



Press Release Ras al Hamra Boat Club

Bahwan DHL 2010 RAHBC Oman Open Youth Sailing Championship

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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.

Winds were generally light in the morning, but picking up in the afternoon. This led to big waves on Thursday afternoon, quit daunting for our youngest sailors, and some spectacular twin wiring on the trapeze in the Cats on Friday afternoon.

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 8 races sailed in the cats the Omansail team of Sulaiman Wahaibi & 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 3rd place.

In the Topper 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 1 point between the twins Innes and Findlay Hulse for second and third place.

The prize giving ceremony was held on the boat club bridge, where Mark Mitchell and Paul Spiropolos were present on behalf of the sponsor Bahwan-DHL. The Sailing Captain Aly Brandenburg thanked Bahwan-DHL for their continued support of this Youth event. Officers of the Day's Stephen Martin (cats) and Fred Park (Toppers) where thanked for their support, as well as boat club commodore Tony van Thiel, David Alsop and Manuel Fritz for their support on the rescue boats.

Hobie Cat Results:

	Helm	Crew	Race								Total	Discard	Points
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			
1	Sulaiman al Wahaibi	Suliman (Rock) al Wahaibi	2	3	3	1	2	1	1	1	14	3	11
2	Hilal al Zadjali	Mohammed al Maskery	1	2	2	2	1	5	2	3	18	5	13
3	Paul-Henri van Thiel	Michiel Nieuwenhuis	4	1	1	3	4	2	3	2	20	4	16
4	Akram al Wahaibi	Mahfood Al Wahaibi	6	5	5	4	3	3	5	4	35	6	29
5	Abdullatif	Afan Al Wahaibi	3	6	4	6	6	6	4	5	40	6	34
6	Lucy Ambrose	Anke de Leeuw	5	4	6	5	5	4	6	6	41	6	35

Topper Results:

		Race												
	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	Discard	Points
1	John Ambrose	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	11	2	9
2	Innes Hulse	4	2	3	2	2	3	2	4	4	4	30	4	26
3	Findlay Hulse	3	5	2	3	4	2	4	2	2	6	33	6	27
4	Barnaby Myers	2	6	5	8	3	4	3	3	3	1	38	8	30
5	Jennie Saunders	5	3	4	5	7	7	5	5	5	6	52	7	45
6	Mark Alsop	7	4	7	4	6	5	6	6	6	3	54	7	47
7	Rosie Saunders	6	7	6	7	5	6	8	8	8	8	69	8	61
8	John Alsop	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	8	8	8	79	8	71