSA events, something which followed on from the #ThisGirlCan campaign we strongly backed. Additionally, working with the Fundraising and Charity Officer of the committee, I entered our club into the RYA The Green Blue University Sustainability Challenge, a challenge which we had never participated in before. In the end, we won the gold award which was presented to us at the RYA Suzuki Dinghy Show. Continuing to promote Green Blue participation is another point which I feel is necessary for clubs to develop themselves in a non-racing aspect. Furthermore, due to the need of experienced members and committee members to help teach the sport to a high standard, I encouraged many to take part in subsidised instructor training courses as well as powerboat driving qualifications, by liaising with the RYA South East representative and gaining funding from the union. Applying for grants and discussing funding opportunities is something I have experienced for the past 3 years. Having provided support in Sport England grant applications, I wish to help advise other committees and clubs on possible funding sources. I am hoping to do a Masters at the University of Southampton in September 2017 and wish to remain involved in a sailing committee. As a member of committee, I am passionate for sailing, organized and a team player. Encouraging club development in both sailing and racing has always been a priority for me and I would welcome the opportunity to help out on a bigger scale for all USCS.
Anna Lucas-Clements	Northern coordinator	University of Sheffield	3rd	Biomedical Science	2017	As first Secretary and then Commodore of the University of Sheffield Sailing Club I have gained a huge amount of experience running and organising events, including the Northern Qualifiers a couple of months ago. I also have a lot of friends and contacts in many of the other Northern Uni Sailing Clubs which I feel would be a very useful tool when representing them within the BUSA committee. I know that this is my last year of studying but I will be remaining in Sheffield for the whole of next year so I will be in a perfect position to stay involved in University Sailing.
Ben Swyer	Northern coordinator	Newcastle	3rd	Mechanical Engineering	2018	Sailing is a huge part of my University life and subsequently I have been heavily involved in Newcastle University Sailing and Yachting Club for the past 3 years, travelling all over the North and have got to know members from most universities in the region. In 2015/16 I was the Team Racing Captain and I am currently the President (Commodore) for the club. I have led a committee of 13 to help develop and improve our club and as a result have started offering RYA Sailing Courses to all students at Newcastle University whilst supporting our team captains who have been able to coach and train some of the most successful Northern teams thus far this year. I am currently sailing for Newcastle 1st team in Team Racing, Match Racing, Fleet Racing and Yachting and have attended BUCS Match Racing, Fleet Racing and Yachting in the past two years. I am finally going to Team Racing Finals this year and therefore will have attended every event BUCS has to offer. Having been lucky enough to have had the experience of competing at these, I am well informed to help the North get even more involved in BUCS events and provide help and support to clubs looking to develop their racing teams. Outside of the Sailing Club, I study mechanical engineering and was the project manager for both my 1st and 3rd year engineering projects. Both projects had successful outcomes with the engineering company I was paired with this year looking to prototype the engineering solution imminently. I am extremely hard working, dependable and have a real passion to make the North as good as it can be and therefore I feel I make a great committee member for BUSA!
Anna Prescott	Midlands coordinator	Cambridge University	2nd	Natural Sciences	2019	I am currently Team Captain of Cambridge University Team Purple. This involves organising training, liaising with other teams, and selecting appropriate events to attend; as well as motivating my team and ensuring everyone is involved in team discussions. I am really enjoying leading a team. I am also currently Stash Secretary for the Cambridge University Sailing Team and a member of the Team Racing Committee. I have had the experience of designing and purchasing all the team kit all year and distributing it out. I was also highly involved in the organisation of BUSA Midlands Qualifiers 2017 and Cam Cup 2017. In terms of my sailing experience, previous to team racing I sailed 29ers and was a member of the National Youth Squad. I was selected to attend the EUROSAFs in 2015 and won a silver medal. Last academic year I joined Cambridge University and started team racing. I was a helm on the second team and we achieved 4th place at BUSA Finals 2016.
Benjamin Lawrence	Midlands coordinator	University of Warwick	1st	Medicine (postgraduate)	2020	Having been a beneficiary of many well-run BUSA events during my time at university, I hope to be able to use my experience to provide the same for others as midlands coordinator. 've been sailing all my life and involved in university sailing for 5 years, 4 of which at The University of Leeds where I held the roles of Vice team captain and latterly President. During this time, I ran and helped to run several successful university sailing events. I believe I know what it takes to run a great event, both on and off the water. This year saw me move from the north to the midlands and in the coming year I will take up the role of vice president at University of Warwick SC. Having had all this experience of juggling the organisation of university sailing with other commitments (including actually getting some sailing done myself), I consider myself well placed to manage the commitment of being midlands coordinator.
