

## BUSA Committee 2025-26

### The BUSA Committee meeting on 26th May 2025 via Google Meet, 19:00 - 20:00

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### Committee Meeting Minutes

	Item	Lead
1.	Apologies for Absence Notified; Tanyel Mustafa TM Freya Mason FM Ollie Meadowcroft OM James Gifford JG	KR
2.	Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcomed the new committee for 25-26 and wished everyone a good year ahead</li> </ul>	DF
3.	Mission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To open the meeting the mission statement was read out to all attendees as a reminder what BUSA is about and where it's going. Its mission is to support all students in the sport of sailing at university and beyond, regardless of their experience level, interests and background</li> </ul>	DF
4.	Committee Introductions & Icebreaker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All members of the committee did a short introduction, and each told their favourite boat</li> </ul>	All
5.	Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Google Workspace and chat. This was discussed as our platform for comms alongside the drive which stores all our work. Anyone not logged in to email KR</li> <li>BUSA What's app was a success at connecting members and we need to move forward with this including letting members know to use as a resource for questions etc.</li> </ul>	DF
6.	Safeguarding Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This has been written and sent to the RYA for proof reading. The edits from this have been done and this is being proofread by NC. Once this is finalised, it will be sent to the committee for approval.</li> </ul>	KR
7.	BUCS Update Since the AGM the exec committee have been in discussion with BUCS regarding the points not being used. These were brought up at the AGM and voted on (see minutes). There were challenges for each <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gaming the trophy final by throwing races to which BUCS were trying to stop</li> <li>For yachting a separate coastal race which the extra costs and filling the event</li> <li>Women's team racing. This would be the most difficult to implement as no precedent for this and looking at a funding model from BUCS 12.5% cut, if BUCS wanted this then the fee to enter would increase dramatically</li> <li>Keel Boat League. Although this cannot be done immediately, this could be introduced at a later date after more discussion with RYA and BKL.</li> </ul> No questions were raised from the committee. This is ongoing discussion with BUCS and will be discussed further with BUCS and committee to resolve.	DF/GA

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8.	<p>Finance Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Still in the process of collecting charter fees for finals</li> <li>• RYA Affiliation has been paid</li> </ul>	HC
9.	<p>Focuses &amp; Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This year the committee needs to at media and comms to ensure clubs know what BUSA does. For clubs to use our partners and the RYA affiliation more and for us to advertise where the committee are by wearing our BUSA jackets-these are being organised by FM</li> <li>• As funds are being cut, to monitor how clubs are being funded and can we help</li> <li>• Looking at ways for the committee to be more reactive and along side the exec committee to keep things moving.</li> </ul>	DF
10.	<p>Key Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calendar of key dates is in google drive but we are behind with fleets. This is to be actioned today</li> <li>• Sailor survey and development survey to be sent out once JH is logged in as having technical issues with the BUSA email</li> <li>• Papers submitted for BUCS by September for coastal race. This is the easiest one to action for BUCS points</li> </ul>	DF
11.	<p>Match Racing Location</p> <p>The possible change of location was raised and both venues had pros and cons</p> <p>RYTC</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Higher sonar weight limit</li> <li>2. More teams</li> <li>3. Potential for a better location-<i>agreed by Northern and Scottish Reps although if higher cost then no</i></li> <li>4. Potential for a higher quality event?</li> </ol> <p>RYTC</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Less control over event format and key appointments</li> <li>2. Slightly more expensive entry and no real profit made</li> </ol> <p>WPNSC</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Boats and ribs free to use</li> <li>2. Maintains the RYA relationship</li> <li>3. Better potential socials</li> <li>4. Greater control over event organisation and appointments</li> </ol> <p>WPNSC</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Less teams</li> <li>2. Scope to make profit</li> </ol> <p>Some of the points raised were</p> <p>JB numbers didn't increase when the event moved north.</p> <p>GA can London teams host competitors-TE there is a scope to host some teams</p> <p>The main point however was on weight limit and if this can be increased then WPNSC becomes the better option. The concern was students pushing unhealthy eating to reach the weight limit required and so what steps do we need to take to increase this limit.</p> <p>TE is to send average weights for the last few years so JB can try to get this approved with this evidence</p>	TE

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	No decision on venue was reached but TE is moving forward with trying to raise the weight limit in order for this to be finalised.	
12.	AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NC there is fantastic stuff going on with university saioing and it would be great to stay focused as a committee to stay on track with any help needed, just let the exec committee know.</li> <li>An area chair is still needed for the Midlands area so the committee were asked to see if they knew anyone on the area who might be interested in the role</li> </ul>	DF
13.	Next Meeting Dates 14 July	KR