



BRITISH UNIVERSITIES
& COLLEGES SPORT

BRITISH UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES SPORT FLEET RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS

SATURDAY 5TH AND SUNDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2016

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The Organising Authority is the British Universities Sailing Association (BUSA) in association with British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS) in conjunction with Warwick University Sailing Club (WUSC) and Draycote Water Sailing Club (DWSC).

2. RULES

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, including the RYA Prescriptions and RYA Racing Charter. The rules of the Portsmouth yardstick for the [Laser](#), Laser Radial, Laser 4.7 and [Firefly](#) Classes shall also apply.
- 2.2. All competing boats shall comply with the Draycote Water Sailing Club Regulations. A copy will be posted on the Official Notice Board and is available at <http://draycotewater.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/DWSC-REGULATIONS-10.05.16.pdf>
- 2.3. Instructions given by any safety craft in respect of actions relating to Club regulations will be deemed to have come from the Organising Authority. Disregarding these instructions may lead to disqualification and subsequent exclusion from the event.
- 2.4. Racing Rules 40 and 62.1(a) will be changed under NOR 10.1 and 3.7. The Sailing Instructions may also change other Racing Rules.
- 2.5. The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. Decisions from RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. To be eligible each competitor must meet the BUCS General Regulations (Reg 6 Eligibility). <http://www.bucs.org.uk/page.asp?section=17288§ionTitle=REG+6+Individual+Eligibility+and+Team+Selection>
- 3.2. All competitors must be from an institution which is currently affiliated with the British Universities Sailing Association.
- 3.3. The helm and any crew of a boat must be from the same institution.
- 3.4. All competitors shall enter through BUCScore. This includes any reserves who may be used. The University representative must then select the Competitors/Fleet/Class in order to enter the event. **The 'Stage 1' entry deadline is 23.59 on Thursday 27th October 2016.**
- 3.5. 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. The Organising Authority will only give permission where the replacement crew has been registered on BUCScore. Any crew, boat, or sail number change requests made to the Organising Authority after 23:59pm on Tuesday 1st November 2016 will incur a £5 donation to the Sail4Cancer charity.
- 3.6. **'Stage 2' entries received after midnight on Thursday 27th October 2016 may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority and will incur an additional 20% fee per boat on top of the entry fee. No entries will be accepted after 23.59 on Tuesday 1st November 2016.**
- 3.7. **Reserves must be entered on the BUCS Sailing Universal Reserve List by 23.59 on Tuesday 1st November 2016.**
- 3.8. The regatta is open to all boats of the following classes:
 - 3.8.1. **Firefly** / Firefly type dinghy (i.e. team racing fireflies)
 - 3.8.2. **Laser Handicap** (Inc Laser Radials, 4.7s)
 - 3.8.3. **Slow Handicap** and **Fast Handicap** Fleets – dinghies with Portsmouth Yardstick Numbers between 1240 and 700. Portsmouth Yardstick Numbers can be viewed on the RYA website-

<http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/portsmouthyardstick.aspx>. The split between the fleets will be decided after entries have closed. The decision of the Organising Authority or 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 BUCScore entries will be split into single and double handers. This is purely due to the admin of the online entry system and not how the fleets are split for the event.)

3.8.4. All craft entering the event must be in a good state of repair and adequately prepared for winter sailing. **Any craft deemed by the Organising Authority or Race Committee to present a danger to its crew or the event may be excluded from the event or prevented from going afloat under RRS 76.1.** Competitors are also reminded that they go afloat at their own risk, and notwithstanding anything within this clause, the Organising Authority and Race Committee do not accept any responsibility or liability for the inspection of boats.

3.9. Any class which receives less than 15 entries may be cancelled or merged with another class at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

3.10. Each Institution is limited to 15 entries. Additional entries may be submitted after the Stage 1 closing date on Thursday 27th October 2016, before the Stage 2 closing date of Tuesday 1st November 2016, if there is sufficient space at the event. These will be allocated on a first come first served basis and are subject to approval from the Organising Authority.

3.11. All competitors must produce at registration their University Registration/Matriculation Card - an NUS card will not suffice.

3.12. All competitors must complete the [online Medical Form](#) before registration.

3.13. 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. (For Example all Fireflies shall have a sail number corresponding to their hull plaque number.)

4. FEES

4.1. Required fees are as follows: **Single handed boats: £55** **Double handed boats: £75**

4.2. Entries shall be made via the BUCScore online entry system. All member athletic/student unions have access to this system. If an institution does not have access or cannot enter please contact the BUCS office.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. Registration: Friday 4th November 2016 1700hrs – 1800hrs
Saturday 5th November 2016 0800hrs – 0930hrs

5.2. A Briefing will take place at 09:30hrs on Saturday and 09:15hrs on Sunday. All helms and crews are required to attend the briefings.

5.3. Schedule of Races

Day	Race	Warning Signal
Saturday 5 th	1	10:55hrs
	2	As soon as possible after Race 1
	3	As soon as possible after Race 2
Sunday 6 th	4	10:25hrs
	5	As soon as possible after Race 4
	6	As soon as possible after Race 5

5.4. The Organising Authority may alter the schedule of races, including the start times. Any changes to the schedule of races or start times shall be posted on the Official Notice Board before 20:00hrs on the day before the day the changes are to take effect.

5.5. Two completed races are required to constitute a series.

6. MEASUREMENT

If applicable, each boat shall possess a valid measurement certificate.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions may be posted on the BUCS/BUSA websites prior to the event. Each team captain will be provided with an event pack containing the sailing instructions and all notices at registration. Sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

8. VENUE

Racing shall take place at Draycote Water Sailing Club. Further information on the club and bay can be found on the DWSC website - <http://draycotewater.co.uk/>

9. BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park. No cars are permitted to park in the boat park. There will be a boat 'drop off' system in place at the sailing club.

10. EQUIPMENT

10.1. Rule 40 is changed to apply to all times whilst competitors are afloat and on the pontoons.

10.2. All competitors shall also wear wet suits or dry suits whilst afloat. The penalty for a breach of this rule is at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

10.3. All boats are required to carry a 3 metre (Minimum 8mm) rope attached to their bow.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall not be allowed on the water.

13. PRIZES

13.1. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

13.1.1. Men's Team Prize: The Men's team prize will be awarded to teams from the same institution which has the 3 boats of all males having 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 not count. BUCS points are awarded to the top 8 teams.

13.1.2. Ladies Team Prize: The Ladies 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 not count. BUCS points are awarded to the top 8 teams.

13.1.3. BUCS Medals and points will be awarded to boats placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Firefly, Laser Handicap, Fast Handicap and Slow Handicap fleets. Boats placed 4th in the Firefly, Laser Handicap, Fast Handicap and Slow Handicap fleets will also be awarded BUCS points.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

14.1. 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 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the 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;

15. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or equivalent.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about entry/BUCScore please contact: Nick Burley, BUCS Event Coordinator E: Nick.Burley@bucs.org.uk Tel: 0207 633 4997	For Organising Authority queries, please contact: Jessica Beecher, BUSA Secretary E: jessica.beecher@rya.org.uk Tel: 02380 604 167
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