Nicole Ames	South-Central coordinator	Southampton Solent University	Year 0	Yacht Design and Production with a Technology Foundation Year	2020	I believe I would be a great committee member due to having the willingness to devote my time and effort into BUSA to make sure everyone has a fair and fun time. I love seeing what goes on behind the scenes and to be a part of that would be a fantastic opportunity. My sailing background includes me sailing for the British Keelboat Academy in the offshore programme and also campaigning on a Ker 40 for the Fastnet. I grew up in dinghies and then progressed onto yachts. I now race for my University on the Yachting and Match Racing Team. I also race with a team from back in Cornwall who compete in the HP30 class. On the committee background I have been a member of the sailing committee for The Royal Cornwall Yacht Club for the past year. I like to help out the Honorary Sailing Secretary at the club as this enables me to learn more about the organisation and procedures involved with helping to run an event. I have also helped to set up a kids club at the RCYC which enables members children to come down for some fun sailing.

Jonas Osborn	Western coordinator	University of Bristol	2nd	Computer Science (MEng)	2019	<p>I have been team racing for six years, four on the BSDRA circuit where I captained my school team and two on the BUSA circuit sailing for the University of Bristol. Sailing and more specifically team racing is very important to me and I would like to co-ordinate and represent the western region on the BUSA committee. Through my sailing experience I have taken part in all kinds of events from tiny regional events to large national finals such as UKTRA and BUSA finals. I know what makes a good event and believe I am the best suited to the role of organising the regional qualifiers due to my location, club and experience. My local club Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club is the ideal choice being situated in a completely central location for the western region with three flights of university boats already kept there available to be used. The University of Bristol Sailing club is also the ideal host club being the largest university club at Chew Valley and having a set of experienced volunteers who will have ran the Bristol Brew earlier in the season. Personally I assisted with the running of the Bristol Brew 2014 and the Western Qualifiers in 2015 so am fully aware of what is involved in running an event. I welcome the task of coordinating and interfacing between all the local university sailing clubs in the western region and see this role as giving me the opportunity to forge closer links between them, and look forward to representing their views to the BUSA committee.</p>
Holly Overton	Media Officer	University of Sheffield	3rd	Journalism	2017	<p>I'm Holly, I'm a third year journalism student at the University of Sheffield and I think I should be elected as media officer because I have a strong commitment to sailing and a passion for writing. SAILING EXPERIENCE Boats have always been a part of my life from a very young age, and university reignited my love of the sport. We been part of the Sheffield University Sailing Club (SUSWC) for three years now, sailing for the first team for two of them and competing around the North at BUSA events. This shows I not only have a strong commitment to sailing but also and understanding how BUSA runs. I am also secretary for SUSWC, which involves sending weekly newsletters to current and former members, keeping them up to date with all the events and antics of the club, as well as running our social media accounts. It also involved organizing this year's Northern Qualifiers, which I felt was a great success. Although I will be graduating this Summer I don't feel like it will harm my ability to fulfill this role. I intend to stay involved in the university sailing circuit for as long as I can and will be heading up North to Sheffield for their events for certain. Also, being based in Southampton (with a car) I am able to attend events if require WRITING EXPERIENCE I've been fortunate enough to have had work placements with both Yachting World and Yachting Monthly magazines. These gave me a great insight into writing as well as online optimization. I would be editing copy, writing short pieces from press releases, and growing their online content. I am also the copy editor for our university newspaper 'Forge', entrusted with making sure news stories are accurate, read-well and have no mistakes. This role as media officer will also tie in well with skills I have learnt during my degree. I chose journalism as I had a knack at writing and it was something really enjoyed. My course has improved my writing skill, given me confidence in approaching interviewees, as well as teaching me how to use software like WordPress, InDesign, and Premier Pro (a video editing software). I understand that BUSA plan on switching software from WordPress to Concrete5, which something I'd love to learn. This is a brilliant opportunity to combine my love of sailing and writing ability. I feel skills learnt through my degree and work placements will help develop the online presence and outward reach of BUSA through both social media and the BUSA website, whilst the role will also pave the way for a future career in communications. I look forward to be able to develop this role into a vital and central part of BUSA.</p>