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BUCS Match Racing Championships 2021

10th-12th April 2021 @ WPNSA

Notice of Race

1. The Organising Authority

- 1.1. The Organising Authority (OA) will be the Royal Yachting Association, in conjunction with WPNSA.
- 1.2. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)* and include Match Racing Appendix C.
- 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.
- 1.6. The 'Rules for the Handling of Boats' will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing. There are no class rules.
- 1.7. RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times when afloat and when on the pontoons.
- 1.8. **Major Alterations to the RRS:**
 - a) Add to RRS 41: (f) information provided by the designated RYA Coach or umpires.
 - b) RRS C8.6 and C6.3 will be changed in the sailing instructions.

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 0800 to 0830 on Saturday 10th April at WPNSA, or by arrangement on Friday 9th.
- c) Practice may be available, weather permitting, on Friday 9th April. Contact the OA for availability (keelboatracing@rya.org.uk).
- d) First briefing will be at 0830 on Saturday 10th April or available online before this time.
- e) There will be daily briefings on Sunday and Monday at or available online before this time.
- f) First briefing with umpires will be immediately on completion of the Saturday briefing.
- g) Racing days will be Saturday, Sunday and Monday.
- h) The time of the first race on all days will be 0930 on Saturday and 0900 on all other days.
- i) No attention signal shall be made later than 1600 on the last day of the event.
- j) Prize giving on completion of the racing at WPNSA.

3.2 Unless excused by the OA attendance at the following is mandatory.

- a) Registration and weigh in.
- b) First briefing for skippers.
- c) 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 2021.
 - c) If there are less than 18 ranked Skippers, then priority will be given to the results of the remaining skippers who have attended an RYA Winter Match Racing event held in March 2021.
 - 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



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- 5.1. Entry is via BUCSPlay. **Entry deadline is 23.59 on Tuesday 16th March 2021, with AU Admin approval required by 23.59hrs on Thursday 18th March 2021.** When entering on BUCSPlay 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.
Entries 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 Tuesday 19th March 2021, with AU Admin approval required by 23.59 on Thursday 1st April 2021. 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.
- 5.2. Competitors (Skipper and Crew) shall enter through BUCSPlay. This includes any reserves who may wish to be used. Institutions should contact Cleo Lyn (BUCS Event Admin – Cleo.Lyn@bucs.org.uk) in the event of any problems using the system.
- 5.3. The final crew information must be provided to keelboatracing@rya.org.uk by 23.59 on Thursday 1st April 2021. Unless extended by the OA.
- 5.4. Damage Deposit: See addendum A.
6. **Boats and Sails**
 - 6.1. The event will be sailed in Elliott type boats.
 - 6.2. 6 boats will be provided.
 - 6.3. The following sails will be provided for each boat:- mainsail, jib and symmetrical spinnaker.
 - 6.4. Boats will be allocated by draw either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee.
 - 6.5. Upper wind strength limitations may determine whether the fleet can race.
7. **Crew (including skipper)**
 - 7.1. Teams shall consist of **3-4 sailors** (including the skipper). All registered crew shall sail all races.
 - 7.2. Crews shall contain at least 1 male and 1 female sailor as part of the crew.
 - 7.3. The maximum total crew weight for the event determined prior to racing shall be **260kg** when wearing at least shorts and shirt.
 - 7.4. 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.
 - 7.5. The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
 - 7.6. When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise a substitute.
 - 7.7. When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise a temporary substitute or other adjustment.
8. **Event Format**
 - 8.1. Skippers will be seeded based on the most recently published World Sailing Open ranking list, due to be released in March 2020.
 - 8.2. The event will consist of the following stages:-
 - a) Series 1 - Single Round Robin **or group stages**
 - Series 2 - Repechage if required
 - Series 3 – Quarter Finals **if required**
 - Series 4 – Semi-Finals and Finals
 - 8.3. 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.
9. **Course**
 - 9.1. The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
 - 9.2. The intended course area will be announced at the first briefing.
10. **Advertising**
 - 10.1. 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.
 - 10.2. Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.
 - 10.3. Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).
11. **Prizes**
 - 11.1. BUCS Medals will be awarded to the top 3 teams.
 - 11.2. Prizes may be awarded to the top 3 teams.
 - 11.3. The winner may be invited to the RYA National Match Racing Championship Finals 2021.
 - 11.4. The OA may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.
12. **Media, Images and Sound**



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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.

13. Coach Boats

- 13.1. Coach boats shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached.
- 13.2. The organisers will not provide berths for coach boats.
- 13.3. Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the Protest Committee to the appropriate skipper or team.

14. 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 accepts responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their crew to such inherent risk while taking part in the event.
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew and any property they may bring, 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) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities
- e) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances
- f) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for this event.
- g) It is their responsibility to ensure that they are familiar with the type of boat used, and the supplied equipment and are suitably experienced with its operation.
- h) It is their responsibility for ensuring all supplied equipment is carried on board.
- i) That they are fit to sail and that they believe the crew and the boat and crew is capable of competing in the anticipated conditions.

ADDENDUM A:

Damage Notice:

By entering the event, the skipper expressly agrees to follow and comply with this system without delay or dispute. A failure to comply with an instruction or invoice issued may result in disqualification from the Championships without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

- A.1. Each team is liable for up to £1000 of damage costs per racing incident (this includes boats, equipment and property).
- A.2. Any decision on liability or the quantum of any damage is solely for the Organising Authority to determine. Subject to rule 62, the decision of the Organising Authority is final and teams and competitors agree to accept it without dispute.
- A.3. In the event of damage occurring, the Race Committee may require a payment from the responsible team at the event to be made towards the damage costs. Teams shall make any such payment when required to do so.
- A.4. If a team is assessed to be solely liable for damage costs, and these are not paid at the event, the RYA will issue an invoice to the skipper. Invoices must be paid (without set off or deduction) within 14 days unless an extension is agreed with the Organising Authority.
- A.5. Failure to comply with a damage invoice within 14 days (or any extension period) is a breach of this agreement and the Organising Authority may:
 - 1.1 disqualify the team in question without a hearing;
 - 1.2 reject any future entries from the Skipper, and or his crew.
- A.6. The Organising Authority may amend or cancel a damage notice at any time and may reinstate a team disqualified.

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