

# UK Laser Association

## 2010 MASTERS' EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - CYPRUS

Report from Ian Rawet

Ancient Brits on Tour

Cyprus Diary - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Another hot sunny day and still no wind. The light breeze from the South West was promising as the sea breeze comes in from that direction. At 10 o'clock the RO was attaching the AP to the flag pole. This looks a bit sad.

At noon the breeze began to build and the air turned cooler. Dashed back to the hotel for some more clothes. By 12h30 there was a nice 10 knots or so.

Sign on by sailing below the stern of the RO boat. Watch the start of the standard rig. They could not make up their minds where to start – bunched at either end. They spread out and off they went. Some out to sea and the rest towards the shore. With the wind nearly parallel to the shore this has to be the way to go.

Our turn, just down from the committee boat and off we go – have point high to get clear wind – tack and head along the shore. Looks good – in the top bunch. The water feels as though there is a strongish current but it was not obvious when we looked at the top mark. Go right and get a good run down to the gate. Head off out to sea and tack back for the shore. The boats above me dropped down onto me and I had to tack. Didn't want this so it proved – right into the pack at the top mark. Rob Cage, Mike Pridham, Peter Whipp and Mike Kinnear were all there. There were GBR sails all over the place.

Odd finish line but not too bad under the circumstances.

Next race – a repeat of the first but get trapped by someone pushing me out to sea. This is wrong and had to break away. Made it but dropped back into the clutches of the pack. Same tactics as before and managed to crawl back to a nearly acceptable placing. The same Brits were at the front again.

Couldn't see much of the standard rigs but Paul says that the energy packs are great – he had one between races and his results were 20 something in the first race and 6<sup>th</sup> in the second.

Must get some!

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