



BUCS/BUSA YACHTING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013

NOTICE OF RACE

8th – 11th April 2013

1.0 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Organising Authority is the Portsmouth Harbour Yacht Club and the British Universities Sailing Association (BUSA).
- 1.2 All enquiries and correspondence should be addressed to:
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2.0 RULES

- The Regatta will be governed by:
- 2.1 The Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS).
- 2.2 Sunsail F40 Class Rules.
- 2.3 RRS Appendix D (Team Racing Rules) will not apply.
- 2.4 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.

3.0 NAVIGATION RESTRICTIONS, SAFETY REGULATIONS AND COMMUNICATONS

- Boats shall comply with:
- 3.1 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 4.
- 3.2 The Southampton Bye-Laws 10 and 11 and ABP Southampton Notice to Mariners Number 4 of 2004. A yacht infringing this instruction shall be disqualified (which shall be non-excludable (DNE)) without a hearing (changing rules 63.1 and 90.3(b)) except that she shall be entitled to a hearing on request.
- 3.3 The Southampton, Portsmouth Harbour byelaws where applicable.

4.0 ENTRIES AND YACHTS

- 4.1 **All entry documentation must be sent to BUSA at the Royal Yachting Association.** Entries will only be accepted via the BUCS online entry system. A separate charter document must be completed, printed and posted to Sunsail along with a fee or purchase order for **£1500.00 Charter Fee** and **£3000.00 Security Deposit** (Cheques payable to Sunsail UK, Personal cheques will not be accepted). Entries must be received by **Friday 1st February 2013**. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 4.2 The event is open to teams of **EIGHT** people all of whom must sail on the boat while racing, which must include at least two females.
- 4.3 The Skipper/Helm for each team must have a minimum of 500nm Racing experience in order to charter a boat from Sunsail. At least 2 members of the team must hold a valid RYA Day Skipper Practical qualification or equivalent keelboat racing experience (To check with Sunsail please call 02392 222 221).
- 4.4 The number of teams is limited to the number of boats made available by Sunsail. **Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis in the order that entries are received.**
- 4.5 A Sunsail F40 will be chartered to each team. The allocation of boats will be by a draw. Any consequences of the allocation including the supply, condition and maintenance of

a boat and her equipment shall not comprise grounds for seeking redress (affecting RRS 62.1 (a)).

4.6 Attention is drawn to the event documents available on the official website www.busa.co.uk The following documents must be completed and returned with the appropriate fee to the organising authority, before an entry can be considered as valid:

- 4.6.1 Official Entry Form
Sunsail Charter Booking Form.

5.0 PROGRAMME

5.1 Registration. All Crew members must register in person at Port Solent between 1700 and 1900 on Sunday 7th April 2013. The yachts will be allocated by draw and a hand over and inventory check must be conducted on the allocated yacht. Failure to do so may render a team liable for previously caused damage or loss to a yacht or her equipment. Sunsail staff will be on hand to assist. **At registration and until 1900 on the 7th April 2013 competitors shall produce their University Registration Card to the OA (NUS cards will not be sufficient).**

5.2 Boat Collection will be from 1900 – 2100.

5.3 Skippers Briefing. This will take place at 1900 on Sunday 7th April 2013 at the Portsmouth Harbour Yacht Club.

5.4 Provisional Race Schedule.

Monday 8th April	Practice Race	10:00 (warning signal)
	Race 1	a.s.a.p. after practice race
	Race 2	a.s.a.p. after Race 1
Tuesday 9th April	Race 3	09:30 (warning signal)
	Race 4	a.s.a.p. after Race 3
	Race 5 (inshore coastal race)	a.s.a.p. after Race 4
Wednesday 10th April	Race 6 (long inshore race - approximately 5 hrs)	09:30 (warning signal)
Thursday 11th April	Race 7	10:00 (warning signal)
	Race 8	a.s.a.p. after Race 7
	Prize Giving	17:00

5.4.1 The practice race will not count towards the series.

5.5 Tides (Portsmouth).

Monday 8th	0951	4.4m
Tuesday 9th	1036	4.6m
Wednesday 10th	1117	4.6m
Thursday 11th	1155	4.6m

6.0 ELIGIBILITY

6.1 To be eligible each member of a team must be an internal student, registered at the University or Higher Education Establishment they represent and following a full-time or part-time course of study recognised by that University or Establishment. Also eligible are: sabbatical officers of a Students' Union or Athletic Union; sandwich course students, provided duration of course in industry is less than 12 months; students who have finished their course of study in December or March of the 2012/2013 academic year, and in accordance with the rules and regulations set out by the British University & College Sports.

6.2 International entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

7.0 SCORING

7.1 The Low Points Scoring System, RRS Appendix A4, will apply.

7.2 8 races are scheduled of which 5 must be completed for the event to qualify as a championship.

One discard will be allowed but it will not be possible to discard the Inshore and the Long Inshore race (if raced). If only five races are completed no discard will be allowed (Modifies RRS Appendix A4).

8.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 Sailing Instructions may be available from the official website from **2nd April 2013** www.busa.co.uk. Printed copies will be available at Registration on Sunday 7th April 2013.

9.0 COURSES

9.1 Courses will be laid in the Eastern, Central and Western Solent area using fixed or specially laid marks.

Races 1-4 and 7-8 will be a mixture of Windward/Leeward and round the cans courses.

Races 5 and 6 will be coastal and a long inshore race.

9.2 The Practice Race will start in the Eastern Solent **at 1000 hrs prompt.**

9.3 The Race Committee reserves the right to alter the date for the Long Inshore Race subject to weather conditions.

10.0 PROTEST COMMITTEE

10.1 A Protest Committee will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91.

10.2 A boat may not protest under the Class Rules (changes RRS 60.1(a)).

11.0 SOCIAL PROGRAMME will be announced in March 2013.

12 DISCLAIMER

12.1 Each skipper and crew are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, shall reduce or eliminate this responsibility. The attention of all competitors is drawn to RRS 4 (Decision to Race).

12.2 It is for the skipper and crew to decide whether their boat is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By proceeding to sea, the skipper and crew confirm that the boat is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

12.3 Nothing done by the Organisers can reduce this responsibility of the skipper and crew nor will it make the Organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in racing. The Organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the Organising Authority, the Race Committee, the Race Officer and mark boats and their crews.

13 PRIZES

13.1 The top English, Scottish and Welsh teams from this event may be invited to the Student Yachting Worlds 2013 (providing they are eligible to race with no crew changes). If the winning team are ineligible to compete then a runner up may be offered an invite. The decision of the British Universities Sailing Association General Committee is final and such a decision is not grounds for redress at this event (changes rule 62).

13.2 The Top 8 GBR teams will be awarded BUCS Points. The top 3 teams will receive BUCS medals.

13.3 The Winner of the Long Inshore Race (if raced) will be awarded the Jim Saltonstall Teapot Trophy.