

# Notice of Race

## BUCS Team Racing Championship 2018

### Regional Qualifiers

#### Midland Qualifier

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018; Grafham Water Sailing Club  
University of Warwick

#### Northern Qualifier

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018; Derwent Water Sailing Club;  
Durham & Newcastle Universities

#### South Central Qualifier

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018; Spinnaker Sailing Club;  
Southampton Solent University

#### Western Qualifier

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018; Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club  
University of Bristol

### Scottish Qualifier Series

#### League Event 1

11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017; Bardowie Loch; University of Glasgow

#### League Event 2

27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018; Lochore Meadows Country Park; Edinburgh University

#### League Event 3

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018; Bardowie Loch; University of Strathclyde

*Qualifiers Reserve Date: 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018 (excluding Scotland)*

### Playoffs

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018; Bartley Reservoir; University of Birmingham

### Championship Finals

2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018; Strathclyde Loch, University of Glasgow



### 1. Introduction

- 1.1. The event is for three boat teams and will be sailed in Firefly type dinghies supplied by the Organizing Authority. Each boat shall be sailed by two people.
- 1.2. The event includes Regional Qualifiers, Playoffs and Championship Finals as listed above.

### 2. Organizing Authority

- 2.1. The Organizing Authority is the British Universities Sailing Association (BUSA) on behalf of British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS).
- 2.2. The Regional Qualifiers, Playoffs and Championship Finals will be hosted by the named clubs and venues.

### 3. Rules

- 3.1. Races will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules.
- 3.2. The following Rules will be amended: RRS 26, 29.1, 40, 44.1, 60, 63.1, 64.1, A4, A5, D1.1(d), D3.1.
  - a) RRS 40 is changed to require personal buoyancy aids to be worn while racing.
  - b) RRS 60 – Right to Protest; Right to Request Redress or Rule 69 Action
  - c) RRS 63.1 – Requirement for a Hearing (*NoR* Appendix B)

The sailing instructions may also change other rules.

- 3.3. Races will be Umpired
- 3.4. In accordance with RRS 70.5(a) the right of appeal will be denied.
- 3.5. The sailing instructions will be available on the BUSA website and at registration.
- 3.6. The BUCS Sports Specific Regulations for Sailing shall apply, which are included as Appendix E.
- 3.7. The Following BUCS General Regulations will also apply:
  - a) Reg 6 – [Individual Eligibility and Team Selection](#).
  - b) Reg 17 – [Misconduct/Bringing BUCS into disrepute](#).
  - c) Reg 19 – [BUCS Points](#)
  - d) Reg 20 - [General](#)

### 4. Teams

- 4.1. A team shall consist of six persons, at least two of which must be female.
- 4.2. All Team members shall complete the BUSA Medical Declaration before racing.
- 4.3. The members of a Team should not change during the Championship, except as allowed by appendix C.
- 4.4. Where more than one team is entered by a BUSA Member Club, each Team shall be identified by a colour. Teams shall not be identified by numbers or letters.

### 5. Entry and Eligibility

- 5.1. Entries for the Championship will be accepted from BUSA member clubs who are registered as developmental or competitive member clubs, and have paid a 2017/2018 subscription fee. One additional entry may be accepted as allowed by SI 5.5(b).
- 5.2. Entries will not be considered valid unless all requirements of this sailing instruction are met.
- 5.3. Entries for all stages of the event must be made via the BUCScore online system.
  - a) Teams shall name a Captain who will be the main point of contact.
  - b) Entry fees for each stage of the event, including BUCS and BUSA admin fees are listed in table 1.
  - c) Damage Deposits
    - i. No damage deposit from teams representing Member Clubs is payable on entry. Appendix B of the NoR applies.
    - ii. Teams invited at the discretion of the Organizing Authority which do not represent Member Clubs will be required to provide a damage deposit of £250 per team. Any damage to the supplied boats while in the care of a competitor shall be deducted from this deposit. If 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 team will be permitted to continue in the event.
  - d) Once entered on BUCScore, entry fees are non-refundable.

