

Nominations for Committee Roles received by the closing date

Role	Name	University	Current year	Studying	Grad year	BUSA Sailing Facebook group member?	Attending AGM?
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Keelboat Officer	Harry Bowerman	Bangor	2nd	Sport Science	2020	Yes	Yes
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Experience: Why would you be a great committee member? What sailing, committee and leadership experience do you have?

I spent the last year as Keelboat Officer; I've really enjoyed the roll and would like to continue for another year. I feel I would be able bring a lot to BUSA in my second year on committee as I am already familiar with the roll and the committee. I have a very varied sailing background which I feel has helped me in the roll. Last winter I trained with the British Keel Boat Academy and I have qualified for the Royal London Etchells Youth Academy for the past two years. I have also raced or sailed onboard everything from a J70 to a Volvo 60. As well as being the current Keelboat Officer, I have had a variety of rolls and responsibility within the sport of sailing. Prior to starting University I spent two years working as the Chief Instructor of Abu Dhabi Sailing Club, as part of that job I was expected to represent the club on the United Arab Emirates Sailing And Rowing Federations Technical Committee, which was responsible for running sailing at a national level within the UAE. This work experience has given me a wealth of knowledge and skills that I hope to keep using to help BUSA move forwards. Many of you will have also seen me on the water at BUSA-BUCS keelboat events taking pictures or will have seen the pictures that I took up on Facebook. If I am re-elected it is something I hope to continue doing. In short I have loved my time on the committee and would hope to continue my work with BUSA.

Ladies Captain	Hebe Hemming	Portsmouth	First	Sports Science	2020	Yes	No
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Experience: Why would you be a great committee member? What sailing, committee and leadership experience do you have?

I feel I would be a good member of the committee, as I have good team working skills which I developed as Deputy Head Girl at school. As well as leading the Leavers Ball Committee, which involved organising an event for over 150 people. I was also part of the junior sailing committee at West Kirby Sailing Club. Being on various committees and having different roles at the same time has led to good time management skills which I feel is vital. When it comes to sailing I have done fleet racing and am a keen team racer, having competed in the Wilson Trophy several times as well as the ISAF worlds. Match racing is my current focus, having competed in Ladies and Youth Nationals on top of WIM Series events. A particular interest of mine is to increase female participation especially in match racing events and encourage lots of teams to enter the Ladies Match Racing Nationals for the 20th anniversary this year.

Midlands Coordinator	Karen Thomas	Cambridge	2nd	Medicine (PhD)	2020	Yes	Yes
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Experience: Why would you be a great committee member? What sailing, committee and leadership experience do you have?

For the past six years, university sailing and BUSA have played a significant role in my study experience. I have been a member of three different university clubs, ranging from taking on the role of race captain and commodore to get my first club onto the national BUSA circuit, to my current place on Cambridge Black where I have seen my team racing skill improve greatly. I have also run a national Optimist squad for the past three years and worked clinically alongside my PhD and sailing throughout this year. I organised a black-tie dinner for the 2018 Cam Cup and following event abandonment due to snow I recruited 120 new attendees within 24 hours, ensuring the sponsors did not lose money. Since joining the Midlands region at Birmingham three years ago I have networked with members from almost all clubs in the region, have helped run several events including BUSA Finals and Qualifiers and have seen first-hand the strengths and potential shortcomings the area has. This year the Midlands received the fewest entries to Qualifiers with only three clubs entering the maximum three teams. I believe we are a very strong region, consistently performing well at Finals however further work is needed to progress fresher and development teams. As I will not be competing next year, I would look to organise a coached event for development level teams as other regions have introduced successfully (The Bottled Firefly, London Six Pack). If this is not possible, I would aim to organise coached weekends using contacts I have with high level alumni teams. I believe I am well placed to deliver a high-quality Qualifiers event utilising my connections, extensive experience and links with Grafham Water SC (as current CUCrC RYA Training Officer).

South-Central Coordinator	Nicole Ames	Southampton Solent	Year 1	Yacht Design and Production	2020	Yes	Yes
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Experience: Why would you be a great committee member? What sailing, committee and leadership experience do you have?

After running this year's South-Central Qualifiers I feel this definitely puts me in a better understanding of how to make the event more successful. I have also been involved a lot more in team racing this year, even competing for my university. I have already been asking around sailing clubs for their event diaries in order to set up at least one training event in October/ November and if this goes well try and do another one in January just before qualifiers. I have been very pro active this year in making sure things run smoothly for the events, and also asking the uni's in my area on feedback from the event. I have also been Commodore/ Dinghy Captain for our sailing club this year and have proven to be able to take lead in any situation and help out where ever necessary. I would love the opportunity to help develop other university team racers in order to make qualifiers a better event for everyone involved.

Western Coordinator	Jasper Severn	Bristol	1st	Modern Languages	2021	Yes	No
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Experience: Why would you be a great committee member? What sailing, committee and leadership experience do you have?

I have lots of experience in events management through the organisation of more concerts than I can remember with the largest involving over 100 performers. I have also worked very closely with the current Western Coordinator, Jonas, understanding what the role involves. My sailing experience is mainly team racing, with over 6 years of events and training. I am very enthusiastic to get more people involved in team racing, especially those without much sailing experience. At school I was the secretary of the sailing society which involved an overview of the running of the club, and a strong emphasis on outreach to younger students in order to grow and promote the club.

Media Officer	Alexander Frampton	Kent	2nd year	Politics and International Relations	2019	Yes	Yes / No
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Experience: Why would you be a great committee member? What sailing, committee and leadership experience do you have?

I have been sailing since the age of 9. I started out in Toppers and progressed to 29ers as a teenager, racing all around the country and every weekend at my local club, Bough Beech. I currently take part in university team racing and sail RS200s in the holidays. This year I served as Race Captain in my university sailing club. I took on the responsibility of organising weekly training sessions, theory sessions and weekends away at team racing events. With Kent being a smaller team, we struggled at several of our events, the Midlands team racing qualifiers being one such event. This meant that I often had to keep positive and do my best to boost the morale of the team. My leadership was regularly called upon to stop heads from dropping and ensure all the sailors had a great time, performing to the best of their abilities. I believe I would be well suited to the role of media officer for several reasons. Firstly, I have experience of writing event reports, having produced one for the recent Big Lash at West Kirby on Yachts and Yachting. I have also been writing several guest blogs for a digital marketing site called Digital Grads. I write well, and I think this is important for the role of Media Officer. I also have experience of managing sailing social media pages, having worked on the RS200 Instagram page and my university sailing club's social media pages. I am passionate about media and would love to manage BUSA's content to reach out to more sailors. Finally, I have experience of working in a committee. As such I understand that it is important to compromise and accommodate for differences in opinion. Everyone is here, giving up their time to improve the university sailing experience and we should work together to achieve that.