



BUCS YACHTING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

8th - 11th April 2024

The Organising Authority is the British Universities Sailing Association (BUSA) in conjunction with Fairview Sailing, on behalf of the British Universities & Colleges Sports (BUCS).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*
- 1.2. For the purpose of this regatta the word 'team' may be used to mean the crew of a boat. The word 'boat' and 'yacht' are interchangeable.
- 1.3. Byelaws and general directions of the Hamble River Harbourmaster will apply.
- 1.4. Byelaws and general directions of the Cowes Harbourmaster will apply.
- 1.5. Southampton Harbour Bye-laws will apply. The attention of all competitors is drawn to Notice to Mariners No 3 of 2016: The Moving Prohibited Zone shall be deemed an obstruction and the race committee may disqualify a boat that infringes this instruction without a hearing except that the offending boat shall be entitled to a hearing on request. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 1.6. The Race Committee or Protest Committee may protest a boat for a breach of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS), or the rules in NOR 1.3 and 1.4 based on a report from any source. This changes RRS 60.2(a) and 60.3(a).
- 1.7. The allocation of boats will be by Fairview Sailing Ltd.
- 1.8. Any performance consequences of the allocation including the supply, condition and maintenance of a boat and her equipment shall not be grounds for redress.
- 1.9. Breakages, consequent on the condition or maintenance of the boat, not reasonably preventable by the crew may be considered as grounds for redress
- 1.10. Specified coaches may give outside help to any boat during racing and any boat may receive such help. This changes RRS 41.
- 1.11. When RRS 20 applies, a boat may indicate her need for room to tack or her response by hailing.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available after Monday 25th March 2024.
- 2.2. The sailing instructions will be displayed on the event web page and on the official notice board located at the Fairview Sailing Office.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at <https://busa.co.uk/championships/bucs-yachting-championships-2024>
- 3.2. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on International channels.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4. Informal race communications may also be made via a Whatsapp or Telegram group to be linked in the SIs.
- 3.5. From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.



4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The regatta is open to teams from all member clubs which are currently affiliated to and in good standing with BUSA.
- 4.2. The number of teams is limited to 15.
- 4.3. To make a valid initial entry each team must:
 - 4.3.1. At 12 PM on 9th December 2023 a Google Docs online form will begin accepting responses, any responses before this shall not be accepted. Each entrant will be required to provide a sailing CV and list of qualifications for their proposed skipper and first mate. This will decide the entries into the Championship on a first come first serve basis. (The proposed skipper and first mate does not necessarily have to be the finalised skipper and first mate, however any replacement must have the sufficient experience and qualifications as required by Fairview). The form will close at 23:59 on Wednesday 13th December 2023.
 - 4.3.2. By Wednesday 20th December, you will receive an email confirming your place in the Championship with the Fairview Sailing booking form attached.
 - 4.3.3. By no later than 28th February 2024, submit a completed Fairview Sailing booking form. The form is located on the BUSA Yachting Championships web page.
 - 4.3.4. Receive a confirmation from Fairview that they can charter a Fairview Oceanis 37 (Information regarding minimum qualifications and experience is available in the Fairview brochure).
 - 4.3.5. After receiving Fairview approval, from 3rd January 2024 and by the initial entry deadline of 23:59 on 10th March 2024, complete the BUCSPlay Stage 1 online entry process.
 - 4.3.6. Pay the Stage 1 entry fee by the initial entry deadline.
- 4.4. After the initial entry deadline, Stage 1 places will be allocated by BUSA, based on:
 - 4.4.1. One place per university, on a first come, first served basis in the order that completed online booking forms are received by Fairview Sailing..
- 4.5. If the entry limit has not been reached by the initial entry deadline, a late entry team must:
 - 4.5.1. Submit a completed Fairview Sailing booking form. The form is located on the BUSA Yachting Championship web page.
 - 4.5.2. Receive a confirmation from Fairview that they can charter a Fairview Oceanis 37.
 - 4.5.3. After receiving Fairview approval and by the late entry deadline of 23:59 on 23rd March 2024, complete the BUCSPlay Stage 2 online late entry process.
 - 4.5.4. Pay the Stage 2 entry fee by the late entry deadline.
- 4.6. Late entries will be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority. There is no obligation to accept these entries.
- 4.7. The Organising Authority will consider guest entry requests, where a case can be made that they will support the development of student sailing. Any such entries will need to be requested via email to secretary@busa.co.uk, outlining the proposed team and putting forward a case for their participation. If the case for a team is accepted, a nominated university/college will need to process the entry on BUCSPlay as per NoR 4.3 or NoR 4.5.
- 4.8. Guest entries will be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority. There is no obligation to accept these entries.
- 4.9. OA's must approve the entry by no later than 23:59 on Thursday 30th March.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The Stage 1 entry fee is £280 per team.
- 5.2. The Stage 2 entry fee is £335 per team.
- 5.3. Yacht Charter £2,249 which includes one evenings berthing in Cowes Yacht Haven
- 5.4. Yacht Charter Damage Deposit £4000
- 5.5. An additional cost for a Dinner in Cowes will be announced and teams will be informed closer to the event.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1. The following limitations apply:
 - 6.1.1. Each team shall:



- 6.1.1.1. Consist of eight team members, all of whom must sail on the boat while racing.
- 6.1.1.2. Consist of a minimum of two females and two males
- 6.1.1.3. Appoint a Team Captain, with whom all communications will be made before and during the event.
- 6.1.1.4. Submit the final and full crew list by email to secretary@busa.co.uk by 23:59 on 23rd March 2024. In exceptional circumstances, late changes to crew lists made in writing to the Organising Authority may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

6.1.2. Each team member shall:

- 6.1.2.1. meet the BUCS General Regulations.
- 6.1.2.2. be over the age of 18 years old.
- 6.1.2.3. be a member of the entered member club
- 6.1.2.4. be registered on the BUCSPlay 'Competitors & Reserves List 2023-2024'.
- 6.1.2.5. Reserves can be added via BUCSPlay until 23:59 on 23rd March 2024.