- e) Entries for each stage shall be made no later than 2359hrs on the relevant Stage 1 Entry deadline listed below.
- f) At its discretion, the Organizing Authority may open a Stage 2 Entry for individual events. The Organizing Authority and BUCS are under no obligation to accept these entries; priority will remain with all Stage 1 Entries received. Entries submitted under this system shall be made by no later than 2359hrs on the relevant Stage 2 Entry deadline listed below and will be charged an additional 20% fee.

	Entry Fee	Stage 1 Entry Deadline	Stage 2 Entry Deadline	Reserves Deadline
English & Welsh Regional Qualifiers	£320	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2018
Scottish Qualifier (Leagues)	£580	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2017	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2017, 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2018 & 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2018
Playoffs	£320	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2018	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2018
Championship Final	£650	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2018	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018

*Table 1 - Entry Fees and Deadlines*

#### 5.4. Entries to Regional Qualifiers

- a) Will be made in accordance with the BUSA Regions as described in Appendix D.
- b) Developmental clubs may enter one team to a regional qualifier, and competitive clubs may enter up to three teams to a regional qualifier.
- c) Except in Scotland, entries will be restricted to twenty teams.
- d) Entries will be allocated as follows:
  - i. Each Member Club will be allocated an entry before another Member Club is given a second entry;
  - ii. Each Member Club will be allocated a second entry before another Member Club is given a third and final entry; and
  - iii. in all other respects, entries will be allocated based on the date and time of receipt.
- e) In Scotland only, the Organizing Authority may invite student Teams representing Scottish Student Sailing (SSS) Members to compete in the Scottish Qualifiers, in which case SI 5.4(b) shall not apply. These teams may be placed but shall not be eligible for invitations to the Playoffs or Championship Finals.

#### 5.5. Entries to Playoff and the Championship Finals

- a) Entries to Playoffs will be restricted to fifteen teams and for the Championship Finals will be restricted to twenty eight teams. Teams that will be invited to enter are laid out in Appendix A.
- b) The top ranked Irish university team (determined at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority), or a team of university sailors nominated by it will be invited to the Championship Finals. This team may compete in all stages but is not eligible to win the Event or receive BUCS prizes.
- c) Should an invited team turn down a place at Playoffs or the Championship Finals, the next ranked eligible team from the event through which the team qualified (determined at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority) will be invited in their place.

### 6. Event Format and Schedules

- 6.1. Details of Registration and Briefings will be confirmed in individual pre-event information.
- 6.2. Timings for the first warning signal at each event will be notified in pre-event information.

### 7. Sailing Instructions

- 7.1. Sailing Instructions will be available at each venue and will be posted on the BUSA website.

8. Personal Equipment

- 8.1. RRS 40 is changed to apply to all times whilst competitors are afloat.
- 8.2. All competitors will be required to wear wet suits or dry suits, unless indicated by the Race Committee on each racing day. The penalty for a breach of NoR 8 is at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

9. Prizes and BUCS points

9.1. Regional Qualifiers

- a) Invitation to enter the Championship Finals or Playoffs as laid out in Appendix A.

9.2. Playoffs

- a) Invitation to enter the Championship Finals as laid out in Appendix A.

9.3. Championship Finals

- a) The Sir Michael Thompson Trophy; awarded to the winning eligible Team.
- b) BUCS Medals; awarded to the top three eligible teams.
- c) BUCS Points will be awarded to institutions as outlined in Table 2 – BUCS Points Allocation.
  - i. No member club will be awarded more than one set of BUCS points.
  - ii. Institutions will be awarded the BUCS points corresponding to their highest placed team’s position only.
  - iii. Any lower placed teams from the same institution will be disregarded from the rankings for this purpose.

