

Notice of Race

RYA Women's Team Racing National Championship

incorporating

BUSA Women's Team Racing National Championship

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. The RYA Women's National Team Racing Championship incorporating the BUSA Women's Team Racing National Championship will take place on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th March 2024 at Spinnaker Sailing Club, Ivy Lane, Ringwood BH24 3LY.
- 1.2. The event is for three boat teams and will be sailed in Firefly type dinghies supplied by the Organising Authority. Each boat shall be sailed by two people.

2. Organising Authority

- 2.1. The Organising Authority (OA) is Spinnaker Sailing Club, in conjunction with the Royal Yachting Association and British Universities Sailing Association.

3. Rules

- 3.1. The Event will be governed by the Rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)* including *Appendix D*, and local bye-laws.
- 3.2. The standard UKTRA Sailing Instructions will apply. These change some Rules in the RRS and will be available before registration.
- 3.3. Races will be umpired.
- 3.4. The right of appeal is denied in accordance with RRS 70.5(a)
- 3.5. The notation [NP] in a rule in this NoR or the Sailing Instructions denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a)
- 3.6. [NP]All competitors will be required to wear wet suits (of a minimum of a long john design with thermal insulating material up to the shoulders of the competitor) or dry suits.
- 3.7. [NP]At all times while afloat each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device meeting the standard of ISO12402-5 (50N Buoyancy Aid) at all times.

4. Team Requirements [NP]

- 4.1. No competitor may sail for more than one team, except as a substitute due to injury of a fellow competitor and with the prior written approval of the race committee. After an entry has been accepted the members of a team shall not be changed without the prior written approval of the race committee.
- 4.2. Teams shall consist of sailors who identify as female under the RYA Guidelines.
- 4.3. Teams who fulfil the following criteria may also enter the 2024 BUSA Women's Team Racing Championship:
 - a) The team shall consist of sailors from the same institution, representing a university or higher education establishment that is a member of, and in good standing with, the British University Sailing Association.
 - b) Each competitor must meet the BUCS General Regulations (Regulation 4).
 - c) Each competitor shall present valid Student I.D. for inspection at registration.

5. Request for Invitation

- 5.1. Entry to the Event will be by invitation only.
- 5.2. Requests for Invitation should be made by no later than 1159 on Friday 16th February 2024 by using the form available at events.ksail.co.uk/2024/ryawomens

6. Invitation to Enter

- 6.1. From the requests for invitation received, 18 entries will initially be invited.
- 6.2. Initial Invitations for entry will be issued as soon as possible after the time shown in NoR5.2, using the following criteria; applied in order:
 - a) The winners of the 2023 RYA Women's Team Racing National Championship (Oxford Blue), provided that at least two of the helms are the same.
 - b) A team representing the host club for this Championship.
 - c) A GBR Team.
 - d) All organisations that have entered have received one invitation.
 - e) and in all other respects, invitations will be made based on the date and time of receipt of the organisations Request for Invitation.
- 6.3. Requests for Invitation which did not receive an initial invitation will be placed, in order, on a waiting list for each division using the criteria above.
- 6.4. Additional invitations may be issued at the sole discretion of the OA.
- 6.5. Decisions of the OA about entry or eligibility shall not be cause for redress. This amends RRS 62.1.

7. Confirmation of Entry

- 7.1. Entries will not be considered valid unless all requirements of this Notice of Race are met.
- 7.2. Teams shall confirm their entry by accepting their invitation by no later than 1159 on Monday 26th February 2024. Invitations not accepted by this time will be assumed to have been declined and the invitation will be allocated to the next team on the waiting list.
- 7.3. On receipt of an acceptance, the OA will issue the organisation an invoice for entry fees due. This invoice will not be cancelled and a team will forfeit their entry fee should an entry subsequently be withdrawn.
- 7.4. By accepting an invitation, the team, and the organisation it represents agree to the damage process as detailed in Attachment X to this NoR.

