



Sailboat.co.uk Laser Open and National Championships: Day two

Standard by Jack Wetherell

Blue skies and sunshine greeted the fleet this morning for day two of the Sailboats.co.uk Laser Open and National Championships. Once the sailors got out to the bay, they had 10–12knts from 300 degrees. Unfortunately, the first attempt at Race one had to be cancelled after a 50 degree left shift up beat one. Race one finally got away when the wind settled at 250 and it was Jack Hopkins who made the best start, slightly above the pin group but getting straight on to port and crossing the rest of the fleet. The top five were very close, but at the top, it was Jack Wetherell followed closely by Hopkins, Harry Gozzett and Alistair Goodwin. Wetherell managed to power away on the top reach and held the lead throughout the race. Gozzett sailed exceptionally to take second with Goodwin following in third.

Race two and the wind had built to 14knts. The tide was underneath the fleet making for great conditions and long offwind legs. Wetherell got the best of the start this time and led comfortably at the first mark and pulled away on the long downwind. Gozzett and Goodwin fought hard throughout the race with Goodwin taking second place this time ahead of Gozzett in third.

Another great day for the competitors and some tired legs to go home with.

Standings after day two:

1st Jack Wetherell, 3pts

2nd Alistair Goodwin, 6pts

3rd Harry Gozzett, 9pts

Radial by Hannah Snellgrove

Day two of the 2016 Laser Radial Nationals dawned bright and breezy, and the fleet sailed out into Weymouth Bay in a fresh, but shifty, north-easterly. A thirty-degree left shift shortly before the first start caused a short postponement whilst the breeze stabilized in its new direction and brought some glamorous hiking conditions.

Hannah Snellgrove recovered from a poor start near the pin end to round the windward mark in second place on the tail of Ireland's Johnny Durcan. It was Snellgrove who pulled ahead on the downwind and held the lead to the finish, with Australia's Jeff Loosemore sailing the shifts well up the second beat and showing good downwind pace to pull up to third.

Snellgrove played the left-hand side of the course up the first beat of the second race to round the windward mark first with Durcan hot on her heels. Each rounded different leeward gate marks, but it was Snellgrove playing the shifts on the left-hand side of the course who pulled away to take her fourth bullet from four races, with Durcan fighting off the rest of the pack to hold on to second. Unfortunately, Durcan was one of four Irish sailors to retire after finishing due to receiving a tow in, so second place in the second race of the day went to David Saunders, with Will Bedford in third.

Standings after day two:

1st Hannah Snellgrove, 3pts

2nd Johnny Durcan, 11pts

3rd Benno Marstaller, 16pts

4.7

The 17 competitors in yesterday's 4.7 fleet were joined by two sailors who just had travelled back from the 4.7 Worlds in Kiel. Experience and practice on the race course showed as Chloe Collenette won both of today's races with yesterday's double winner coming second. Third in today's first race was Fouad Ghareeb and third in the final race of the day went to Thomas Parkhurst.

Standings after day two:

1st Matt Beck, 4pts

2nd Daniel Wellbourn Hesp, 8pts

3rd Arthur Connolly, 13pts