Institutional Rank	BUCS Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	50
2 <sup>nd</sup>	35
3 <sup>rd</sup>	24
4 <sup>th</sup>	16
5 <sup>th</sup>	14
6 <sup>th</sup>	12
7 <sup>th</sup>	10
8 <sup>th</sup>	8

*Table 2 – BUCS Points Allocation*

9.4. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

10. Advertising

- 10.1. In accordance with the World Sailing Advertising Code, all advertising on supplied equipment will be made available to the Organizing Authority.
- 10.2. Competitors may be requested to wear bibs.

11. Provision of Helpers

11.1. The Organizing Authority may require a team to provide one or more non-racing volunteer(s) to each event the team enters. Volunteers must be prepared to assist in the organisation of racing and be equipped to go afloat. The Organizing Authority will endeavour to provide the Team Captain with at least two weeks notice of this requirement. The penalty for a breach of this rule is at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

12. Permission to use Name and Likeness

12.1. By participating in the event competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority the right in perpetuity to make use and show at their discretion any photography, audio and video recordings and other reproductions of them made at the venue(s) or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue(s) until their final departure, without compensation.

### 13. Risk Statement

13.1. A boat and team are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

13.2. 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 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 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 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.
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

### 14. Cancellation

14.1. In addition to the ability of the Race Committee to abandon or postpone racing, the Organizing Authority may cancel all or any part of the event. The entry fee for a cancelled part of the event will be refunded; less any costs already incurred.

Appendix A

Invitations to Championship Finals

Teams will be invited to the Championship Finals from the qualifiers and playoffs based on a team's place at the completion of each Qualifier and Playoffs as described in Table 3 - Competition Qualification.

Subject to NoR 5.5, the following teams will be invited.

	Invited to Finals <i>(teams placed)</i>	Invited to Playoffs <i>(teams placed)</i>
Midland Qualifier	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup>
Northern Qualifier	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup>
Scottish Qualifier	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup>
South Central Qualifier	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup>
Western Qualifier	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup>
Playoffs	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup>	

Table 3 - Competition Qualification

The Organizing Authority may amend these allocations when the number of teams who attended each Qualifier is confirmed. Any change will be notified prior to the first day of racing of the Qualifiers.

If teams subsequently withdraw from a Qualifier, then the Organizing Authority may revise the allocated places.

## Appendix B

## Damage Policy

BUSA does not require teams to lodge damage deposits prior to racing. By entering the Championships, Member Clubs expressly agree to follow and comply with this system without delay or dispute. A failure to comply with an instruction or notice issued under this Appendix may result in disqualification from the Championships without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

- 1 Each team is liable for up to £250 of damage costs per racing incident.
- 2 Any decision on liability or the quantum of any damage is solely for the Organizing Authority to determine. Subject to rule 62, the decision of the Organizing Authority is final and teams and competitors agree to accept it without dispute.
- 3 If a team is assessed liable for damage costs, and these are not paid at the event, BUSA will issue a damage notice and send it to the team captain. At the same time, BUCS will issue an invoice for the same amount to the Member Club's institution. Invoices must be paid (without set off or deduction) within 14 days unless an extension is agreed with the Organizing Authority.
- 4 In the event of damage occurring, the Race Committee may require a payment from the team at the event to be made towards the damage costs. Teams shall make any such payment when required to do so.
- 5 Failure to comply with a damage notice within 14 days (or any extension period) is a breach of this Appendix and the Organizing Authority may:
  - 5.1 disqualify the team in question without a hearing;
  - 5.2 disqualify any other teams from that relevant Member Club without a hearing;
  - 5.3 re-allocate any qualification places immediately to other teams.
- 6 The Organizing Authority may amend or cancel a damage notice at any time and may reinstate a team disqualified.

Teams must also be aware that if a damage notice is not complied with, the Member Club in question will not be in good standing with BUSA and will have its membership rights (including the right to compete at BUSA events) suspended.

