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## **British University Team Racing Championships 2018**



Exeter Blue – Southampton Green – Cambridge Blue © Leanne Fischler [www.leannefischler.co.uk](http://www.leannefischler.co.uk)

### **Southampton Green takes the title, ahead of Cambridge Blue, Exeter Blue and Imperial**

The Finals of the annual Team Racing Championships of the British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS), with the British University Sailing Association (BUSA), were held on Strathclyde Loch, Glasgow from Monday 4 to Wednesday 4 April 2018, hosted by the University of Glasgow.

This was the culmination of an academic year's team selections, training and competition. In February, the largest team racing event, probably worldwide, was simultaneously held over five venues across the UK. 540 sailors, from 42 universities and in 90 teams, competed in Qualifiers. Four of these covered English and Welsh universities at four venues (Derwent Water, Grafham Water, Spinnaker and Chew

Valley, whilst in Scotland the event was the third in a series of 'League' weekends (held on Bardowie Loch and Lochore). From these five events, 30 teams qualified direct to the BUCS/BUSA Finals, the planned 'Playoffs' having been 'blown off'. Two leading teams from Ireland, University College Dublin and Trinity College Dublin, were also invited to compete.



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Several competitors spoke of their motivation, travelling to Finals, during the event: "Good competition, all the teams are here from all over the country, and it's always good to meet new people" (Adam Stone of Birmingham White). "Well, you know, It's BUSA isn't it! You would never say no. We really like Scotland as well - the Playoffs in Scotland last year was our favourite event, it was a lot of fun - so it's always fun here and were really looking forward to the ceilidh" (Gabriel Ing of Imperial Blue).

Ben Swyer (Newcastle Red): "BUSA is one of the best events of the year, with some of the best teams in the country. Last year it was really well run, and it's the same again this year, which is nice to see.....The teams are a lot better this year than last, or we are a lot worse! But Newcastle have managed to get two teams through to Finals which is a first!"

"I've learnt a lot in a very short space of time, sailed with some really good people, learnt a lot!", said Maddy Breen (Edinburgh Green) in her first year of team racing.

"The wind has been at a good level, but, with 90\* wind shifts, things are very exciting on the start line!" (Niall Ferguson of Strathclyde Green).

Cambridge Cruising Club blogged: "Good racing by all on a course, with a first beat 'more holey than Swiss cheese' (Paris Thomas) and a final beat causing 'more reshuffles than the Labour shadow cabinet' (Oli Jagger). Quite a few big gusts coming through causing some capsizes, but occasionally a little light for the reefed sails. Still waiting for snow..."



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Going into the Quarters, several teams had something to say: Mirjam Timmerman of Strathclyde Green said: "We are very cold, but we are looking good, won the last race so optimistic, I guess, let's do this!"

..... we haven't trained very much, this year; we are definitely doing better than we expected, so we are just happy to be here".

Several spoke of the competition. Henry Morley of Cambridge Blue: "I think Exeter Blue is on top form, and Southampton are going to be the big competition. Strathclyde are also doing really well....I wasn't really expecting them, but they have been sailing really well this event, so obviously one to watch". Murray Hampshire and Ollie Grogono were "feeling good. Racing is quite hectic, pretty shifty, but we will just carry on what we have been doing all week. Thoughts Ollie?"... "Yeah we've tried to be as consistent as we can in some pretty inconsistent conditions. Starting seems to have been our biggest weakness, but, to be honest, as long as you stay quick and keep your eyes looking upwind to see where the breeze is coming from....there are like 30 degree shifts at times, so it's all to play for right up until the last beat. If you're losing coming into mark 4, it's all to play for". Q: "Any teams you've got your eye on particularly?"...."I think all year it's been Cambridge, always strong. Southampton are always strong, and Imperial are looking strong as well".

We caught up with Gabriel Ing of Imperial again: "So, at the start of the week I said Cambridge and Exeter at the top. The one that's surprised me is Strathclyde Green; they are doing really well, and we have had a couple of really good races against them - they are all really nice guys as well, which is nice."



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"Despite the weather and difficult wind conditions", said Joe Burns of Bristol, "the Finals this year were incredibly well run in our eyes. The course layers did a particularly good job reacting to the inconsistent wind direction, and the racing seemed, overall, very fair, with most of the expected teams coming out on top. It would have been difficult to get many more races in.

