



Laser National Championships at Largs Sailing Club - Overall

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Variable North Easterly winds for the final day of the Laser nationals at Largs



Overall winners decided on the last race

The prestigious 2006 UK Laser National Championships at Largs finished today with variable North Easterly winds making the last race crucial to the overall series.

The 6 day event attracted around 250 boats from as far a field as Shetland and Kenya to the Scottish Sailing Institute facilities at Largs marina. A hotly contested race took place today (Friday) with the Stephen Powell from Exeter awarded overall winner of the Laser Standard Class.

“Race Organisers made the best of a bad week’s conditions”, noted Stephen, who is to travel to the Pre-Worlds and Worlds next month in Korea. “Good luck and good judgement allowed me to get good starts and stay clear of the fleet. The conditions in Korea may be similar and I’m happy with my performance.”

Top Scottish was Sam Room from St Andrew who finished 26th.

Meanwhile in the Radial fleet several protests in the last race decided the overall results, with Jon Emmett winning the radial fleet overall with Harriet Trumble in the Ladies Radial class. Scottish sailor Charlotte Dobson, who just returned from the worlds in California, finished fourth overall in the ladies after a black flag in the last race.

Sophie McKeeman from Bowmore near Reading took line honours today as well as for first lady, junior and overall winner of the 4.7 fleet.

The event has proved the talent that exists in single handed sailing. One of the Championship spectators was Sir Craig Reddie, member of the International Olympic Committee. He’s confident that the sailing success we’ve seen for Britain at the Olympics will be repeated in years to come thanks to facilities like the Scottish Sailing Institute at Largs.

Overall Results:

Laser Standard

1st Stephen Powell 14pts (8,16,2,2,2)

2nd Dan Ward 23pts (1,1,27,11,10)

3rd Evan Scott 23pts (7,3,28,5,8)