

Last Day - Done and Dusted

Well we are done – I am sitting in the Club Uskok while the boats are packed away so here is a brief rundown if the day.

Early this morning we had zero breeze but by 11:00am we were looking at 15knots from the North West, with gusts peaking at around 18knots.

The D flags were raised at 11:30 and the lasers, 420 girls, RSX and SL's left the beach.

Conditions were ideal and would have been fantastic to see the whole week having been this way.

I was on the SL / 420 COURSE and Neil was with the Lasers.

Heidi and Rosie had a cracker start and rounded the weather mark 5th – they held their position downwind rounding the gate in 5th again. One missed shift dropped them to 10th but they caught up downwind to finish 9th – great race girls.

Matt and Calene also took the leeward pin at the start and smoked off to the left side of the course. They rounded the weather mark in 2nd but were passed by GBR on the gate rounding, They held this position to the finish coming in 3rd.

Josh and Ed – had a really bad start getting off the line really late and buried in the second row, they had to duck a lot of boats to clear their air and to the wrong side of the course – they rounded the weather mark far back in the fleet but caught a few places and finished 29th today.

Stef today needed some magic to get into the medals, with the breeze up it was going to be tough. He sailed a good race but battled off the start and could just not get there, finishing 13th today.

Jess sailed a hard race in bigger breeze and finished in 26th place. I did not get to see or gather any info yet from Alex's on the race but they finished 15th today

So to sum it up:

All are well and in high spirit's, the regatta has been a big learning curve for most and really brings home the fact that we need a lot more fleet racing experience and time on the water. I believe the regatta was a success and we had some pleasing individual race results showing that with a bit more consistency team South Africa can really go places.

Well we're all done and ready for the closing ceremony tonight with party in the old town after. I will tell the team everyone sends their best and are proud of their achievements.

Tomorrow we will have a chance to tour the town of Zadar and I have organized bicycles for the team. Ed and Alex leave with the Finish team early tomorrow morning so they will not join us.

Final Overall standings for RSA

420b – 21st – Ed and Josh

420g - 27th – Heidi and Rosie

Laser B - 6th - Stef

Laser G – 34th Jess

29er – 16th Alex and Alex

SL 16 - 9th – Matt and Calene