"The final was a good watch, and ultimately Southampton deserved to take home the win. Thank you very much to the race committee and event organisers for putting together an efficient, fair and enjoyable event".

We spoke, once more, with Gabriel Ing, Captain of Imperial. "(We) really enjoyed Finals and were delighted with our performance! The weather was horrible all week, but we didn't let it dampen our spirits as we had some terrific racing all week. The only real disappointment was that the light and shifty winds slowed the racing down, and we didn't get more. It was also a real shame that the ball ended how it did as we were really excited for it. Nevertheless, we are all very grateful for BUSA and Glasgow's great organisation, we are very much looking forward to having another go for the title next year!"



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BUSA Technical Delegate, Keith Sammons said: “A big ‘thank you’ to Glasgow; Commodore, Lindsay McCosh and all her team did a great job.

“We cannot control the weather – and we certainly had some pretty difficult conditions. Well done to all the teams. It was a nice event – all were friendly.....chipped in to support each other. The quality of racing was excellent. We managed thirteen rounds. There were seven different universities in the Quarters. A very friendly atmosphere.”



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Manchester’s Commodore (and BUSAs Women’s Captain 2017-18) commented: “Having convincingly won the Northern Qualifiers and had a good performance at UKTRA, Manchester Purple were excited to race against teams from other regions. As you should do in a Swiss league, we lost the first race to Cambridge Black but went on to win the rest of our races on the first day in deteriorating winds, with life not made easy due to the decision to reef the boats midday, after which the wind died.



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“Tuesday was very cold and the fluky wind conditions made it very hard to be consistent. Luckily this seemed to affect everyone equally, and we managed to hold our position in the top 8 despite only winning 2 races. Ended the day positively with an important victory over Cambridge Blue in the final re-sail race of the day to set us up well for day 3.

“Wednesday was also freezing cold, and we launched to sit around for a very long time for the wind to settle. Winning 2 out of 3 just secured our place in the top 8 for the first time at a Finals!

“We were excited to race in the quarter finals, and we faced Cambridge Blue who we had previously beaten. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be, and we lost in a couple of close races, but at least we could finally thaw out. We watched the finals races from the warmth of our van.

“Overall the event was good and well organised, but it was the worst weather (wind and temperature and precipitation) conditions we have had at a Finals recently.”



Matt Whitfield, Captain of Southampton Green (and BUSA Men's Captain 2017-18) summed up: "Thanks to Glasgow and all the volunteers. Big thanks to the umpire team and the on-water race committee for braving the snowy conditions. Well done to the PRO and everyone for getting us as much good sailing as possible in sleet, snow, and 0 knots.

"We have had a really good time, and I am pleased to bring the team race trophy back to where it belongs, in Southampton".

During the Finals, World Sailing held an Umpiring Seminar. This was led by Chris Atkins (GBR), Sally Burnett (GBR) and Flavio Naveria (ARG). Participants came from France, Ireland, Rumania and Spain, together with the UK.

Matt Goodbourn, recently of Durham, offered his perspective: "I thought the seminar was hugely productive and a really good opportunity for up and coming umpires from different areas of the world to pool ideas and learn from each other. I thought the racing was of a high standard, and there were some very close and interesting races, both for the sailors and the umpires. In terms of my umpiring career, the seminar has really helped me - it encourages a huge and fast development as you are pushed by all the high calibre members of the team that joined me on the seminar. It was also interesting to hear and learn from far more experienced umpires and the added challenge of working with people who don't have English as the mother tongue was an interesting challenge for me to tackle when umpiring - especially since BUSA Finals can demand very quick and accurate decisions from the umpire team".



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The BUSA Championship page is at: <http://busa.co.uk/championships/bucs-team-racing-championship-2018>

Live Results and other information were posted on: <http://events.ksail.co.uk/2018/BUSAFinals> and Glasgow USC volunteers provided a continuous blog on results etc. on BUSA twitter: @BUSAsailing. and the event Facebook page, managed by GUSC, was: <https://www.facebook.com/events/422924418162835/>. This included live video and commentary on the Quarters, Semis and Finals, thanks to Mark 'Trap' Taylor and John 'Tweak' Beardon.

Some brief interviews were held with sailors in the boat park and marquee during the event by Brendan Lynch of Edinburgh.

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See **“Results and Teams”** below.



