

SEPTEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

Spotlight on the All African Games in Maputo

DAY ONE – Monday, 5 September 2011

The organisers planned and managed to achieve 2 races for Optimists, 2 for the 420s and 3 for the Radials today. Although racing was delayed by the light clocking winds this morning, they finally got underway just after noon when the wind settled to a sea breeze of about 8 knots. It picked up throughout the afternoon to about 15 knots to provide perfect racing conditions. The Laser class got the day off as they decided to alternate Radials and Laser full rigs daily due to the limited number of available boats now being shared between the two fleets.



DAY TWO - Tuesday, 6 September 2011

The Optimist class sailed out for their racing on schedule and started race 3 at 10am in a fresh offshore breeze. Competition was tough and our SA sailors battled to read the wind switches. They dominated the starts and first beats, but often lost a few positions by going the wrong way, unlike the Tunisian sailors that, although having slower boat speed, managed to read wind pressure changes on the course accurately on each leg often overtaking our sailors. The 4th race was won overall by a Tunisian girl but Emma also had an outstanding race finishing in the top 5 with Ruben and David.

After the start of the Optimist race 4, the Laser full rigs and 420s were given permission to launch, and the wind dropped substantially. After a lengthy postponement once the Optimists had finished racing for the day and headed back to shore, the Lasers started their race 1 in the prevailing sea breeze that picked up steadily

throughout the afternoon giving the Lasers their scheduled 3 races and the 420s their 2 races. With the Seychelles two-times Olympian sailor on the water, the two South African entries had tough competition and struggled to keep up with the leading boat. Allan Julie from Seychelles won all 3 races for the day with Rudy McNeill achieving 3,2,3 and Craig Richards a 4,5,5. Our 420 sailors dominated the class once again with a 1,2.

DAY THREE - Wednesday, 7 September 2011

Light winds all day lead to interesting changes on the scoreboard and more competition for our heavy-wind-dominant SA sailors in all classes. The Optimists and 420s sailed their scheduled two races and the Laser Radials started later than expected for their 3 races, thankfully in the steadier sea breeze that seems to fill in after lunchtime each day. With the SA sailors leading most of the classes going into racing today, it seems they were the target of cover-racing and jury boat attention in each class throughout the day. This unfortunately resulted in 3 DSQs - hugely disappointing but a challenge and good learning curve for our team.

David sailed consistently in both races and secured a 1st and 2nd. Daniel was still battling to get ahead of the main pack and finished the day with a 12,9. Ruben finished 7th in the first race and realised the left side of the course paid, but after the start of the 2nd race, he still ended up sailing to the right of the course and ended up rounding the first mark 3rd last. He finished his discard race 17th and very disappointed. Emma was consistent amongst the girls with a 4,3.



Johan and Eben Vivier, happy with two bullets

Eben and Johan once more dominated the 420 class with two bullets. Stefano sailed more confidently and despite huge pressure from the Algerian and Tunisian sailors,

remained in the top 5 throughout all 3 races finishing with a 3,2,2. Matt was not that lucky, being blown for rule 42 for the second time this regatta in the first race leading to a non-discardable DSQ. He followed this with a 6,4. Bridget sailed consistently and finished 4,3,1 and Jess sailed well finishing 3,5,2. However, she had two unnecessary protests against her which resulted in two DSQs.



A typical scene coming in from racing at the end the day - another terrible day in Africa!

DAY FOUR - Thursday, 8 September 2011

South Africa and Seychelles dominated the Laser class today as did our SA Optimist and 420 sailors - it was a great day. The winds started light as usual and once more picked up from the same 090 degree ENE direction with max gusts of 17 knots. Perfect weather - perfect wind for sailing. If you ever want to come to Mozambique for a holiday, September is the time to come!

The Optimists started the day with their usual 2 races and David Wilson was unbeatable once again with a 1 2 Ruben finished 9,4 and Daniel improved substantially with a 5,3. Emma battled to get going but picked up her game in the 2nd race finishing in the girls class with a 6,3. Eben and Johan were invincible with a 1 1 and are loving the brand new 420 supplied to all the sailors taking part. They say the boat is completely different to the 420s we have in SA and its sheer pleasure sailing with all the new, improved equipment.

Rudy and Craig both sailed like stars and together with both sailors from Seychelles, they were streaks ahead of the rest of the fleet. Watching these top Laser sailors on the course is both exciting and a pleasure to see such athletic prowess. Rudy 2,2,3 and Craig 6,5,4.

