

After rain comes... ... sunshine and wind!

Today's changeable weather conditions were a bit too much for some participants. The Benjamins were sent back to the shore after their first race, when the wind blew with a strength of about 24 knots. Some Cadet teams left the racing course voluntarily, because they felt sick and tired. The wind shifted between 210 and 280 degrees, which posed a challenge for the racing committee, while many sailors had the best time ever in these gusty conditions.

Hobie: Danish rule

The Danish are dominating the Hobie class. Strangely enough, because there are only 12 Hobie teams in Denmark. Jacob, who crews on the 110428, won three out of four races today. "We love lots of wind. Many boats capsized, but we didn't. We manage to sail deep and fast downwind, which is quite difficult." When the Dutch favourite Mathijs Pauli drops by to congratulate them, he wonders: "How do you do it?"

Nicolas Bjørnholt can't get enough of the wind. "A little bit more would be even better." This cat sailor really wants to win this event, to qualify for the Worlds in Brasil. Nicolas: "We're seven points ahead of the other Danish team that wants to qualify, so that's good." His team performs very well upwind. "Our strength is speed", he explains, although he doesn't really know how come they're so fast upwind. "It's



Photo: 420 NED 52382 - Perry Gebuis and Sanne Crum

something in the brain", his helmsman adds. They capsized once today, while jibing, but still their worst result of the day is a fourth place.

420: Torn mainsail

Perry Gebuis is euphoric today, because he and his crew won the last race. "We didn't have a good start, but managed to get free wind. We just paid a lot of attention to the wind shifts and our boat speed was superb." Once they had taken the lead, they only had to defend it. Crew Sanne Crum: "That's much easier." Liselotte Bulstra and Noor Kahmann

thought they messed up the second race. "We capsized twice. Once, because we unexpectedly had to tack in a port, starboard situation. And later again because there was a sudden gust of wind when we rounded the jibe buoy. But we weren't the only team swimming at that buoy." During that race their main sail was torn in the top. "That's a bummer, because it's our best sail." However, they still became 13th, and don't seem too worried about the course of events. "We don't think we'll qualify for the ISAF Worlds, and we're busy with our exams, so we just want to sail a good event."



Paint workshop for kids

While their big brothers and sisters were racing, about forty younger kids enthusiastically painted piggy banks and bird houses this afternoon.

The Dutch 8-year-old Marie doesn't know how to sail yet. But she enjoys herself on the DYR anyway. Especially this afternoon. "I love this kind of stuff. I do it at home almost every day." This year, she wants to learn how to sail in the Cadet herself. A German boy is slightly disappointed because he's in the tent, while his sister is on the water. Today, he had fun painting, but he hopes to have fun racing next year!



Starting ship focused on fair racing



Photo: Startship Nautilus on race area 1 (Optimist)

Flapping sails, shouting kids, and tacking boats; the tension is tangible from the starting ship. Everyone on board is focused on starting a fair race. "Twenty seconds until the class flag goes down", the timer shouts. One last blast on the horn and there they go; eighty Optimists fire away.

It takes quite a lot of people to organise such a smooth start. On the Nautilus, the ship of Sailing Association Workum, six people work together towards this goal. Race leader Klaas takes the final decisions, but he also needs people to check if the starting line is clear, to write down the early starters, to do the timing (with three atomic clocks!), to wave the V-flag, and to raise the other flags. And that's only the starting ship! Other people are manning the contra boat, the finish ship, the contra finish and the buoy boat. Throughout the match the race leader is constantly com-

municating with the other boats to find out if the buoys are still in the right position.

Black flag required

Today the optimists are too enthusiastic. The V-flag is waived two minutes before the start, but a minute later the sailors are still at the wrong side of the line. Someone jokes: "Let's count who's on the right side instead!" The P-flag comes down, but it's already decided: general recall. If there are too many boats starting too early, it's impossible to record all the sailnumbers. That would be unfair, because some early starters would be disqualified and some wouldn't.

At the second try, the black flag is hoisted, which helps a lot! The line is clear, and the boats form the well-known banana shape. The fleet has hardly departed, or the starting committee is already preparing for the next group.

Sailing gear galore

Repairs, boat parts, and fashion; it's all available at the promo village.

Several service shops are happy to repair your boat. For specialised care, Splash sailors can go to the Vinea stand. Optimist sailors can choose between experts: Van Wettum and Teb Sails are there to fix your Optimist. Both shops offer a discount on Optimist parts and sailing gear. Sailcenter has brought parts for several boat types. You're welcome to come along with any boat, and they will try to fix it.

If you're looking for clothing, there's plenty of choice. All shops offer discounts on wet-suits and tops. The Gul shop and Intersurf Sneek sell a wide range of casual clothing, from bikini's to jumpers, to flipflops.

Optimist sail needed!

Jakob from the Berlin Sailing Team damaged his sail today. The window is broken and he can't find a sailmaker. Do you want to sell an Optimist sail to him? You can call his dad, mr. Steinig on 0049 30 33936728.

Benjamins keep going!

At the end of the first race, chaos emerged in the Benjamin field. Many boats pitched, and the race leader decided to send them home. Later on they got to sail one more race. The rescue team would like to mention one sailor, who showed a lot of perseverance. The Austrian Nicolaus Kambelmühler just kept on going! Even though his boat was full of water, he didn't want the rescue team to help him. Unfortunately he finished at the back of the fleet.



Adrenaline PIX

The photo on the left has been taken by photographer Angelo. Visit www.adrenalinepix.com or drop by in the Renault tent for more pictures.

Happy Birthday!

Friday:

Victor Thurøe, Laser Radial, Denmark, 15
Sâm Wyler, Optimist, Suisse, 14
Jasper Curvers, Optimist, Belgium, 13

Saturday:

Abraham! Fedde Sonnema (SKON), 50!
Thomas Hoogendriek, Laser 4.7, The Netherlands, 15