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## Results and Teams

### OVERALL with BUCS Points allocation

Place	Team	BUCS points	Place	Team	Place	Team
1	Southampton Green	50	11	Edinburgh Blue	22	Durham Purple
2	Cambridge Blue	35	12	Cardiff Black	23	Newcastle Blue
3	Exeter Blue	24	13	Bath Black	24	Leeds Green
4	Imperial Blue	16	14	Birmingham White	25	Durham Black
5	Strathclyde Green	14	15	Trinity College Dublin	26	Strathclyde Pink
6	Cambridge Black		16	Plymouth White	27	University College Dublin
7	Manchester Purple	12	17	Loughborough Purple	28	Cambridge Purple
8	Bristol Red	10	18	Solent Black	29	Exeter Black
9	Oxford Blue	8	19	Birmingham Red	30	Southampton Blue
10	Southampton Red		20	Newcastle Red	31	Glasgow Purple
			21	Edinburgh Green	32	St Andrews Pink

### Finals Results:

Final: Southampton Green beat Cambridge Blue 3 - 1

230 Southampton Green 1 2 6 - 3 4 5 Cambridge Blue  
 229 Southampton Green 1 3 4 - 2 5 6 Cambridge Blue  
 228 Southampton Green 2 3 5 - 1 4 6 Cambridge Blue

Petit Final

227 Exeter Blue 1 2 5 - 3 4 6 Imperial Blue

Final

226 Southampton Green 3 4 6 - 1 2 5 Cambridge Blue

Petit Final

225 Exeter Blue 2 3 4 - 1 5 6 Imperial Blue

Semi Final

224 Cambridge Blue 1 4 5 - 2 3 6 Imperial Blue

223 Exeter Blue 3 4 5 - 1 2 6 Southampton Green

222 Cambridge Blue 1 3 6 - 2 4 5 Imperial Blue

221	Exeter Blue	2 4 6	-	1 3 5	Southampton Green
220	Cambridge Blue	3 4 6	-	1 2 5	Imperial Blue
219	Exeter Blue	1 2 5	-	3 4 6	Southampton Green
Quarter Final					
218	Strathclyde Green	4 5 6	-	1 2 3	Imperial Blue
217	Exeter Blue	1 2 5	-	3 4 6	Bristol Red
216	Cambridge Black	3 4 5	-	1 2 6	Southampton Green
215	Strathclyde Green	1 3 6	-	2 4 5	Imperial Blue
214	Cambridge Blue	1 2 6	-	3 4 5	Manchester Purple
213	Exeter Blue	1 2 4	-	3 5 6	Bristol Red
212	Cambridge Black	3 5 6	-	1 2 4	Southampton Green
211	Strathclyde Green	4 5 6	-	1 2 3	Imperial Blue
210	Cambridge Blue	1 2 5	-	3 4 6	Manchester Purple
209	Exeter Blue	3 5 6	-	1 2 4	Bristol Red

### Team Positions after Round 13:

Place	Team	Won	Place	Team	Won
1	Exeter Blue	11	17	Loughborough Purple	7
2	Cambridge Blue	9	18	Solent Black	6
3	Strathclyde Green	9	19	Birmingham Red	6
4	Cambridge Black	9	20	Newcastle Red	6
5	Southampton Green	9	21	Edinburgh Green	6
6	Imperial Blue	8	22	Durham Purple	6
7	Manchester Purple	8	23	Newcastle Blue	5
8	Bristol Red	8	24	Leeds Green	5
9	Oxford Blue	8	25	Durham Black	5
10	Southampton Red	8	26	Strathclyde Pink	5
11	Edinburgh Blue	8	27	University College Dublin	5
12	Cardiff Black	7.5	28	Cambridge Purple	4
13	Bath Black	7	29	Exeter Black	4
14	Birmingham White	7	30	Southampton Blue	3.5
15	Trinity College Dublin	7	31	Glasgow Purple	3
16	Plymouth White	7	32	St Andrews Pink	0

