

BUSA Tour 2013

Advance Notice of the Selection Process



1 Overview

The BUSA Tour 2013 will be held between the 8th and 29th of July 2013 at venues throughout the UK. It is expected that the Tour will consist of five trophy matches as well as additional training days.

BUSA intends to select a minimum of 6 sailors to form the team.

This is the 54th year of the Tour.

2 Application Process

Sailors wishing to be considered for Tour Squad selection must complete and submit an application form by 1st April 2013.

3 Selection Aims

The primary aim of the selection process is to select sailors that will maximise the potential of a successful defence of the overall BUSA/ICSA title, which BUSA has held for the past 12 years.

4 Selection Requirements

Sailors applying for the Tour Squad must fulfil the following requirements:

1. Sailors must be members of their University sailing club.
2. Their University must be a full member of, and in good standing with, BUSA.
3. Once selected, sailors will be required to sign a BUSA contract outlining their obligations.

5 Selection Process

5.1 Stage 1

Sailors will fill in Tour application form and return to Phil Derry by 1st April 2013 (postal address and email on application form).

5.2 Stage 2

Sailors will be observed by umpires at university sailing events leading up to the BUSA Team Racing and Match Racing Finals.

5.3 Stage 3

The selection committee will observe sailors at the BUSA Team Racing and Match Racing Finals.

5.4 Stage 4

At the discretion of the selection committee, a random pairs, two-boat team racing event will be held in Fireflies for all applicants to aid the committee in making a final decision (NB standings from this event alone will not serve as the sole selection criterion).

6 Selection

Selection will be made by a selection committee, selected and appointed by the BUSA Committee.

Provisionally, the selection committee will consist of a senior figure from the RYA and a senior umpire.

7 Funding

Sailors will not be expected to pay in full for the event costs, but a small payment will be expected to ensure commitment, and sailors will be required to fund their own social costs. It is possible that travel expenses will also be subsidised.

8 Sailor Commitment

If selected, sailors will be expected to commit to the Tour, and any training that occurs beforehand. It is likely that the same individuals will not be required for every trophy match and so there will be ample time in between competitions to pursue other summer activities.

It is hoped that any sailors selected from universities that are close to the trophy match venues would be able to help accommodate some/all of the touring team.

One of the key objectives for the selection process is to develop the overall strength of university sailing in the UK. One aspect of achieving this is to encourage today's successful top sailors to foster the next generation of racers (team/match etc) through passing on some of the skills and knowledge they have acquired. Therefore, the Tour Squad will endeavour to commit to providing at least a days coaching for one or more teams outside of their own university from their BUSA area following the Tour (early in the new season).

In addition, the Tour Squad will be expected to assist in the administration, organisation and running of events (other than official Tour matches) if requested by the Tour Captain.