

Ras al Hamra Boat Club hosts sailing championship



Muscat - Ras al Hamra Boat Club recently hosted the seventh Bahwan DHL 2010 RAHBC Oman Open Youth Sailing Championship. This traditional year-end event is usually sailed by Hobie Cats - very fast twin hulled sailing boats.

This year, the Toppers class competed in the race as well, according to a press release. Top-

pers are single-handed dinghies, which are ideal for young sailors to practice their racing skills. Six teams competed for the Hobie Cat trophy, including representatives from the Oman National Team that successfully competed for Oman in the Muscat Asian Beach games. All participants in the Cat race were under 21 years of age. In the Toppers

class, eight young sailors between the ages of ten and 14 participated.

The competition was fierce, and after day one in the Cats, the first three teams were within only one point of each other, with Paul-Henri van Thiel and Michiel Nieuwenhuijs leading the pack. After eight races in the Cats, the Oman Sail team of Sulaiman Wahaibi and Sulaiman proved to be the most consistent and took first place, closely followed by Hilal al Zadjali and Mohammed al Maskery and Paul-Henri and Michiel in third place.

In the Toppers class, the winner was John Ambrose. He managed to win all except one of the races over the weekend. The rest of the fleet was in close pursuit, with only one point between the twins Innes and Findlay Hulse for second and third place.

Close Race to the Finish

The Ras al Hamra Boat Club hosted the Bahwan DHL 2010 RAHBC Oman Open Youth Sailing Championship for the seventh year running. This traditional year end sailing event is usually sailed by Hobie Cats, very fast twin hulled sailing boats. This year for the first time the Toppers class competed as well in the race. Toppers are single handed dinghies, which are ideal boats for young sailors to practise their racing skills. Six teams competed for the Hobie Cat trophy, including representatives from the Oman National Team that so successfully competed for Oman in the Asian Beach games. All participants in the cat race were under 21 years of age. In the Topper class 8 young sailors participated, aged 10 to 14.

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