



PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF RACE FOR THE BRITISH UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES SPORT AND THE BRITISH UNIVERSITIES SAILING ASSOCIATIONS' TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2010

Area Qualifiers to be held at the venues & dates shown below:

- **SUSA Qualifiers**
League 1 – Forfar (Hosted by Aberdeen) (7th/8th Nov 2009)
League 2 – Forfar (Hosted by Dundee) (14th/15th Nov 2009)
League 3 – Bardowie Loch (Hosted by Glasgow) (6th/7th Feb 2010)
Tristan McMillan: tristanmcmillan@hotmail.com

- **Northern Qualifier** – West Kirby Sailing Club (6th/7th Feb 2010)
Jim Brambley: jim@jimbramley.co.uk

- **Midland Qualifier** – Draycote Sailing Club (6th/7th Feb 2010)
Oli Mulcahy: olimulcahy@gmail.com

- **Central/Southern Qualifier** - Oxford Sailing Club (6th/7th Feb 2010)
David Whitmarsh: bulletcount@yahoo.co.uk

- **Western Qualifier** - Chew Valley Sailing Club (6th/7th Feb 2010)
James Kitt: jk260@exeter.ac.uk

- **Ladies Qualifier** – TBC Dependent upon numbers

- **Qualifier Reserve date:** 20th/21st February 2010 – same venues.

N/B: The 2010 British Universities & College Sports Team Racing Championship and the British Universities Sailing Association Ladies Team Racing Championship will run concurrently and the events will be known as BUSA Team Racing 2010.

Playoffs will be held on 6th/7th March 2010 (Birmingham University). Club Contact – Frances Edwards: fde833@bham.ac.uk

Championship Finals – BUSA Team Racing 2010 hosted by Bristol University at Chew Valley Sailing Club, on 7th - 9th April 2010.

BUSA Team Racing Co-ordinator: Emily Crow: ec6042@bristol.ac.uk

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is the British Universities Sailing Association (BUSA). The Qualifiers, Playoffs and Championships will be hosted by the above named clubs and venues.

2. RULES

Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, Sailing Instructions and the rules and by-laws of above Sailing Clubs at their specific events and venues.

Competitors should note that 'BUSA' implement the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing) or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter

The right of appeal will be denied in accordance with rule 70.5

3. LIABILITY

- 3.1 The race organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the competitor, his skipper or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races.
- 3.2 A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 3.3 It is for the boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions it will find itself. By launching, or leaving the moorings, the boat confirms that it is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
 - i) Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of a boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and including the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats, umpires and beach masters.
 - (ii) The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities.
- 3.4 Insurance excess is £250 for each and every incident.

4. ENTRIES

4.1 Entries

Entries for the qualifiers must be **received by Jessica Beecher by the 1st December 2009.**

All Entries must be accompanied by a £60 per team entry deposit, made payable to BUSA. If the team subsequently withdraws from the championships at any stage, having accepted, they will forfeit their entry deposit.

No more than 4 teams from the same university may enter the events. 4th Teams are only permitted if they can be facilitated and with agreement from the BUSA TRWG. A maximum of 3 teams for a University may progress to the Playoffs or Finals.

Ladies Teams must also send in entry forms. If sufficient teams enter to warrant running qualifiers then these will be set up and dates published.

Entries for the Finals, including the Official Entry Form, Entry Fee and Damage Deposits shall be received by 19th March 2010. The host club will write to the qualifying clubs but failure to receive such correspondence shall not be grounds for late entry.

Late entries will only be accepted at the discretion of the BUSA TRWG and organising club/university.

If any team, qualified or invited, has not entered correctly 19th March 2010 their place may be reallocated.

4.2 Eligibility & Qualification

To enter a club must be affiliated to BUSA Sailing by paying their subscription for 2009/2010.

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 Sports Association.

A maximum of 24 teams will be invited to the Team Racing Championship. A maximum of 10 teams will be invited to the Ladies Team Racing Championship.

Qualification will be via the regional qualifiers and based on the team's final position in the qualification procedure, which will be established by 19th March 2010. The leagues and teams qualifying are listed in Appendix 1.

