

ISAF Youth Worlds Daily Update:

DAY TWO:

Today must have been one of the hardest days of racing you can imagine. We had an early weather briefing from the Local weather guru – we won't listen to him again!!!!!!

The wind was forecast to start in the south and move right the whole day to the north / north - west and build to about 12knts. We went out on the water at 11:30 and it was already in the northwest and did not build above 6 knots the whole day switching with large 40 degree shifts between north and west, and above 30 degrees C all day. Really tough racing for all in these conditions.

The 420 girls went out first with the SL16's. Heidi and Rosie went out guns blazing, which earned them an OCS in the first race. In the second race they had a great start but could not keep in sink with the shifts and ended with a harsh 30th. Matt and Calene again battled with the light breeze on the SL16 course and finished with two 7ths and a retirement. There was a change in course and they misinterpreted the flags, sailing to the incorrect mark.

The Lasers went out to start at 12noon. Jess had one of her better days and improved with each race, although she battled with the shifts. She says that she learnt a lot from today, finishing 33, 26, 25. Stefano, Mr. Consistency was his name today, sailed confidently and with purpose allowing him to bring home excellent result of 5th, 8th and 4th, which pulled him right up the ranking – great job done – he is on fire and ready to go.

The 29ers went out late in the afternoon around 2:30 once the RSX fleet had completed their racing. The course was fairly close to the shore and this caused some shifty breeze across the race area. Alex and Alex battled to pick up the shifts in the light conditions but had good boat speed. However the theme of the day was to pick and choose the shifts as they came down the course to ensure maximum advantage. They finished with 11, 12, and 16.

The Stars of the day must be Ed and Josh on the 420. They sailed only one race in the afternoon and did so impeccably well, leading the race from the first beat and defended well from the snapping dogs the whole way round the race course. They read the shifts fantastically and maximized every little breeze finishing 1st overall. This puts them on top of the board in the overall 420 results.