

UK Laser Association

LASER 4.7 YOUTH WORLDS – ROYAL VARUNA YC – THAILAND



Race day one.

Near perfect conditions for the first day of racing with the first race in 12-14 Kts and the second in 16-18kts thanks to the prevailing SW breeze. The course was set further offshore today than the practice race about 1.5 Nm from the club to the WSW. The tide started to turn earlier today so working against it became quite a challenge. As the tide turned heading towards Bangkok, the wind also began to build with the mid left paying most of the day up the beats and the waves began to turn into some very difficult chop for the 4.7 to master. Clearly some of the teams who have been here for a while have concentrated on boat speed upwind in this somewhat confused sea.

The U18 boys are away first and sail the outer loop. Andy scored a 25 and 37 and is 32nd overall.

The U18 girls are away next on the inner loop. George dug in well and sailed consistently for a 16th and 20th and is 21st overall. Top 5 in the U18 girls are:

The U16s are last off and are also on the outer loop. Aaron had a hard day but kept going (despite missing his toe straps on one tack!) for a 22nd and 27th. Overall he is 25th.

Ross had a good start in the first race and posted a 14th and worked hard as the wind increased to keep in the top 20 being rewarded with an 18th. Overall he is 17th.

Across the fleets THA and GRE seem to be doing well – I guess the chop off the Peloponnese must be similar.



Photo – GBR team before the practice Race - 1 April.

Many lessons identified for tomorrow (no Rule 42 infringements are we pushing hard enough?). After pool time and food the team are in good spirits having enjoyed some genuinely champagne yachting conditions in 35 Celsius – power pads/hikers +rash vest +SPF50 is the order of the day. All will no doubt re-focus and be ready for day two.

Parents had another rugged day in paradise and we are sure we have not seen a beach master's hut like this in Weymouth, Pwllheli or Largs!

