



***OUYC and OSTT on behalf of the RYA
and BUSA***

Notice of Race

Version 1 - 3rd January 2016

**RYA Ladies' Team Racing National
Championship**

incorporating the

**BUSA Ladies' Team Racing
Championship**

20-21st February 2016



1.1 The event is for three boat teams and will be sailed in Firefly dinghies supplied by the organising authority. Each boat shall be sailed by two ladies.

1.2 The event shall be sailed at Oxford Sailing Club, Cumnor Rd, Oxford, OX2 9NS

2 Organising Authority

2.1 The Organising Authority is Oxford University Yacht Club (OUYC) and Oxford Sail Training Trust (OSTT), on behalf of the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) and British University Sailing Association (BUSA)

3 Rules

3.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules.

3.2 Races will be umpired

3.3 A modified version of the UK Team Racing Association (UKTRA) Standard Team Racing Sailing Instructions will apply. These change some rules in the RRS; they will be available at registration and may be emailed to teams prior to the event.

3.4 In accordance with RRS 70.5(a) the right of appeal will be denied

4 Entries & Deposit

4.1 Entries are invited from teams of six ladies.

4.2 Entry is limited to 24 teams; teams will be selected on a first come, first served basis.

4.3 Teams consisting of six ladies who all fulfil the criteria, listed below, are also eligible to enter the BUSA Ladies' Team Racing Championship

a) The team shall be a representing a university or higher education establishment that is a member of, and of good standing with, the British University Sailing Association

b) Each competitor must meet the BUCS General Regulations (Reg 7 Eligibility).
<http://www.bucs.org.uk/page.asp?section=17289§ionTitle=REG+7+Individual+Eligibility>

4.4 Teams entering the BUSA Ladies' Team Racing Championship will be required to show valid Student I.D at registration.

4.5 All competitors who will be under 18 years of age on 20 February 2016 shall provide at registration a fully completed and signed RYA parent/guardian declaration form.

4.6 All competitors in all teams shall complete the registration requirements before racing.



- 4.7** Decisions of the race committee about entry or eligibility shall not be cause for redress. This amends RRS 62.1 and 63.1.
- 4.8** The closing date for receiving entries is 1700 hours on Monday 15th February 2016. Entries may be accepted after this date at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority
- 4.9** The entry fee is £250 per team.
- 4.10** Each team will be liable for the cost of damage to boats, equipment and property up to a maximum of £300 per incident. A deposit for this amount will be required at registration and before a team may sail. When a team is assessed as liable for damage, it shall restore the deposit to the original value in order to continue sailing. Damage attributed to competitors generally or to an unidentified team will be attributed equally between all teams. A team may apply to the protest committee to determine their responsibility for any damage.

5 Event Format & Schedule

- 5.1** The format of the event will be clarified at the Event Briefing.
- 5.2** Event Registration will take place at Oxford Sailing Club, Cumnor Rd, Oxford, OX2 9NS between 0830 & 0915 on Saturday 20th February 2016
- 5.3** The Event Briefing will be at Oxford Sailing Club, Cumnor Rd, Oxford, OX2 9NS at 0930 on Saturday 20th February 2016
- 5.4** The first warning signal will be as soon as possible after the briefing.

6 Buoyancy & Clothing

- 6.1** Adequate personal flotation devices and wet or dry suits shall be worn by all competitors at all times when afloat and on the pontoons
- 6.2** Wetsuits must be a minimum of 3mm thickness and have body coverage of at least a long-john design.

7 Risk Statement & Insurance

- 7.1** 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 inherently 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event 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.

8 Prizes

8.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:

a) For All Teams entered:

I. The RYA Ladies' Team Racing Trophy – Awarded to the top placed team as determined by the competition

II. Second Place Glassware – Awarded to the second placed team as determined by the competition

III. Third Place Glassware - Awarded to the third placed team as determined by the competition

b) For teams entered in the BUSA Ladies' Team Racing Championship (as described in Section 4.2 of this Notice of Race)

I. The BUSA Ladies' Team Racing Trophy – Awarded to the top placed BUSA Ladies team as determined by the competition

II. Second Place Glassware – Awarded to the second placed team BUSA Ladies team as determined by the competition

III. Third Place Glassware - Awarded to the third placed BUSA Ladies team as determined by the competition

c) The Under 19 Trophy – Awarded to the highest placed team, as determined by the competition, with all helms and at least 2 crews under the age of 19 at registration (20th February 2016)

8.2 It is possible that teams may be awarded more than one prize.

8.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.