

UK Laser Association

2010 MASTERS' EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - CYPRUS

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Day 1

In spite of the lack of clean air act that threatened to stop this event, the European teams are meeting in the sunshine of Cyprus to attack the Masters European Championships competition for 2010.

Sitting here in the hot but shady beach bar next to the Sailing Centre in Limassol we are waiting for the measurement to be completed and then the organisers are hoping to get a practice race. Looking out to sea though would indicate otherwise. The one Laser that we can see on the horizon is just about moving. This looks as if it will be a light wind regatta.

Nevermind at least the weather is warm and the Retsina keeps the teeth clean.

Ah! Here comes the toasty – lunch is ready. There is a rumour that the practice race will start at 14h00.

Day 2 - Sunday 25th April

The Amphitheatre next to the Sailing Centre was the open air venue for the Opening Ceremony. It was rather pleasant sitting there in the cooling evening listening to the presentations and the entertainment.

Reflecting on the day - the fleet tried to get the practice race in but had to be towed home. It was a much wiser decision to stay on shore. The boat house that forms the basis of the club has a ceiling high enough to park a Laser fully rigged. The door way is not that high so there is a slot cut in the wall that will accommodate the top third. Now this has some real attributes for the club at home!

The locals are expecting some wind to arrive from the direction of Egypt during the week. I hope that it gets here for Monday but I will not be holding my breathe. Met some ex Grafham sailors today. Strange seeing people out of context like that but really nice.

The shore team found this rather nice Greek Taverna just up the road so we must go and try it.