8. Entry Fees

- 8.1. The entry fee to be invoiced will be £420 per team.

9. Schedule, Registration and Briefing

- 9.1. Registration will be in the Clubhouse from 0830 on Saturday 16th March 2024.
- 9.2. There will be a briefing in front of the Clubhouse for competitors at 0900.
- 9.3. The first warning signal on the first day of competition will not be before 0927.
- 9.4. The first warning signal on the second day of competition will not be before 0857.
- 9.4. There will be no warning signal, for any stage other than Knockouts after 1700 on the last day of competition.

10. Course and Format of Racing

- 10.1. The course will be described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.2. The format of the event will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

11. Prizes

- 11.1. Trophies will be awarded to the winner of the RYA Women's Team Racing Championship and the BUSA Women's Team Racing Championship.
 - a) Only GBR Teams will be eligible for the RYA Women's Team Racing Trophy.
 - b) Only teams which fulfil the criteria in NoR4.3 will be eligible for the BUSA Women's Team Racing Trophy.
- 11.2 Other prizes may be awarded to the top three teams overall and at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

12. Data Protection and Media Statement

- 12.1. By participating in this event competitors automatically grant to the OA the right in perpetuity to make use and show at their discretion any photography, audio and video recordings and other reproductions of them

made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue until their final departure, without compensation.

12.2 The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

13. Risk Statement

Rule 3 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.

13.1. 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) the provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the OA does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- e) the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- f) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to the host venue or the event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.
- g) It is their responsibility to ensure that they are familiar with the type of boat used, and the supplied equipment and are suitably experienced with its operation.
- h) It is their responsibility for ensuring all supplied equipment is carried on board.
- i) They are fit to sail and that they believe the crew and the boat and crew is capable of competing in the anticipated conditions.

14. Cancellation

14.1. The OA reserves the right to cancel the event. The entry fee and any deposits paid will be refunded less any un-avoidable costs.

Attachment X –Damage

It is expected that all competitors show due care and attention on to the venue, boats and equipment that is provided for their use during the Event. Damage to boats causes conflict, delay and impacts everyone involved at the event. This attachment intends to help minimise damage; ultimately providing more racing at less cost for everyone.

In the unfortunate case of damage occurring, this attachment provides guidance to competitors and officials on how damage may be assessed, penalised and costs allocated as equitably as possible.

X1. DAMAGE AGREEMENT

- X1.1 By entering the event, the team expressly agrees to follow and comply with this system without delay or dispute. A failure to comply with an instruction or invoice issued may result in disqualification from the event without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.
- X1.2 Each team is liable for up to £500 of damage associated costs per incident (this includes boats, equipment and property).
- X1.3 Any decision on the allocation and quantum of any damage associated costs is solely for the Organising Authority to determine. The decision of the Organising Authority is final and teams agree to accept it without dispute.

X2. DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

- X2.1 An initial assessment of damage will be made as soon as possible following an incident.
- X2.2 Onward assessment of the damage after further inspection will have no effect on a penalty given in accordance with RRS 14 but may affect any damage associated costs.

X3. DAMAGE ASSOCIATED COSTS

- X3.1 The Race Committee may require a team to make an intermediate payment, to the amount defined in this attachment; against allocated damage costs before the team may sail another event boat.
- X3.2 If a team is allocated damage associated costs, and these are not paid at the event, the Organising Authority will issue an invoice to the team. Invoices must be paid (without set off or deduction) within 14 days unless an extension is agreed with the Organising Authority.
- X3.3 Failure to comply with a damage invoice within 14 days (or any extension period) is a breach of this agreement and will be considered as Misconduct and the Organising Authority may:
 - (a) disqualify the team in question without a hearing, this changes RRS 63.1;
 - (b) reject any future entries from the teams' organisation.
 - (c) report the team to the Protest Committee for a breach of rule 69
- X3.4 The Organising Authority may amend or cancel a damage notice at any time and may reinstate a team disqualified.