## Appendix C

### Team Substitutions

Requests to change crew shall be in writing to the [BUSA secretary](#) as soon as reasonably possible and shall identify the reason for the substitution. A substitution request will only be considered once written confirmation has been received by the Organizing Authority. The Organizing Authority may grant the request subject to the requirements below. For the purposes of team substitutions, the “qualifier stage” shall start from stage 2 entry deadline until the final race of the relevant qualifier has been sailed.

#### Substitution of a Team Member

1. Only reserves registered through BUCScore may be considered as reserves.
2. A team may change one (1) helmsman or two (2) crew members for the duration of their region’s qualifier stage.
3. Following the completion of the qualifier stages, competitors may only be substituted if the reserve competitor is not from a team that is still competing in the championship.

#### Substitution of a Team Captain

1. Changes in team captain must be notified to the Organizing Authority in writing at the first reasonable opportunity. The team captain is the sole point of contact for his or her team, and BUSA will communicate with all entered teams by email to the declared team captain.

#### Additional Requirements

1. All reserves for any stage of the championship shall be registered on BUCScore no later than the entry deadline as specified in NoR 5.3 (f) Table 1: Entry Fees and Deadlines.
2. Substitutions shall be made no later than the entry deadlines specified in NoR 5.3 (f) Table 1: Entry Fees and Deadlines.
3. It is the responsibility of the team captain to declare to the Race Committee at registration any difference between names of the team members racing and the team entered with the Organising Authority.
4. The Organizing Authority may protest breaches of team change and substitution restrictions within seven (7) days of the relevant information coming to its attention. This changes rules 60, 61 and 64. The penalty shall be at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

The Organizing Authority may permit any other change in exceptional circumstances only. A boat may not request redress from the actions or omissions of the Organizing Authority under a rule of this appendix. (this changes rule 60).



Appendix D

Championship Qualifiers – BUSA Regions

The following table describes to which BUSA Region its member universities belong. Universities not listed should contact BUSA to confirm to which region they belong before the Qualifier Entry Deadline.

<b>Midlands</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>Scotland</b>
Aberystwyth	Bangor	Aberdeen
Birmingham	Durham	Dundee
Cambridge	Lancaster	Edinburgh
Coventry	Leeds	Glasgow
Kent	Liverpool	Napier
Lincoln	Manchester	Heriot Watt
Loughborough	Newcastle	Robert Gordon
Northampton	Sheffield	St Andrews
Nottingham	Sheffield Hallam	Strathclyde
UEA	York	UHI
Warwick		
<b>South-Central</b>	<b>West</b>	
Bournemouth	Bath	
Bournemouth Arts	Bristol	
Brunel	Cardiff	
Chichester	Exeter	
Imperial	Falmouth	
Kings College	Plymouth	
Kingston	Royal Agricultural	
London	Swansea	
Oxford	University of Wales, Newport	
Oxford Brookes	UWE	
Portsmouth		
Reading		
Southampton		
Southampton Solent		
Surrey		
University of East London		
University of Sussex		

## Appendix E

BUCS Sports Specific Regulations for Sailing

Please also see <https://www.bucs.org.uk/page.asp?section=19319&sectionTitle=Sailing>

- SAI i** In the event that these regulations contradict the BUCS general regulations these sport specific regulations will supersede, unless specifically stated otherwise.
- SAI ii** In the event that these regulations contradict those of the national or international governing body these sport specific regulations will supersede, unless specifically stated otherwise
- SAI ii.i** BUCS will offer a Fleet Racing, Match Racing, Team Racing and Yachting Championships. The Championships are held under the International Racing Rules of Sailing, RYA Racing Charter and will be subject to the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for each individual event.
- SAI iii** Dispute at events: In line with REG 4.4.3, should a dispute occur at an event the event appeal panel shall be as outlined in the relevant event Sailing Instructions.
- SAI 3 Team Racing Championships**  
There will be a Mixed Team Championships held annually. Each team shall consist of 6 competitors, at least 2 of which must be female. Teams qualify for the finals through an area qualifiers system as published by the British Universities Sailing Association annually.