

BUCS Team Racing Championship 2019

Northern Qualifiers





Close action at the Northern Qualifier © Henry Fenton

Great conditions for many races at BUCS Northern Qualifier

18 teams, from 9 Universities, came together for what turned out to be a highly competitive weekend. Racing got underway early on Saturday morning at a very snowy Derwent Reservoir. The wind remained consistent for the whole day, and with few incidents to hold up racing, PRO Sean Clarkson was able to run 72 races. Overnight, the results were very close, and a few races into day 2, there was a 6-way tie for first place. It was all still to play for!



Day 2 was forecast to be much windier, so the decision was made to rig the cut-downs. Even with this, there was still enough wind to blow a couple of less fortunate sailors over. However, with racing still running efficiently, we made it through a further 54 races, putting each team on 14 races.



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The results were still extremely close, with 4 teams contending for the final spot in the top 4; the remaining 3 now qualify for the National Playoffs.



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It was a great weekend of racing, made possible by the hard work of many. Special thanks go to Sean Clarkson and his team of umpires and to Keith Sammons from KSail, whose fantastic scheduling system and technical support throughout the event were essential to its success. And, finally, thanks to all of the

helpers from Newcastle University Sailing Club who spent every daylight hour at the sailing club, rigging and derigging, running the racing and generally making everyone's life a bit easier.



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We can't wait to do it all again in March, with the Playoffs also being held at Derwent Reservoir!

Thanks to Harry Fenton for his photos.

George Haynes BUSA Northern Coordinator

Summarised Results, showing those teams qualifying to proceed to the Finals (in green) and those that earned a place at the Playoffs (in orange):

Newcastle Blue	Manchester Yellow	Bangor Black
Manchester Purple	Newcastle Red	Manchester Blue
Durham Purple	Durham White	Lancaster Red
Sheffield Yellow	Leeds Green	Sheffield Black
Liverpool White	Newcastle White	Liverpool Blue (withdrawn)
York Black	Durham Black	
Leeds Pink	York Yellow	

Full Results for the Qualifiers are being posted at: <u>http://events.ksail.co.uk/2019/BUSAQualifiers/?fbclid=IwAR01snH4IRBovtLoz_j9Oa8v7vRSr3LMP3r5NrO3SSqkv</u> <u>6Nh6uKzQaX_zNY</u>

Information about the BUCS Team Racing Championship may be found on the BUSA Championship page: https://busa.co.uk/championships/bucs-team-racing-championship-2019

Just in case you might have thought that photographer Henry Fenton was not up with the Newcastle Team first thing to get the event off on time p.t.o.:

