

UK Laser Association

LASER 4.7 YOUTH WORLDS – ROYAL VARUNA YC – THAILAND

RACE DAY 3

The prevailing SW was slightly lighter on Sunday with the first race in 12Kts and the second in 14-15Kts. Tide change was at 1418, however the race committee took some time to get the first start at 1300 away (mainly due to General Recalls) so the first race was effectively in slack water with the second windier race in the start of the flood north towards Bangkok.

There were mixed fortunes for the GBR sailors. Andy had a 36th and 39th and is 40th overall. As I said yesterday this is a tough experienced 4.7 fleet and the racing is close so as ever, it is just the odd shift or decision that makes all the difference.

George, 'Miss Consistent' posted a 20th and 23rd and is 21st overall. She managed to climb as high as 10th in race one but was hunted down by a large pack of sailors close behind her as she rounded the first windward mark.

Ross got his best start of the series in race one and went round mark one in 4th holding that until the second beat when one wrong shift choice dropped him to 7th at the finish. Unfortunately he got rolled on start two but managed to recover to 17th.

Aaron also posted a good first race result of 11th and followed Ross with a poorer second (22nd) not helped by a Port/Stbd with one of our AUS mates. No AUS 720 done or retirement so unfortunately off to the protest room we went. GBR protest upheld.

Ross now 15th overall and Aaron 19th.

Lay day today (Monday) – some off to see the sights in Bangkok, some doing the 'Flight of the Gibbon' equals high wire 'zipping' in the rainforest (head for heights required as we were some 80 feet plus above the rainforest floor in the tops of some really big trees!) and some going to cuddle tigers – takes all sorts. Star of the day must be Margaret Bridgman who overcame any fear of heights and was zipping with the best of them by the end of the day – must be that Scottish never say die attitude.

Early beds and focus back on for tomorrow. Regatta at half way stage – local knowledge thinks prevailing SW will hold (it was up to 18 Kts again today). Game on.