TEAM CHANGE RULE: To remain eligible, a team may only request team changes for up to **1 helm or 2 crews**, as established when the team began the qualification procedure and must only replace sailors with good reason (at the discretion of the BUSA TRWG) and only from their **specified list of reserve sailors, received with their entry form**. Any exceptions to this rule will be at the discretion of the BUSA TRWG. Changes must be made in writing to the BUSA TRWG.

Racing shall be for teams of 6 people, i.e. 3 boats each with two people in at all times when racing.

A Ladies team shall comprise only of females.

If any places are not taken up, the BUSA TRWG will reallocate places.

4.3 Entry Fees & Damage Deposits

The entry fees per team for the qualifiers are as follows.

South Central	£115	Cheques payable to BUSA
Midlands	£140	Cheques payable to UWSU
Western	£110	Cheques payable to Exeter University Sailing Club
Northern	£140	Cheques payable to WKSC
Scottish	£225	Cheques payable to Scottish Universities Sailing Association
Playoffs	£TBC	Cheques payable to TBC

All Cheques must be sent to BUSA, RYA House, Ensign Way, Hamble, Southampton, SO31 4YA **by the 22nd January 2010**.

The entry fee for BUSA 2010 will be announced at the Playoffs on the 6th March 2010 or sooner if possible.

The damage deposit shall be £250 per team payable to the host club/university on the day or before if requested (as detailed above).

Damage deposits should be paid by separate cheque and will be held in a separate account.

The damage deposit will be refunded in part or whole on the basis of the host club's assessment of any damage or loss.

5. **PROGRAMME.**

Qualifiers: – Southern, Northern, Western, Midland and Central: 6th/7th February 2010.

Briefing	0915
First Race	1000

Playoffs: 6th/7th March 2010

Finals: 7th-9th April 2010

6. **ADVERTISING**

This will be a Category C event in accordance with Appendix 1 – ISAF Advertising Code, but with advertising on the supplied equipment as directed by the organising authority.

7. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and will be posted on the BUSA website.

8. CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES

A personal flotation device will be required at all times whilst afloat. Rule 40 will be changed to this effect. All competitors shall wear wet suits or dry suits, unless indicated by the Race Committee on the day of the event. Penalties for failing to do so will be specified in the sailing instructions.

9. ALTERATION TO CLASS RULES

Wherever possible boats will be supplied at the venue, however if boats should be needed your Area Representative will inform teams captains. If not enough flights can be provided for the qualifier, the matter will be referred to the BUSA TRWG to reduce to number of teams competing.

Teams entering the Playoffs shall bring boats to the event if requested to do so by the Organising Authority unless a valid reason can be provided.

Boats will be sailed as supplied.

10. PRIZES

Qualifier Prizes - invitation to the Finals or Playoffs.

Championship Finals

The winners of the Team Racing Championship will be the BUSA Champions for 2010 and will be awarded the Thompson Trophy.

The winners of the Ladies Team Racing Championship will be the BUSA Ladies Champions for 2010 and will be awarded the BUSA Trophy.

Other prizes may be awarded.

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APPENDIX 1

Qualification is based on position in leagues on 19th March 2010.

The following teams may qualify for BUSA 2010:

PROVISIONAL

<u>League</u>	qualify for <u>Finals Places</u>	qualify for <u>Playoffs places</u>
Susa	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Placed	4 th , 5 th & 6 th Placed
Northern	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th Placed	5 th , 6 th & 7 th Placed
Midlands	1 st , 2 nd Placed	3 rd , 4 th & 5 th Placed
South Central	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th Placed	5 th , 6 th Placed
Western	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th Placed	5 th , 6 th & 7 th Placed
BUSA TRWG		2 Wildcards
Playoffs	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th , 6 th , 7 th Placed.	

The number of places allocated to each qualifier for the Finals and Playoffs will be confirmed on the 11th December 2009, when the number of teams attending each qualifier can be confirmed. Captains will be e-mailed to confirm their place at the Playoffs/Finals. If teams subsequently withdraw from a qualifier then the allocated places can again be revised by the BUSA TRWG.

Wildcards will only be allocated by the BUSA TRWG from teams that have competed in the Area Qualifiers.