

Dutch youth regatta

Waiting for the final hornblow

Due to lack of wind, the sailors had to wait for the first start until 13.15, and some even longer. All classes sailed only one race, which was very difficult because of the light and shifty circumstances. Another long wait for wind later, a hornblow signalled the end of the racing day. For many sailors it came as a relief.

The Optimists were the first to return back home. Lim Kimberley's race was "quite okay". In her home country, Singapore, the conditions are usually quite light, and she enjoyed the tactical racing. Two Danish girls, Amanda and Sophie, would have preferred some more wind: "It's more difficult with the waves, but also more fun!"

A group of Dutch Benjamins would definitely agree. Nora: "It's hard to concentrate for so long." Demi is a bit disappointed, because he sailed second

Five things to do while your kids are sailing

KITE: Take a short kitesurfing course at the beach www.skihhigh.nu, or launch a small kite.

CYLCLE: Rent a bike from camping it Soal, and explore the area Dutch style.

VISIT: Go to the picturesque town of Workum and visit the Jopie Huisman museum. Jopie Huisman is a Frysian self-taught painter.

WATCH: Grab your binoculars or rent a boat to watch the races. The Optimist races (gold and silver) will also be displayed on the LCD screens in the Renault tent and online by Championchip.

SHOP: The shops in nearby cities are closed on Sunday, but the stands in the promo village offer discounts on many sailing and fashion articles.

and third places the previous days, and now he became about fifteenth: "I had a bad start and a crappy first leg. Force 6 is better for me". Elisa Yakie, from Singapore, was very pleased with these familiar circumstances. After a good start with clear wind, she was seventh at the upwind mark. She managed to beat some more opponents downwind by sailing fast and deep. "I want to obtain a top five place tomorrow."

Laser 4.7: Defending the lead Matthias vd Loock (BEL) (on the picture) lost his leading position today. "It was a numbers game", he says. "I had a good start, but due to the shifts, some boats gained a huge headstart." He performs better with some more wind, because he usually sails in the Radial. Maxim Nikolaev from Russia learned to sail on a lake in Moscow, where the circumstances are usually light. He obtained a fifth place, but is still not satisfied. "Because I had a bad start." Antoinette Kamsteeg nearly lost her position as the best female Laser



4.7: "These shifty winds are just very, very difficult. I hope tomorrow is better." However, she enjoyed the sunbathing.



Abraham

Have you seen Abraham at the tent entrance? If a Dutch person turns fifty, we call him Abraham, or her Sarah (yes, after the biblical figures). Usually friends or family make a life-size doll of Sarah or Abraham, that looks very old. It's mostly placed in the front garden, but in the case of Feddema Sonnema, who turned fifty today, Abraham was seated at the tent entrance.



ECO friendly sailing and driving

Like all parents at the DYR, Peter Plevier from Renault is busy watching his son and daughter who are competing in the Optimist and the Optimist Benjamin. While sailing around in his rib, he explains why Renault sponsors the event.

"Renault Eco 2 stands for environmentally friendly products. Therefore it supports environmentally friendly sports like sailing. We chose to sponsor the Dutch Youth Regatta because it's the largest youth sailing event in Europe, and because these kids own the future."

But they won't buy a Renault... No, but their parents might! Besides, we want these children to become familiar with the brand, and become aware of environmentally friendly activities. Moreover, the Dutch Youth Regatta is a very friendly event, which also suits the brand.

Peace and quiet at First Aid post

The First Aid workers had plenty of time to relax in the sun today, because fortunately, there haven't been too many injuries so far. Harry Lautenbach: "Just the usual, some bruises, cuts and swellings. And also some mosquito bites."

So far, Harry and his colleagues have helped about 15 people. Most injuries occurred after capsizing: "Then they get hit by the boat or the boom, which can cause

What other sailing activities does Renault Eco2 sponsor?

"In the Netherlands the Optimist Club, and internationally Ellen McArthur in her catamaran. We also sponsor the Dutch Championship Kite Surfing."

What's environmentally friendly about Renault Eco2?

"Our cars have a low carbon output and consist of 5 to 17 percent recycled materials. 95 per cent of the materials are renewable."



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The worst accident so far didn't happen on the water, but on the camping side. A girl was cycling around with her mum, when she fell. She hurt her arm and couldn't bend her leg anymore. Harry fixated her leg, but still had to send her to hospital.

He has one piece of advice for the sailors: "Make sure that you eat and drink enough, even if you feel you don't need it. Because sailing is quite exciting and intense, you might need more than you think."



Photographer Angelo: "The atmosphere on the water was magic. Nobody said a word, as if they were afraid that if they'd say something, the wind would die out. It's great to see their focus." Visit www.adrenalinepix.com or drop by in the Renault tent for more pictures.

Happy Birthday!

Lana Keijzer (NED), 420, 17
Jan Hendrik Lenz (GER), Optimist, 15
Simon Michaelsen (DEN), Hobie, 18
Jolien van Geneugten (BEL), Cadet, 10

Did you know that...

...the exact number of participants is 856, divided over 755 boats and boards.

...this means that the people entering the results have to enter 755 sailnumbers every race, that's 2325 per day if all classes sail the scheduled amount of races.

...the Watersportverbond (Dutch Water Sports Association) held a presentation Friday night to explain how the sailing youth can reach the Olympic top.

...the Watersportverbond has set up a sailing academy in the coastal city The Hague so that talented sailors can sail, live and study in the same city.

...about 200 people are volunteering on the DYR.

...sometimes the results are not on the notice board, because participants took them. Please leave them on the board!

...this is the last DYR for our Chancellor Bauke Boersma.

...the lost-and-found box is filled to the top. So if you miss something, please report at the information desk.

...the youngest participant is Hejnic Tadeáš from Czech republic who is crewing in the Cadet. Last Wednesday he celebrated his seventh birthday.

...the data from the start and finish ship are communicated to the shore crew by fax or rib.

...the finish results are double-checked on the finish ship, and then compared to the results of the contra finish ship. The OCS (early start) and BFD (early start under black flag) are checked in the same way by the start ship.

...more than 4000 people, including participants, parents, family, volunteers and coaches, are involved in the DYR.

...all pictures in the newsletter are available on www.vanduijvendijk.net