



Calling All Team Racers

YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS ***YOU!***

Britain must this year reclaim the British-American Cup from the Americans. The Americans won the Cup in September 2001 – and in 2003 – and in 2005. It really is time we had it back. The match will take place in Cowes in September (18th – 21st) It is four-on-four, in Sonars. We need the best team racers to form a squad to train and race in Cowes and make sure the cup returns to British soil. Our experience is that we lack little against the Americans in terms of team racing skills – when we can catch them. They seem consistently to have more speed in Sonars than we can find – so the preparation for the 2007 match must include time in Sonars.

APPLY NOW FOR A PLACE IN THE SQUAD

The British-American Cup is one of the oldest team racing competitions in the sport. It began in 1920, in Six Metres, and has continued – in various forms – since then. It is held every two years. On this side of the Atlantic the current organisers are the Royal Thames Yacht Club, the Royal Yacht Squadron and the RYA and on the other side the Seawanhaka Yacht Club of Oyster Bay on Long Island Sound.

HOW TO APPLY

The 2007 event will be held in the Solent, Cowes in, September 18th to 21st, in Sonars. Each side will sail a team of four boats, max crew weight of 240 kilos. Any Sonar crew meeting the weight limit and comprised entirely of British nationals may apply for a place in the squad from which the team will be chosen. Individuals prepared to join a crew may also apply.

Squad selection will be carried out initially by a process of seeding based on established team racing or Sonar racing form. If necessary there will be selection trials in Cowes in Sonars – the date of which will be confirmed once applications have been received.

To apply for a place on the squad, complete the form attached (one form to cover one crew) and return it to Dave Atkinson at the RYA along with current team racing CVs covering each member of the crew.

Every application will be acknowledged. The deadline for applications is the 23rd February 2007.

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SQUAD APPLICATION FORM

Name of skipper (or principal contact for this crew):

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Address:.....

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Postcode:.....E-mail:.....

Tel:.....Mobile:.....

The Crew:

Name 1:.....

Position:.....Weight (kilos):.....

Name 2:.....

Position:.....Weight (kilos):.....

Name 3:.....

Position:.....Weight (kilos):.....

Total crew weight (kilos):.....

If this crew normally sails together in team races, supply one CV covering the whole crew. Otherwise supply team racing CVs for each member of the crew.

If this crew normally sails in a team with another crew also applying for a place in the GBR team for this event, give the name(s) of the other skippers/ crew leaders.

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Return this form and the CVs to:

**Dave Atkinson
RYA House,
Ensign Way
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the form can be returned by e-mail to: david.atkinson@rya.org.uk