



# BUCS BUSA YACHTING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2010

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 28<sup>th</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010

#### **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:  
BUSA, RYA House, Ensign Way, Hamble, Southampton, Hampshire, SO31 4YA  
Tel: 02380 604 167 Fax: 02380 604290 E-mail: [jessica.beecher@rya.org.uk](mailto:jessica.beecher@rya.org.uk)

#### **2.0 RULES**

- The Regatta will be governed by:
- 2.1 The Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS).
- 2.2 Sunsail 37 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 COMMUNICATIONS**

- 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 on the Official Entry Form and with the correct fees and must be accompanied by £150 entry fee (cheques payable to BUSA) and £1275.00 Charter Fee and £2000.00 Security Deposit and completed Charter Booking Form (Cheques payable to Sunsail UK). Entries must be received by **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010**. 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. Each team must include an RYA qualified Day Skipper, unless otherwise authorised by Sunsail. 2 named reserves are allowed and registered, but can only be substituted with permission from the OA.
- 4.3 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.** No University/HEE may enter more than 3 teams, unless authorised by the OA to do so.
- 4.4 A Sunsail Sunfast 37 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)).

4.5 Attention is drawn to the event documents available on the official website [www.busa.co.uk](http://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:

4.5.1 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 28<sup>th</sup> March 2010. 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 28<sup>th</sup> March 2010 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 28<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at the Port Solent Yacht Club.

5.4 Provisional Race Schedule.

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Practice Race	10:00
	Race 1 (ww lw)	a.s.a.p. after practice race
	Race 2 (ww lw)	a.s.a.p. after Race 1
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Race 3 (ww lw)	09:30
	Race 4 (ww lw)	a.s.a.p. after Race 3
	Race 5 (inshore coastal race)	a.s.a.p. after Race 4
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Race 6 (long inshore race - approximately 5 hrs)	09:30
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Race 7 (ww lw)	10:00
	Race 8 (ww lw)	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 (HW Portsmouth).

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> 1031 4.7m

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> 1118 4.8m

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> 1203 4.9m

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> 1247 4.8m

## 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 2009/2010 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 **24<sup>th</sup> March 2010** [www.busa.co.uk](http://www.busa.co.uk). Printed copies will be available at Registration on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

## **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 Windward Leeward. 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 TBC in December 2009.**

## **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 winner of this event may be invited to the Student Yachting Worlds 2010 (providing they are eligible to race with no crew changes). If the winning team are ineligible to compete then the 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).