7. ADVERTISING

7.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

8. QUALIFYING AND FINAL SERIES

8.1. Not applicable.

9. SCHEDULE

9.1. Registration and Boat Collection:

Date	From	To
Sunday 7th April 2024	1900	2100

All team members must register in person at Port Hamble Marina between 1900 and 2100 on Sunday 7th April 2024 and shall present their University Registration Card to the Organising Authority at registration.

9.2. Dates of Racing:

Date	Time	Warning signal	Other
Monday 8th April	Before 1000		Conduct safety drill - see NoR 9.2.1
	Not Before 1000	Practice Race	
	Approximately 1115	Race Day 1	
	After Racing		Boats return to Port Hamble Marina
Tuesday 9th April	Not Before 1000	Race Day 2	Last race of the day may be a coastal race
	After Racing		Boats to return to Cowes Yacht Haven



Wednesday 10th April	Not Before 1000	Race Day 3	Last race of the day may be a coastal race
	After Racing		Boats to return to Port Hamble Marina
Thursday 11th April	Not Before 0915	Race Day 4	
	After Racing		Boats to return to Port Hamble Marina
	Approximately 1500	Prize Giving	Prize-giving at Port Hamble Marina
	1530-1700	Boat Handover	

- 9.2.1. Each boat shall conduct an on-board safety exercise prior to the first race in the series. This exercise shall include a safety briefing and a man-overboard drill.
- 9.2.2. A Maximum of 12 races is planned over the course of 4 days
- 9.2.3. The Race committee will aim to conduct 3 races per day, but may organise up to a maximum of 4 races per day if they have been unable to conduct 3 races on a previous day or believe they may be unable to conduct 3 races on an upcoming day.
- 9.2.4. The scheduled time of the first warning signal and intended format of racing for the next day will be released by 2000 each day.
- 9.2.5. On the first three days of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500
- 9.2.6. On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1300

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1. (DP) Boats shall comply with the class rules as provided separately at all times. Competitors should only use equipment supplied by Fairview Sailing, except for additional tape and ropes of up to 5mm diameter. The OA reserves the right to protest if this rule is breached
- 10.2. Boats may be inspected at any time.
- 10.3. The Fairview Class Rules are available for inspection on the official notice board or at the fairview Sailing Office

11. VENUE

- 11.1. The race area will be in The Solent and adjacent waters east and west of the Isle of Wight

12. COURSES

- 12.1. The courses to be sailed are expected to include windward\leeward, coastal races and shorter round the cans races.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 13.2. The Exoneration Penalty, the advisory hearing, and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. Decisions for RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be re-opened or appealed.
- 13.3. At a protest hearing, the penalty breach of a rule other than in Part 2 of the RRS may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the jury.



14. SCORING

14.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply except as modified below.

14.2. Weighting:

14.2.1. Points will be multiplied by the point factor apply to the race as follows:

Course Type	Points Factor
WW/LW	1.0
Round the Cans	1.0
Coastal	1.5

14.3. In the Race Series:

14.3.1. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat’s score will be the total of her race scores

14.3.2. When five or more races have been completed, a boat’s score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst race score.

14.3.3. When ten or more races have been completed, a boat’s score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores

14.3.4. A discard shall not be applied to the coastal races. This changes RRS A.2.1.

14.4. Four races are required to be completed to constitute a championship

14.5. Scores are changed as follows:

14.5.1. A boat scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) shall be scored points equal to the number of finishers plus one.

14.5.2. A boat scored BFD, DSQ, DNE and DGM shall receive points for one place worse than DNF. This changes RRS A5.2.

15. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

15.1. Support person vessels are not allowed

16. BERTHING

16.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the marina.

17. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

17.1. Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

18. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

18.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used for the duration of the event except with and according to the terms or prior written permission of the race committee.

18.2. Boats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means during the event.

19. DATA PROTECTION

19.1. The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority’s privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The result of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.



20. RISK STATEMENT

20.1. Rule 3 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 inherently 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 accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property 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) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) 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;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

21. INSURANCE

21.1. The Organising Authority suggests all competitors ensure that they have adequate personal insurance for personal injury and personal effect.

22. PRIZES

22.1. BUCS points are available for this event

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Championship	50	35	24	16	14	12	10	8
Coastal race	30	21	14	12	11	9	7	5

22.2. Prizes are awarded as follows:

Result	Trophy or Award
Winner of the Championship	Yachting Trophy



Top 3 teams in the Championship	BUCS Medals
Coastal Race	Jim Saltonstall Teapot Trophy
Top Scottish Team	John Derbyshire Trophy

23. MEDIA RIGHTS

23.1. In participating in this BUCS Championship any competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority permission to make, use and show, from time to time, any motion pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of them during the period of the event without compensation, in perpetuity.

24. FURTHER INFORMATION

24.1. All enquiries and correspondence should be addressed to: Karen Rawson, BUSA Secretary, The Cliff Inn, Kirklington, CA6 6DD.
Email: secretary@busa.co.uk