



BUCS Match Racing Championships 2018

6th-9th April 2018 @ WPNSA

Notice of Race

1. The Organising Authority

- 1.1. The Organising Authority (OA) 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 and RYA Racing Charter shall apply.
- 1.4. The Rules and Regulations of British Universities & Colleges Sport shall apply.
- 1.5. The byelaws of Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy shall apply.

2. Event Grading

- 2.1. World Sailing Grade 3 status for the event, has been applied for.
- 2.2. This grading is subject to review by the World Sailing Match Race Advisory Board. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

3. Provisional Programme

3.1. Schedule

- a) The Race Office will be open from 0800 on each day of the event.
- b) Registration will be from 1830 to 1900 on Friday 6th April in Portland House.
- c) Practice is available, weather permitting, on Friday 6th April. Contact the OA for availability (keelboatracing@rya.org.uk).
- d) First briefing will be at 2000, or as soon as possible after dinner, on Friday 6th April.
- e) There will be daily briefings on Saturday, Sunday and Monday at 0800.
- f) First briefing with umpires will be immediately on completion of the Friday briefing.
- g) Racing days will be Saturday, Sunday and Monday.
- h) The time of the first race on all days will be 0930.
- i) The last race will start no later than 1600 on the last day of the event.
- j) Prize giving on completion of the racing in the dinghy park.
- k) Unless excused by the OA attendance at the following is mandatory.
 - i. Registration and weigh in.
 - ii. First briefing for skippers.
 - iii. Prize giving for final skippers and crews.

4. Skippers Eligibility

- 4.1. A maximum of 18 skippers will be invited to the event. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter the event.
- 4.2. The OA intends to invite entries in the following order:
 - a) In the first instance, one team per university.
 - b) If more than 18 teams from 18 universities enter, then entries will be allocated based on the skippers World Sailing Match Racing Open Ranking when released in March 2018.
 - c) If there are less than 18 ranked Skippers, then priority will be given to the results of the remaining skippers who have attended the following events:
 - i. RYA Winter Match Racing 2 – 24th-25th February 2018
 - ii. RYA Winter Match Racing 3 – 17th-18th March 2018
 - d) 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.
 - e) 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.)
 - f) All competitors shall meet with the eligibility requirements of World Sailing Regulation 19.2 and [BUCS Regulation 6](#).

- g) All skippers shall obtain an World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online www.sailing.org/sailor. Skippers shall inform the OA of their Sailor ID before registration.

5. Entries

- 5.1. Stage 1 entries must be received by **23.59hrs on Thursday 1st March 2018** and are not valid unless all of the entry requirements are met. If the competition allows for more entries to be accepted, after the initial deadline, a second stage of entries will be opened, for which the deadline by which entries must be received will be 23.59 on Thursday 8th March 2018. These Stage 2 Entries may be processed at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority and BUCS and there is no obligation to accept these entries. Priority will remain with the entries received before the Stage 1 entry closing date and in accordance with NoR 4.2. If accepted Stage 2 Entries will be charged an additional 20% fee.
- 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 Peter Fozard (BUCS Event Coordinator – Peter.Fozard@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 on the BUCScore online system no later than 23.59hrs on Thursday 1st March 2018 for Stage 1 entries.
- 5.4. Additional reserves must be added to the 'BUCS Sailing Universal Reserves List 2017-18' by 23.59 on Thursday 29th March 2018. Any requests for crew changes must be emailed to the OA by the same deadline.
- 5.5. When entering on BUCScore all teams will be charged a non-returnable entry fee of £500 per team, except in the case that the event is oversubscribed and a place is not available. The entry fee includes halfboard accommodation at RYA Portland House for 3 nights.
- 5.6. Damage Deposit
- 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.
 - In the event that a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA it may require the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
 - Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within the 14 days after the event.
- 5.7. The skipper & team shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits.
- 5.8. 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 2017/2018 subscription as determined by the BUSA Honorary Treasurer).

6. Rules

6.1.

- The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, and include Match Racing Appendix C.
- The 'Rules for the Handling of Boats' will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing. Class rules shall not apply.
- Personal floatation devices approved by the National Testing Authority or equivalent must be worn at all times whilst afloat and when on the pontoons. This changes RRS 40.

6.2. Major Alterations to the RRS:

- Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
- Add to RRS 41: (f) information provided by the designated RYA Coach or umpires.
- RRS C8.6 and C6.3 will be changed in the sailing instructions.

7. Boats and Sails

- 7.1. The event will be sailed in Elliott 6M.
- 7.2. 6 boats will be provided.
- 7.3. The following sails will be provided for each boat:- mainsail, jib and symmetrical spinnaker.
- 7.4. Boats will be allocated by draw either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee.
- 7.5. Upper wind strength limitations may determine whether the fleet can race.

8. Crew (including skipper)

- 8.1. Teams shall consist of **3 sailors** (including the skipper). All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 8.2. The maximum total crew weight for the event determined prior to racing shall be **225kg** when wearing at least shorts and shirt.
- 8.3. Crew weight may be checked during the event. At any re-weighing the total weight limit is increased by 10kgs. Any crew weighing in excess of this increased limit shall not be penalised, but they shall reduce their weight to the increased limit before racing again.
- 8.4. The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- 8.5. When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA. may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- 8.6. When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

9. Event Format

- 9.1. Skippers will be seeded based on the most recently published World Sailing Open ranking list, due to be released in March 2018.
- 9.2. The event will consist of the following stages:-
 - a) Series 1 - Single Round Robin
 - Series 2 - Repechage
 - Series 3 – Quarter Finals
 - Series 4 – Semi-Finals and Finals
- 9.3. The RC may change the format, terminate or eliminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of the matches under the existing conditions or the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

10. Course

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

11. Advertising

- 11.1. As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA, World Sailing Regulation 20.4. applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- 11.2. Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.
- 11.3. Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

12. Prizes

- 12.1. BUCS Medals will be awarded to the top 3 teams.
- 12.2. BUCS Points will be awarded to the top 8 universities in accordance with [BUCS Regulation 19.3](#) and [BUCS Rules and Regulations Appendix 1](#).
- 12.3. Prizes may be awarded to the top 3 teams.
- 12.4. The winner may be invited to the RYA National Match Racing Championship Finals in November 2018.
- 12.5. The OA may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

13. Media, Images and Sound

The OA 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 OA shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

14. Coach Boats

- 14.1. Coach boats shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached.
- 14.2. The organisers will not provide berths for coach boats.
- 14.3. 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.

15. 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.
- 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.

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