



British Universities and Colleges Sport Fleet Racing Championship 2024

9 - 10th November 2024

The Royal Torbay Yacht Club (RTYC)

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[DP]' means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The Organising Authority (OA) is the British Universities Sailing Association (BUSA) in conjunction with the Royal Torbay Yacht Club (RTYC). This event is hosted on behalf of the British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS).

2. RULES

- 2.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in [The Racing Rules of Sailing \(RRS\)](#) and local byelaws.
- 2.2. Competitors shall sail in accordance with the [RYA Racing Charter](#).
- 2.3. '[DP]' Torbay Harbour Byelaws apply.
- 2.4. The Post-Race Penalty, Advisory Meeting, and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures will apply. The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed. Information on the procedures can be found [here](#).
- 2.5. [DP] RRS 40.1 applies at all times whilst afloat. Wetsuits and drysuits are not personal flotation devices.

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Official Notice Board on the [BUSA website](#).
- 3.2. Individual copies will not be distributed at the event, please print your own if required or view electronically to save paper.
- 3.3. The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than Monday 4th November.

4. COMMUNICATION

- 4.1. All documents governing this event will be available from the Official Notice Board hosted on the [BUSA website](#) and on the RTYC Notice Board located in the RTYC Clubhouse.
- 4.2. Communication to competitors during the event will be made via the [BUSA Fleet Racing WhatsApp Group](#) (<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GhUsmaeFvN95Ho0WjqQUKy>).
- 4.3. [DP] While racing, 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.

5. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 5.1. The event is open to all competitors who meet the [BUCS General Regulations](#).
- 5.2. All competitors must be from an institution which is a current member of the British Universities Sailing Association, or be an individual member of the British Universities Sailing Association and be in good standing.
- 5.3. The helm and crew of a boat must be from the same institution.
- 5.4. All competitors shall enter through BUCSPlay as well as through the [BUSA Google Entry Form](https://forms.gle/uukDL42Sba9t6L3b6) (https://forms.gle/uukDL42Sba9t6L3b6). This includes any reserves who may be used. **The entry deadline is 23:59 on Tuesday 29th October 2024, with AU Admin approval required by 23:59 on Thursday 31th October 2024. No entries will be accepted after 23:59 on Thursday 31st October 2024.**
- 5.5. Help on how to enter through BUCSPlay can be found [here](#).
- 5.6. After the entry deadline, and in the event of an institution wishing to change the crew selected to race in a particular boat, it must apply to the Organising Authority for permission to do so through **emailing secretary@busa.co.uk**. The Organising Authority may only give permission where the replacement crew has also been registered on BUCSPlay on the 'Competitors and Reserves List'.
- 5.7. Reserves must be entered through BUCSPlay onto the **BUCS Sailing Competitors and Reserves List by 23.59 on Friday 1st November 2024**.
- 5.8. The event is open to boats of the following classes:
 - a) **Firefly**
 - b) **ILCA Handicap** (Inc. ILCA 4, 6, 7)
 - c) **Slow Handicap** and **Fast Handicap** Fleets – dinghies with [Portsmouth Yardstick Numbers](#) between 700 and 1240. The split between the fleets will be decided after entries have closed. The decision of the Race Committee as to which division a boat shall compete in shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a). Boats with a handicap outside of this range or without a published Portsmouth Yardstick Number may be accepted at the discretion of the OA. *(NB. on BUCSPlay entries will be split into single and double handers. This is due to the admin of the online entry system and not how the fleets are split for the event.)*
- 5.9. Any class which receives less than 15 entries may be cancelled or merged with another class at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 5.10. All competitors must produce their University Registration/Matriculation Card when registering at the event.
- 5.11. After entry, competitors who wish to request accommodation with Exeter University students should fill out this [Google Form](#). **Please note that applications for accommodation submitted after 23:59 on Friday 1st November 2024 will not be considered.** Accommodation can not be guaranteed and confirmation will only be given once the Fleet Racing Officer gets in contact. This will be by the end of day Friday 1st November 2024 by text message.
- 5.12. Entries are limited to 115 boats on a first come first serve basis, after which a waiting list will apply.
- 5.13. To be considered entered into the event, a boat shall have completed all required entry documentation, met all entry requirements, and have paid the fees in full.
- 5.14. Competitors under 18 years of age shall submit signed Parent/Guardian Declarations before racing.
- 5.15. All boats shall sail under their registered numbers to comply with **RRS 77**.
 - a) All sail numbers must be clearly displayed. No changes of sail number will be permitted except with the prior written permission of the Race Committee.

5.16. [DP] All Craft entering the event must be in a good state of repair and adequately prepared for the conditions. Any craft deemed by the Race Committee to present a danger to its crew or others will be excluded from the event. **This changes RRS 76.1**

6. FEES

6.1. When entering, 2 separate payments will be required: One payment to BUCS, and one payment to EUSC on behalf of RTYC.

6.2. BUCS Entry Fee is **£30 per single hander** and **£60 per double hander**.

6.3. RTYC Entry Fee is **£60 per boat**: An entry fee paid to EUSC on behalf of RTYC. Once a BUCS entry is registered and google form submitted, an invoice will be sent to the corresponding University Sailing Club. Confirmation of receiving the invoice will be required by email and the payment terms will be 30 days from the date of invoice received.

6.4. If the event is cancelled by the OA a refund less any costs incurred will be issued.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1. The table below gives the key timings and schedule, a full schedule will appear in the Sailing Instructions and Event Guide. This is subjective to change. Any change will be communicated via the WhatsApp Group.

