

## **Notice of Selection for Hosts for BUCS/BUSA Team Racing Championships**

### **1. Summary**

1.1 There is an annual Team Racing Championships organised by BUSA and hosted by University Sailing Clubs (USC's) and/or non-University Sailing Clubs (SC's).

1.1.1 The Team Racing Championships comprises 3 stages: Qualifiers, Playoffs and Finals. Each stage is hosted by selected USC's or SC's based on regional or round requirements. Format for all stages is 3 boat Team Racing in Firefly dinghies.

The Qualifiers take place within 6 regions across the UK. Scottish regional qualifier events are organised separately by the Scottish Student Sailing committee. A reserve weekend is allocated for qualifier events.

Playoffs is a single weekend for those teams selected during the qualifying stage. It is to be hosted late February or early March.

Championship Finals are held over three days in April for those teams qualified directly for finals from the Qualifiers or through playoffs.

1.2 All bidding decisions will be made by a Selection Committee and ratified by the BUSA committee.

1.3 Each bid submitted will be reviewed with focus on quality, feasibility and financial acceptability of each bid as relevant to the stage bid for.

### **2. BUSA Objectives**

2.1 To select the most appropriate bids on the basis of the criteria in 1.3.

2.2 To support development of the BUSA university clubs' ability to plan and run a high quality team racing event.

### **3. Selection Committee and Organisation**

3.1 BUSA executive committee and the BUSA Team Racing Officer will appoint a Selection Committee. It is likely to comprise of President, Vice President, Secretary, Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Team Racing Officer.

3.2 All communications connected with the selection process should be addressed to BUSA Team Racing Officer, Peter Owen, via email at [team-racing@busa.co.uk](mailto:team-racing@busa.co.uk)

#### 4. Selection Criteria

4.1 The Selection Committee has the authority to nominate bids that will best achieve the BUSA Objective (as set out in Clause 2.1) It will select the successful bids in accordance with the process outlined in this Notice of Selection, taking into account any other factor they may believe to be relevant.

4.2 The Selection Committee will fill out a Feedback Summary for each bid and this along with group discussion on a date selected by the Team Racing Officer will be used to select the successful bids.

4.3 This Notice of Selection may be amended at any time up to 24 hours before the start of the Selection Process, should the Selection Committee, at its absolute discretion, consider that circumstances require changes to be made. Such changes will be emailed to the supplied contact addresses.

#### 5. Rules – The following rules will apply for all successful bids selected:

5.1 BUSA Constitution

5.2 RRS 2021-2024 with RYA Prescriptions

5.3 Sailing Instructions for the Regional Qualifiers

5.4 This Notice of Selection. Where there is a conflict, succeeding items, as listed above, shall take precedence over proceeding items.

#### 6. Announcement of Successful Bids

6.1 The Successful bids will be announced one week following the BUSA Committee Meeting where selections are ratified at 12:00. An article will be published on the BUSA Website along with an email correspondence to all Bid Applications sent. Feedback will be given if requested by the Team Racing Officer, following discussion with members of the selection committee.

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## 7. Appeals

7.1 Grounds for appeal against the decisions of Selection Committee are limited to allegations of:

7.1.1 Failure to follow Notice of Selection

7.1.2 Bias/undue influence

7.1.3 Alleged misconduct

7.2 There will be no appeal against the published selection criteria or the provisions of this Notice of Selection. There will be no appeals against the actions of the Selection Committee, provided they follow the Selection Criteria. For the avoidance of doubt, there shall be no right of appeal against an alleged error of judgement on the part of the Selection Committee. By submitting a bid the USC's agree to the provision of this Notice of Selection.

7.3 If a USC wishes to submit an appeal, this shall be submitted to the Secretary by email ([secretary@busa.co.uk](mailto:secretary@busa.co.uk)) no later than 7 days following the successful bids announcement. The Secretary has the right to share the appeal with the Team Racing Officer and BUSA Chair.