

4.7 Worlds

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The 2016 Laser 4.7 World Championships are now complete. Nearly 400 exhausted young sailors depart Kiel this evening after a long championship which threw all weather conditions at the sailors. Team GBR was represented by 21 sailors, and it was a very young team compared to many of the nations. However, some respectable results were achieved by both the boys in their huge fleet of sailors and the girls who dominated the Under-16 category with four in the top ten and seven in the top 20.

Matilda Nicholls, fresh from her European Championship success in France, also secured a podium finish in the under-16 girls at the World's and was the leading GBR girl. Alex Schonrock, Eleanor Poole and Freya Cumpsty also ended the week strongly in fourth, sixth and seventh respectively. A special mention should go to 13-year-old Abby Childerley who secured a spot in Gold Fleet for the finals after putting together a very consistent series in the qualifying round.

The boys faced a stern challenge from a large fleet of sailors from 40 countries. It was Christopher Jones who led the GBR boys, hotly pursued by Arthur Fry. Special mention should go to William Rowland who turns 13 this year, two broken masts could not remove the smile from his face throughout the week!

Results:

Under-16 GBR girls

- 3rd Matilda Nicholls
- 4th Alex Schonrock
- 6th Eleanor Poole
- 7th Freya Cumpsty
- 13th Abigail Childerley
- 17th Arabella Sabberton
- 19th Flo Nicholls
- 43rd Ellie Maynard

Under-16 GBR boys

23rd Arthur Fry

37th Zac West

56th Jamie Harris

57th Tom Pollard

71st Henry Beardsall

229th Matthew Laycock

112th William Rowland

Overall GBR girls

20th Matilda Nicholls

22nd Alex Schonrock

33rd Eleanor Poole

34th Ellie Hutchings

37th Molly Sacker

38th Freya Cumpsty

50th Chloe Collenette

56th Abigail Childerley

70th Arabella Sabberton

72nd Flo Nicholls

104th Abigail Clarke

124th Ellie Maynard

Overall GBR boys

73rd Christopher Jones

76th Arthur Fry

107th Zac West

144th Jamie Harris

145th Tom Pollard

169th Thomas Bryant

174th Henry Beardsall

229th Matthew Laycock

250th William Rowland