7.2. Indicative schedule.

Day	Event	Time
Friday 8 th November 2024	RTYC will be open to drop of boats with RTYC member present	14:00 - 17:00
	Alternatively, sailors can drop off boats at the Exeter Campus (read 7.4 for further details).	17:00
	Registration Opens + social wristbands collections[@The Stoke Arms]	16:30
	Registration Closes	18:30
	Pub and Club Social begins [@TBC]	20:00
Saturday 9 th November 2024	Registration Opens [@RTYC - Ground Floor]	08:30
	Registration Closes	09:15
	Competitors Briefing [@RTYC - Haldon Pier]	09:30
	1 st Warning Signal Not Before	10:55
	Number of Scheduled Races	3
	Black Tie Dinner begins at Reed Hall, Exeter	18:30
Sunday 10 th November 2024	Competitor Briefing	9:15
	1 st Warning Signal Not Before	10:25
	Number of Scheduled Races	3
	No Warning Signal After	14:30
	Prize Giving	ASAP After Racing

8. ADVERTISING

8.1. In accordance with the World Sailing Advertising Code, all advertising on supplied equipment will be made available to the Organising Authority

8.2. [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1. Boats may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules.

9.2. **All boats are to have a painter for towing of at least 3m length.** This must be carried when afloat and not be part of the running rigging. An infringement of this rule will incur a points penalty and a second offence may incur disqualification.

10. CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT

- 10.1. [DP] All competitors will be required to wear wetsuits or drysuits.

11. VENUE

- 11.1. The venue is Royal Torbay Yacht Club, 12 Beacon Hill, Torquay TQ1 2BH, UK.
11.2. The racing area will be in Tor bay. See Addendum 1.
11.3. Venue information is available at [RTYC Website](#)
11.4. The venue will be open from 14:00 until 17:00 on Friday 8th November for boats to arrive. If you will be arriving after this, temporary secure overnight storage will be available at Exeter University Sports Park. If this is the case, please email fleet-racing@busa.co.uk to confirm your details and the Fleet Racing Officer will share specific parking instructions.

12. Charter Boats

- 12.1. Charter Boats will be available for hire from both Exeter and other Western Universities, with application for the Google form here (<https://forms.gle/qeN1Y6MUydfddDRq8>). This form will work on a first come, first serve policy, up to 4 fireflies per university. If there are sufficient, more can be rented. Further information regarding this can be found by contacting the BUSA Fleet Racing Officer.

13. COURSES

- 13.1. The courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. The post-race penalty and RYA arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. The post-race penalty will be 30%.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
15.2. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
15.3. When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16. SUPPORT VESSELS

- 16.1. [DP] Support vessels are not permitted.

17. PRIVACY STATEMENT

- 17.1. 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 the 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 results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.
17.2. RTYC Data Privacy Policy applies. (<https://rtyc.org/privacy/>)

18. MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND [DP]

- 18.1. When required supplied media personnel, equipment or dummies shall be carried on board while racing.
18.2. Any member of a Crew

- a) May be required to wear provided media devices that may record, transmit or provide two way communication.
 - b) Will make themselves available for interviews when requested by the Organizing Authority or Event Director.
- 18.3. Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of supplied media equipment.
- 18.4. Competitors automatically grant the OA, host venue and their sponsors without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of and/or relating to the event.

19. RISK STATEMENT

- 19.1. RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone”. Sailing by its nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk.
- 19.2. 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 or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event
- 19.3. The Organising Authority will make every reasonable effort to ensure that its events is run in a safe environment. It is the responsibility of all participants to consider any known medical conditions or disabilities before entering or competing in this event. If you know or are aware of a medical condition that might interfere with you exercising or participating safely, please consult a medical professional before participating. All participants assume full responsibility for any, and all, injuries, losses and damages that are incurred while participating in this event.

20. INSURANCE

- 20.1. [DP] Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident or the equivalent.

21. PRIZES

- 21.1. Prizes will be awarded as follows and in accordance with BUCS Sailing Regulations (New as of 04/06/24):
- a) **Open Team Prize:** The Open team prize will be awarded to teams from the same institution which has the 3 boats of any gender sailors who have the combined lowest score. Each boat must have raced in a class which has 15 or more entries. If a class has less than 15 entries and is combined with another class, a boat which would have raced in the former class will be awarded points as if they had entered in the combined class. BUCS points are awarded to the top 8 teams.
 - b) **Women’s Team Prize:** The Women’s team prize will be awarded to teams from the same institution which has the 3 boats of all females who have the combined lowest score. Each

boat must have raced in a class which has 15 or more entries. If a class has less than 15 entries and is combined with another class, a boat which would have raced in the former class will be awarded points as if they had entered in the combined class. BUCS points are awarded to the top 8 teams.

- c) **BUCS Medals and BUCS Points:** BUCS Medals and points will be awarded to boats placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Firefly, ILCA Handicap, Fast Handicap and Slow Handicap fleets. Boats placed 4th in the Firefly, ILCA Handicap, Fast Handicap and Slow Handicap fleets will also be awarded BUCS points.
- d) **Firefly Class Prize:** Awarded by the National Firefly Association. Free entry into the 2025 Firefly Nationals will be awarded to the team who finish 1st overall in the Firefly Class.

21.2. BUCS Points allocations:

Team Points	
1st	20pts
2nd	14pts
3rd	10pts
4th	7pts
5th	5pts
6th	3pts
7th	2pts
8th	1pt

Fleet Points	
1st	12pts
2nd	8pts
3rd	6pts
4th	4pts

FURTHER INFORMATION

There will be a pub and club social on the Friday evening, followed by a black tie event on the Saturday evening in Exeter held at Reed Hall.

Parking arrangements and dinghy park allocations will be released closer to the competition date within an event pack on Friday the 1st of November alongside the Sailing Instructions.

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END OF NOTICE OF RACE

ADDENDUM 1