Day 5 is a lay day for all but the Radials, who have 2 races starting at 10am. The winds are predicted to be fresh off-shore turning to the ENE later in the day. We hope to take all our sailors to watch some of the other SA teams in their respective sports today - basketball, soccer, netball and swimming. Last night there was great excitement in our accommodation as the SA athletics team arrived. It's so great to feel like one large supportive family, not just with fellow sailors but with athletes from so many diverse sports. We have tremendous support from our team mates, particularly our Optimist sailors that seem to have become the mascots of the entire All Africa Games team.



The Optimists racing in the lighter breezes of the morning. Tomorrow they go out after the 2nd so will likely have the stronger trade winds.

DAY FIVE - Friday, 9 September 2011

Only two races sailed today, both for the Radial classes. The racing started at 10am with a 20 knots westerly. Our SA sailors were right at home in the stronger breeze and in both races we saw all 4 of them round A mark in the top 5 places. Stef unfortunately had a capsize in the first race that set him back but he did very well to catch up to 4th in that race. His other finish for the day was a 3rd. Matt sailed well in both races despite not feeling one hundred percent finishing 3rd and 4th. The girls were consistently up there with the top boys, Jess rounding the first mark in the second race right on Stef's tail in second place. Jess sailed so well all day finishing 1,1 in the ladies class with Bridget 2,2. In fact, had it not been for the two DSQs, Jess would be the clear winner as she finished 1st in 7 of the 8 races.

The Radials only have one more race to sail on Sunday. The men's class has already been won by the Tunisian Yousseff Akrouit and the ladies class by Bridget Clayton, regardless of what happens in the last race. With one race remaining, here are the overall results for the leading boats:

Today, Sat 10 Sept, the Optimists go out for two races, 420s for two races and the Laser Standards for their final 3 races. That leaves one race for Optimists, one for 420 and one for Radial class tomorrow to complete the 2011 All Africa Games. The wind is light but we expect it to pick up at noon once more.



Rudy McNeill sails back to the beach with the knowledge that he has finished second overall.



Bridget sails back to shore after completing race 8 confident that she's clenched the title!

FINAL INSERT

A team of 12 sailors wins 9 medals for South Africa. Well done to all, even the 3 that did not get medals as they too sailed so well and deserve being recognised for their sportsmanship, commitment, hard work, team spirit and outstanding performance. Craig took part in everything the squad did both on and off the water as if he were a young man once more, finishing with a credible 5th overall. Not bad for the oldest man in the fleet - Craig we are so proud of you and enjoyed having you as part of the team. Matthew was unlucky with the non-discardable DSQ, a heavy score of 17 to carry. Had it not been for this, he would possibly have made the medals too. Matt still finished 6th, a terrific achievement. Daniel did incredibly well to catch up from a bad first day. His daily standings went from 14 to 11 to 9 to 6 and finally finishing 4th overall, proving just how hard he worked, never giving up throughout the regatta - you are a superstar Daniel, well done.

FINAL DAY - Sunday, 11 September 2011

What stars..... the South African team takes home the most medals out of any other country at the 2011 All Africa Games. It has been an experience of note working with this team - I have enjoyed getting to know each of our sailors and to share this experience with them. The cherry on the top has been the success shown in their results AS WELL AS the amount each of them has learned and grown from taking part in this event.

The final race for the Optimist class, 420 class and Radial classes took part this morning in lighter breezes than the rest of the regatta, but the organisation was once more flawless and all 3 races were completed by 13h00. We are really happy with all the results of all our sailors - well done Team South Africa...

Thank you to the whole team and especially to our two hard working and loyal coaches, Shellee Nel and Ricky Robinson - you did a great job with the team and I know they appreciated your time and commitment more than you know! Thank you to SASCOC for making this event possible for South African Sailing and to the team at SASCOC (Barry, Desiree, Leon, Chantel, Jabu, Bongji, Isaac and Madera) for all your long hours and hard work. Thanks also to our boat schleppers and helpers: Len Heard, Peter Marcia and Brett Clark, and to Peter Hunter

for fixing the SAS Laser trailer the evening before we departed to Maputo.