### The Teams:

- Southampton Green: Matt Whitfield & Charlie Darling, Gareth Viney & Matt Viney, Crispin Beaumont & Sophie Heritage
- Cambridge Blue: Robbie King & Catriona Wallace, Henry Morley & Juliette Welham, Jemima Lawson & George Hopes
- Exeter Blue: Oliver Grogono & Lewis Lane, Murray Hampshire & Emma Baker, Jack Hanslope & Phoebe Warren
- Imperial Blue: Gabriel Ing & Caroline Boule, Felix Crowther & Krystal Law, Joe Burgin & Calvin Chan
- Strathclyde Green; Angus Gray-Stephens & Romane Vulliez, Ewan Rycroft & Niall Ferguson, Peter Cameron & Mirjam Timmerman
- Cambridge Black; Anna Prescott & Karen Thomas, Jamie Webb & Michael Smith, Paris Thomas & Oliver Jagger
- Manchester Purple: Jenny Smallwood & Philip Aldhous, Torrin Blazeby & Anna Broomby, James Cummins & Anna Jones
- Bristol Red: Joe Burns & Victoria Williams, Ed Haynes & Orla Mitchell, Alice Kidd & Jonas Osborn
- Oxford Blue: Lucy Mellers & Remi Pfister, Jennifer Cropley & Rowena Conway, León López Brennan & Lauren Davis
- Southampton Red: Tom Darling & Jo Calderon, Owen Hallett & Harry Jolly, Peter Ballantine & Hatty Ward
- Edinburgh Blue: James Logan & Hannah Jones, Hugh Braidwood & Rachel Scarfe, Miles Jones & Isla Harper
- Cardiff Black: James Catchpole & Eve Gadd, Duncan Jamieson & Vicky Cowan, Daniel Discombe & Amy Sparkes
- Bath Black: Merrick Stanley & Victoria Upton, Benjamin Batten & Toby Sanderson, Matthew Lulham-Robinson & William Ward
- Birmingham White: Adam Stone & Emily Walters, Ben Hill & Alistair Smith, Harry Gilchrist & Alex Armson
- Trinity College Dublin: Mark Bolger & Caoilainn O'Regan, Conor O'Beirne & Kate O'Regan, Ruairi Finnegan & Conor Burrell
- Plymouth White: Mark Thomas & Nicholas Devereux, Richard Abendstern & Izzy Waterfall, Will Taylor & Ellie Harding
- Loughborough Purple: Oliver King & Maddy Root, Elysia Dooley & Olivia Petty-Mayor, Hamish Eckstein & Molly Speirs
- Solent Black: Oliver Goodhead & Claudia Wilson, Andrew Kilburn & Nicole Ames, Justin Busuttill & Emily Mitchell
- Birmingham Red: Niall Houston & Helena Pratt, Josh Stone & Toby Sanderson, Giles Kuzyk & Abbey Williams
- Newcastle Red: Ben Swyer & Freya Macdonald, George Haynes & Kate-Anne O'Farrell, William Tarn-Chapman & Ben Wind
- Edinburgh Green: Callum Airlie & Maddy Breen, Alex Elliott & Beth Hurst, Katie Munro & Anna Protheroe
- Durham Purple: Alex Paul Jardine & Primrose Baxter, Tom Smith & Hattie Lucas-Clements, Thomas Goodbourn & Olivia Balfour
- Newcastle Blue: Thomas Clayton & Gabriella Viner, Kieran Graham & Elana St George, Conor Quinn & Obi Groombarke
- Leeds Green: Matthew Lloyd & Samay Mellor, Lawrence Herbert & Jess Hodge, Sam Pickering & Kate McLaughlin
- Durham Black: Huw Edwards & Emma Smith, Sam Crosby & Josh Geare, James Thomas & Lucy Mearns



- 26 Strathclyde Pink: Oscar Andrew & Mathilde Jakobsen, Sophie Taylor & Jose Aroca, Arturo Beltra & Isla Coe
- 27 University College Dublin: Ronan Jones & Alice Shanahan, Cian Cahill & Lucy McCutcheon, Patrick Cahill & Lucy Reid
- 28 Cambridge Purple: Greg Sale & Bethan Matthew, Alex Smallwood & John Clay, Holly MacAskill & Freddie Scott
- 29 Exeter Black: Laura Gilmore & Jonathan Musgrove, Willow Bland & Emma Mcknight, Jessie Main & Emma Hattersley
- 30 Southampton Blue: Oli Aldridge & Tom Daggitt, Maddy Anderson & Ellie Wollmann, James Leetch & Kurt Repose
- 31 Glasgow Purple: Cameron McCosh & Emma Cameron, James Hodgson & Lucy Rawbone, Tom Graham & Sarah Coleman
- 32 St Andrews Pink: Henry Cross & Charlotte Garton, Ollie Reiff-Musgrove & India Daniels, Emily Hill & Elizabeth Bakewell



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