

DAY ONE – ISAF YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The first day of racing, 8 July, started with medium breeze up to about 9 Knots – from the south, the whole day it shifted between south and south east.

Matt and Calene on the SL16 had a bad first race not getting of the start cleanly and finished 10th In the second race they battled again with the start but read the wind well in the shifts and finished 2nd.

Edu and Josh had excellent starts and got clean air from both races. Race one was shifty with the wind moving left in short intervals, but they read the shifts well and finished in 12th place. They had another excellent start in their second race and once again read the shifts well, rounding the weather mark 3rd. But on the second beat they got stuck to the right of the course loosing them some places and finished 7th.

Heidi and Rosey came out after the boys in a building breeze. It unfortunately died away quickly and they sailed in tough conditions finishing 19th overall. They only managed to get one race in for the day.

The Lasers sailed on the southerly course and were affected by the hills causing big shifts in the breeze, Stefano managed to find his feet but finished with 17th and 29th – all the top sailors were in these positions so it's still early days and any ones game. Jess battled with the shifting breeze in the girls fleet but her boat speed was on par with the best. Having missed some of the shifts she managed a 39th in the only race for the Laser girls.

The 29ers also had switching breeze with tough conditions. They sailed on the northern course being affected by the wind switch early in the day. Alex and Alex sailed two races and achieved 19th and 7th

In general it was a tough day but everyone is in high spirits and ready for day two. The Days are long and hot in Zadar so keeping hydrated and fed is a priority for the sailors, and the organizers are doing well to keep the sailors well fed and hydrated.