

Press Release Ras al Hamra Boat Club

Bahwan DHL 2011 RAHBC Open Youth Sailing Championship

Muscat December 2011. The Ras al Hamra Boat Club hosted the Bahwan DHL 2011 RAHBC Oman Open Youth Sailing Championship for the eighth year running. Bahwan-DHL proudly sponsored the event for the third consecutive year. This traditional year-end sailing event is usually sailed by Hobie Cats, very fast twin hulled sailing boats. Last year for the first time the Toppers class competed as well in the race. This year for the first time the Optimist class was sailed. Optimists and Toppers are single handed dinghies, which are ideal boats for young sailors to practice their racing skills.

Five teams competed for the Hobie Cat trophy, including representatives from the youth section of the Oman National Team. All participants in the cat race were under 21 years of age, with the youngest sailor only 14 years old. In the Topper class 7 young sailors participated, aged 12 to 15. In the Optimist class the age range was from 8 to 10 years.

Winds were generally light in the morning, but picking up in the afternoon. The competition was fierce, and after day one in the cats the first two teams were at equal points and with only 2 points between place 3 and 4. After 8 races sailed in the cats the Omansail team of Ahmed Al Balushi and Hamza Al Jabri proved to be the fastest over the weekend and took first place, closely followed by Ahmed Al Hasani and Mohamed Al Wahaib in second place and Tom Mason and Lucy Ambrose in third position.

John Ambrose took the victory in the Topper class; he managed to win all races over the weekend. He was followed by Barnaby Myers in second place and Hamish Gordon in third position. In the Optimists the cup was for Torquil Gordon, second place was for the youngest sailor in the tournament Stijn Elzinga (8 yrs) and third place went to Bart Hartsema.

The prize giving ceremony was held on the boat club bridge, where Rob Kennaugh and Mark Mitchell were present on behalf of the sponsor Bahwan-DHL. The Commodore Aly Brandenburg thanked Bahwan-DHL for their continued support of this Youth event. Officers of the Day and boat cover Fred Roarke, Jamie Gordon, Mark Mason, Darren da Silva, Paul Wakelin, Fiona Gordon and Hobie captain Ronald Wortel were thanked for their support on the rescue boats.

Hobiecat results

	Helm	Crew	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Discard	Points
1	Ahmed Al Balushi	Hamza Al Jabri	1	1	5	2	3	1	1	1	15	5	10
2	Ahmed Al Hasani	Mohamed Al Wahaib	2	3	1	1	2	2	4	2	17	4	13
3	Sam Mason	Lucy Ambrose	3	2	3	3	1	3	3	4	22	4	18
4	Anke de Leeuw	Tomas Bos	4	5	2	4	4	4	2	3	28	5	23
5	George Pavlovic	Bas ten Haaf	5	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	38	5	33

Topper results

#	Name/Race	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total	discard	Points
1	John Ambrose	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	1	8
2	Barnaby Myers	2	2	3	3	3	2	4	2	3	24	4	20
3	Hamish Gordon	3	5	2	2	2	4	5	4	5	32	5	27
4	Max Sibeijn	4	3	4	5	5	3	2	5	4	35	5	30
5	Boyana Pavlovic	5	4	5	4	4	5	3	3	2	35	5	30
6	Jitske van As	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	54	6	48

Optimist results

#	Name/Race	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total	discard	Points
1	Torquil Gordon	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	1	8
2	Stijn Elzinga	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	2	24	3	21
3	Bart Hartsema	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	26	3	23



Group photo of all sailors and organisers



Hobie Cat Race



Topper & Optimist Race