

British Universities and Colleges Sport

Day 2 Report
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Universities' Yachting Championship 2019



Start with Glasgow and Plymouth White in the foreground © Karen Rawson

Edinburgh extends its lead on Day 2, but Southampton Green, Exeter, St Andrews and Swansea all have a few points between them

The plan for the day was for two Windward-Leeward races, followed by an inshore coastal race of approximately 2 – 2 ½ hours duration. The latter was non-discardable and carried 1.5 points per placing.

PRO Jon Nabney reported on the day. Sailing was to be off Langstone, where the Fleet found light winds, 2 – 5 kn from the North West. With a slow build, there was a slightly delayed start. The first race (Race 4 of the Qualifying Series) was set at 295* with a 1.25 nm first leg. When there was a slight drop in wind strength, the course was shortened slightly. Race 5 started at 295*, with a first leg of 1.1 nm. The wind dropped and moved toward the north, so the start was re-set, only for the wind direction to revert and the start re-set again, after a small delay.



Surrey and Oxford Blue off a start © Karen Rawson



Spinnakers seeking every bit of wind © Karen Rawson

The Inshore Coastal Race (race 6) was started at 305*, with a 1.1 nm windward first leg. The Race Committee did provide a close spinnaker reach, but noted that no boat chose to hoist. A couple of boats suffered navigational issues with local underwater obstacles.



Solent Black and Bristol © Karen Rawson



Solent Red © Karen Rawson

When the Fleet returned to Gunwharf Quays, following the Coach's video debrief, the BUSA Annual General Meeting was held. Neil Marshall handed over the reins as Chair to Karen Thomas, with Abby West taking on the new role of Vice-Chair



Edinburgh win Race 4 © Karen Rawson

The leading boats at the end of Day 2, after protest hearings, were:

1st	4019	Edinburgh	Miles Jones
2nd	4023	Southampton Green	Tommy Darling
3rd	4006	Exeter	Murray Hampshire
4th	4005	St Andrews	Balázs Gecse
5th	4015	Swansea	Robbie Robinson
6th	4026	Warwick	Dan Venables
7th	4017	Southampton Red	Ed Myers
8th	4030	Bristol	Sophie Caseldine
9th	4004	Portsmouth	George Bridge
10th	4018	Solent White	Elliott Wells

On-line results, together with all other information may be found via the on-line Official Notice Board:

<https://busa.co.uk/championships/bucs-yachting-championships-2019/bucs-yachting-championship-2019-official-notice-board>

Miles Jones of Edinburgh, when asked about the secret of their success, mentioned something about tactics, but the main thing still on his mind seemed to be the stress of anticipating the short inshore race. All needed to go well in that because it was non-discardable and attracted 1.5 points for each placing. It seems that a bit of tension is no bad thing, as Edinburgh pulled another first.

Wednesday is programmed for a further Windward-Leeward race (Race 7 of the Qualifying Series), followed by the Long Inshore Race (approximately 5 hours duration). We are just hoping that Bella Cooper will have exercised her known disciplinary skills over her team to ensure that Swansea leaves Gunwharf on time with a fully-charged battery.

In addition to the racing competition, the Big BUSA Bake Off is held during the Long Inshore. The judges are always waiting to sample the products and to declare a winner, subject, of course, to there being photographic evidence of the baking occurring on the water! We understand that Event Director and Cake Judging Panel Chair, Jess Beecher, allows no appeal for redress to the international jury!



The Great BUSA Bake Off

Its Back.....The challenge, if you choose to accept it.....To create an Easter themed bake to present to the Events Desk by the end of the Protest Time Limit on Wednesday.
Rules – Baking must start during the Long Inshore Race. Photos must be taken. Extra credit for team efforts and including sailing theme into the bake.



For updates on the racing and photos throughout the day, see the BUCS Yachting Championships FB page <https://www.facebook.com/events/2344068348958431/permalink/2351116004920332/> , together with Abby West’s blog (when she is not holding on for dear life!) at BUSA Sailing Twitter: <https://twitter.com/BUSASAILING>.

And you can follow the fleet on Marine Traffic’s tracker: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/home/centerx:-1.2/centery:50.8/zoom:11>.

A special thanks to Karen Rawson of Sunsail for managing take and post photos whilst being ARO and managing the flags! And to our new Vice Chair, Abby West for looking after Karen;s flags!



Sadly, the nearest Loughborough Sailing gets to line honours this year. Be back in 2020!