



*Spinnaker Sailing Club & Wessex Sailing
Club on behalf of the RYA and BUSA*

Notice of Race

13th January 2013

RYA Ladies' National Championship

Incorporating the

BUSA Ladies' National Championship

23rd – 24th February 2013



UNIVERSITY OF
Southampton



1 Introduction

- 1.1** The event is for three boat teams and will be sailed in Firefly dinghies supplied by the organising authority. Each boat shall be sailed by two ladies. The event will be sailed according to the RYA Racing Charter.

2 Organising Authority

- 2.1** The organising authority is spinnaker Sailing Club and Wessex Sailing Club on Behalf of the RYA and BUSA

3 Rules

- 3.1** The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including appendix D, Team Racing Rules.
- 3.2** Races will be umpired.
- 3.3** Specific Sailing Instructions (SI's) for this event will be published; they are based upon the UK Team Racing Association (UKTRA) Standard Team Racing Sailing Instructions. These change some rules in the RRS; they are available on the UKTRA web site (www.teamracing.org). The event SI's may be emailed to competitors and will be available at registration.

4 Entries and Deposits

- 4.1** Entries are invited from any ladies' team as follows:
- 4.2** The closing date for receipt of entries and payment of the entry fee is 18th February 2013. The entry fee will not be refunded after payment except in exceptional circumstances and under the sole discretion of the organising authority. Late entries up until the 21st February 2013 may be accepted at the sole discretion of the organising authority.
- 4.3** The entry fee will be 240 pounds (late entries 270 pounds) per team.
- 4.4** Each team will be liable for the cost of damage to boats, equipment and property up to a maximum of £300 per incident. A deposit for this amount will be required at registration and before a team may sail. If the organising authority estimates that the total damage attributable to the team exceeds the deposit, the team will be required to deposit a further £300 in order to continue sailing. Damage attributed to competitors generally or to an unidentified team will be attributed equally between all teams. A team may apply to the protest committee to determine their responsibility for any damage.
- 4.5** All members of a team entering the BUSA Ladies' Championship have to be from the same university. Student ID cards proving such membership, will have to be shown at registration.

5 Event Format and Registration

- 5.1** The format of the event will be available at registration
- 5.2** Registration will take place in the Clubhouse and Spinnaker Sailing Club between 0830 and 0915 on Saturday 23rd February 2013
- 5.3** There will be a briefing at 0920 on Saturday 23rd February 2013





- 5.4** The first warning signal will be as soon as possible after the briefing on Saturday 23rd February 2013

6 Buoyancy and clothing

- 6.1** Adequate personal flotation devices and wet or dry suits shall be worn by all competitors at all times when afloat. This is a Spinnaker Club local bylaw and will be strictly enforced.

7 Risk Statement, Insurance

- 7.1** Rule 4 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.

8 Prizes

- 8.1** Championship Titles will be awarded as follows and other prizes may be awarded.
- 8.2** The RYA Ladies' National Championship Title will be awarded to the highest placed team as determined by the competition
- 8.3** The BUSA Ladies' National Trophy will be awarded to the highest placed qualifying University Ladies' team as determined by the competition, without any scoring adjustments.
- 8.4** Note: The same team may therefore be awarded both Trophies.

