

UK Laser Association

Laser 4.7 Worlds

Royal Yaruna Y.C., Thailand

Report from John Stanley-Whyte

Practice race day.

Coaches meeting at 0900 followed by final sorting out with the AUS team to share the support boat. Lots of high spirited voices hiding the growing nerves. Focus and calm; GBR sailors and coaches going through the process.

Fleet launched at 1300 or so for the 1400 start. Wind stiffer today at 15kts with a strong flood tide all afternoon – it will be challenging. Racing in a semi channel formed between the bay at the RYVC and a small island some 2-3 miles offshore – could almost be the Largs channel!



Lots of frustration on the water with delays in setting the line – eventually all resolved and all fleets got away quickly albeit 90 minutes late. All of the sailors coped well with the tricky waves and strong tide to get excellent starts from all fleets. Some found the top windward mark a bit tricky but with great effort the GBR team came out well. Game on for tomorrow.

The opening ceremony was something special with the promised elephant adding to the fun.



GOOD LUCK TO ALL AT WEYMOUTH!