

Solent University Sailing Club 2020/21

New Members Information

Welcome

Hello and welcome to all new members! Team Solent Sailing offers many opportunities for budding or already successful sailors in the fields of yachting, team racing, dinghy racing and match racing, as well as recreational sailing. The team has had many successes over the years winning the Student Yachting Nationals nine times, the Student Yachting World Cup in 2004 and 2010, and becoming BUCS Match Racing Champions in 2013.

Recent successes

- BUCS Yachting Champions (2018)
- Silver medallists in Trophy Fleet (2018)
- BUCS Team Racing finalists (2018)
- Solent Sport Team of the Year (2018)
- Gold Fleet at BUSA Yachting Nationals (2017)
- Matt Reid: bronze medal, BUCS Nationals - Fleet Racing Championships (2015)
- BUCS National Match Racing Champions (2013)

Dinghy

Training

At the beginning of every year, we aim to get all our members out on the water with a brief introduction to team racing in Fireflies, the main form of dinghy racing universities compete in.

Throughout the year, the team racing teams aim to train once or twice a week at Spinnaker Sailing Club. We focus on developing skills and tactics required for this fast-paced competitive rule-based sailing. We support these with occasional theory sessions and informal debriefs.

We also have a network within the team for those with boats to sail out of nearby clubs including Stokes Bay.

Towards the end of the year in the warmer summer months, we offer Recreational Sailing to all our members, including beginners, with the opportunity to gain qualifications.

Events

The events mainly consist of two full days of racing over the weekend, with a social on the Saturday night. The team will meet outside the Spark building and go the event together.

The Fleet Racing Championships consists of a few races each day, competing against a fleet of other boats from every university at the event, with a points system to be tallied up at the end of the weekend.

Team racing has a very different schedule. Each will compete in a round robin series that if completed will see every team compete against every other team with a knockout series at the end of the weekend.

The team racing calendar consists of training events and non-BUCS events to start the year off in practise for the

BUCS Team Racing Championship qualifiers in February. If the team does well the next event is either the finals, or the knockouts (where the team has another chance to secure a place in the finals).



Yachting

Training

Solent Sailing Yachting offers great opportunities for all budding sailors, whether you are a beginner or at a higher level. At the start of the year, we aim to have an introductory session at the Royal Southern Yacht Club, chartering multiple of their J70s and getting students on the water.

Throughout the year there is recreational sailing also in the J70s for sailors to improve on their skills, and increase confidence on the water, whilst having fun and making new friends!

During the autumn season and winter, the RSYC host a series of J70 windward leeward races for academy members. This is an opportunity for those skills to be put into practice and enjoy sailing in a team environment. The J70 events are a great way to practice in a keelboat sportsboat ahead of the BUCS match racing event later in the year.

We are also offered the Fairview Oceanis 37 yachts to train on, in preparation for the main event of the year, Yachting Championships. Events



Events

The yachting calendar builds up to two national events in April, the Yachting Nationals and the Match Racing Championship.

The Yachting Nationals is a fleet racing event held in the Solent every year consisting of up to 22 teams of 8 sailors from different universities from around the country. Having that many teams can make for some rogue moment but also an excellent week on and off the water.

The Match Racing Championships is usually held in Weymouth, in Elliotts, with a team of 3 or 4. The event consists of a single Round Robin, Repechage, Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals.

As well as these two main events, the Solent Sailing Club also takes part in local events throughout the year to keep training and racing. These Regattas and Series that are run by the Royal Southern Yacht Club, are competed in j70s for fast pace racing with a crew of 4.

Socials

Throughout the years we have produced a close-knit bunch of friends through our social life. As a cheery bunch of sailors keen to make friends, we provide a range of social events in person and online (when applicable). We also have socials all around the country at sailing events that you can attend as a competitor or a social sailor, like team racing events.

Summer Sail Week

For 2021, the club is offering a flotilla yachting holiday in Corfu, Greece. A great way to explore, have fun and make friends!



Varsity

Our varsity is against Bournemouth and typically runs over two days, around the same time every other Solent Sports Team has their Varsity, we understand that many members are part of other teams, so we try and set dates on different days to the Sports Teams Varsity.

Day 1 is to encourage team racing and fleet racing at Spinnaker Sailing Club using Fireflies to sail in. Even if you are a recreational sailor or yachting sailor this is a great opportunity to have a laugh with friends and great time on the water. Lunch is typically a BBQ on site. The night is finished with a great social in Southampton or Bournemouth for all Varsity Teams.

Day 2 is a repeat of the first day the days may alternate between yachting and team racing depending on facilities, but we finish the day off with a rewards ceremony and the winner of Varsity of the year. This is then followed by a social for all Varsity Teams.

If you do not want to compete you are still able to come and support the teams and attend the socials.

Jackets and Merch

All members receive the chance of purchasing members merchandise, we offer both members tops and jackets. Both designs and jacket type tend to change yearly depending on the supplier.

We do not supply any sailing kit as members have their own preferences and usually come to university with their own kit. If you do not have any sailing kit, we are more than happy to help point you in the best direction to purchase kit.



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Policies

- Members should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach or committee if they are going to be late or unable to attend
- All members must respect officials and respectfully accept their decisions
- Members must wear suitable kit for training and events, as agreed with the coach and/ or committee
- Members will pay any invoices before their respective due date
- Adhere to the BUCS regulation 18 / 19 and BUSA Code of Conduct, the University upholds that all students competing in BUCS/BUSA competition should adhere such rules and regulations

Commodores Message

Whether you are a national champion or a complete beginner, The Solent Sailing Club has lots to offer. We are a friendly bunch who want to enhance your university experience by getting you out on the water as often as possible. There is a strong social element to our club which I would strongly recommend you get involved in. I assure you; we know how to have a good time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any of the committee. I look forward to meeting you soon.

Rob Kerley

Your Committee



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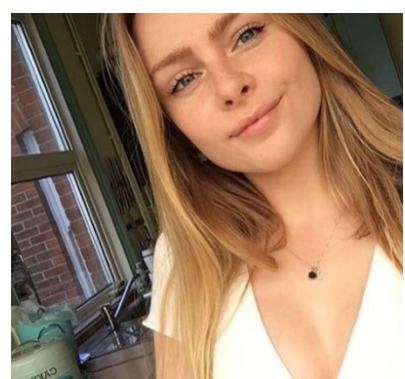
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