

# UK Laser Association

## 2010 MASTERS' EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - CYPRUS

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Ancient Brits on Tour

Cyprus Diary - 27<sup>th</sup> April

Another day on the beach. Full of admiration for the RO as he held everyone on the shore with nothing to do except wait. The shore crew were saying that the wind would come at 16h00 so we all stood watching the horizon for that dark suspicious patch. The local met. Office was forecasting 2 to 3 Beaufort SW.

Guess what – we launched at 16h30 in a nice steady south westerly 8 knots or so.

The race track looked the same as yesterday. As second start, had the opportunity to watch the Standard rigs for clues. Although the line was port biased the leading standards crept up just inside the committee boat and went off towards the shore again after tacking onto port straight away.

The sheep all crammed up on the committee boat for our start which left some space at the pin. Not enough though – a general recall. No black flag for the second try. Same again – sit in the middle looking for some clean air. Everyone is on the line and we are 'go' but the sheep are pushing us out to sea without looking what's going on. Need to tack and just clear. Head for the shore on a single long port tack. Not too bad a result although those who tacked early passed across in front looking for the lay line.

There seems to be a current again so over stand to see what can be gained. Looks good although it looks as if one or two from the group that were pushed out to sea will still make it. Lesley H is cracking along. She passed me going so fast that I looked for weed but found none. Need to get over to the left down the run for the left gate but could not make it. The bunch behind forced a right side course which meant a right gate. Dropped a few boat lengths on Mike K as a result and Mike P was right on my stern at the top mark. The FIN and ISR ladies were also there in the mix down the reach.

The last run saw the ISR lady gybe onto port at the top mark and ran straight into Mike P. Sorting that lot out let me through and catching a few lucky waves allowed me to catch the CYP GGM but Mike K was away. Lesley H managed 3<sup>rd</sup> beating all the other Brits including Ian J and Rob C. She could be heard singing afterwards a little ditty: 'fancy being beaten by a girlie...!'

This is tough racing but at least the RO managed a race and no complaints were heard.