I loved this event and am so proud of the entire team. It was indeed a privilege to be part of it,



Coaches - Shellee Nel and Ricky Robinson with Team Manager Belinda Hayward (proud guardians of the 2011 team)

FINAL RESULTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Position Name Country Total Points

LASER RADIAL MEN - 9 races sailed, 16 entries

1	Yousseff Akrou	TUN	12
2	Stefano Marcia	RSA	24
3	Mohamed Midoun	ALG	29
4	Roy Govinden	SEY	36
5	Mohamed Benoali	ALG	38
6	Matthew Shaw	RSA	43

Position Name Country Total Points

LASER RADIAL WOMEN - 9 races sailed, 10 entries

1	Bridget Clayton	RSA	17
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2	Jess Deary	RSA	20
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Position Name Country Total Points

OPTIMIST BOYS - 11 races sailed, 18 entries

1	David Wilson	RSA	18
2	Abelkhalek Boussouar	ALG	19
3	Ruben Heard	RSA	62
4	Daniel Spratley	RSA	65
5	Islam Khoualed	ALG	68
6	Mahdi Zemmour	ANG	70

Position Name Country Total Points

OPTIMIST GIRLS - 11 races sailed, 8 entries

1	Ines Gmati	TUN	11
2	Emma Clark	RSA	30
3	Rita Montinho	ANG	45

Position Name Country Total Points

420 - 11 races sailed, 5 entries

1	Eben & Johan Vivier	RSA	18
2	Gilson Tenazinha & Joao Montenegro	ANG	24
3	Matias Montinho & Paixao Afonso	ANG	24

Position Name Country Total Points

LASER - 9 races sailed, 17 entries



1	Allan Julie	SEY	8
2	Rudy McNeill	RSA	18
3	Rodney Govinden	SEY	22
4	Zine Khairat	TUN	32
5	Craig Richards	RSA	36
6	Idris Bouhadda	ALG	45

Thank you Belinda Hayward for the superb day by day reports.

Ex South African Colin Dobb is World Grand Master

Armed to the hilt with a string of titles including the recent 2011 Australian Laser Grand Master title secured at the Nationals in Port Stephens, NSW earlier this year, Colin Dobb has easily secured the 2011 Standard World Grand Masters in San Francisco Bay.

Known for big winds, steep waves and challenging currents the conditions in San Francisco didn't disappoint sailors with an easy ride, in fact postponements due to no wind immediately followed by 20 knots of wind with giant waves at least six to eight feet provided the adrenalin rush promised by the event organisers.



WA's Colin Dobb has sailed and mastered lakes and oceans around the world. He commenced sailing in 1965 on Durban harbour, South Africa and has been sailing Lasers since 1974 during which time he has represented South Africa and Australia at numerous Laser World Championships. In 1980 he achieved his Springbok colours – the highest achievement in sport in South Africa and in 2005 he won the Yachting WA acclaimed *Sailor of the Year Award*.

In a nail biting end to the Worlds Colin Dobb secured his title in the Standard Grand Masters against Peter Vessella from the host club, St Francis Yacht Club. 'We battled it out in both races,' Dobb said. 'I managed to get the Dominican (Jorge Abreu) between us in the first race, and Lars (Hanson, USA) between us in the second, just to give me a few extra points. It was just a great day!' Dobb said with one of his ear to ear smiles. Vessella finished in second and Malcolm Courts (GBR) in third.

Once again his physical training, meticulous technical preparation combined with nearly 37 years experience in the Laser class won through against a highly competitive international fleet representing the largest dinghy sailing class in the world.

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**Warmest regards,
Jenny Smith – editor – 076 155 5507**





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Spring News Letter

Yes; Spring is here and next Saturday is the second one of the month. So you have guessed it; it's our first meet for the "Spring Series". So get those batteries charged and be there, nothing special just get some really top fun sailing.

Last Meet

A small turn out, but a fun day mainly due to the presence of Reg who managed to find everybody's little spot for the very well timed witty comment, nobody is spared. The day also turned out to be the battle of "A" rigs versus "B" rigs, this time the A's won. But, it was not without a concerted effort from Barry, who once again showed the manoeuvrability of the "B" rig could outsmart the power of the "A" rig that often develop out of control broaches. The bottom line is, it has been agreed to keep it a fair competition we will only sail with "B" rigs until more "A" rigs are available to the rest of the fleet. Mona Ward took over bridge duties as "Somebody" was overseas, Mona managed to do a splendid job mainly because she had the assistance of Reg calling the shots, they work as a well oiled team! Another plus for the day was having Grant

Parker with us, yours truly let him take control of RCL89 for most of the day, a smooth move as he is now hooked and already an RCL owner, this may be the beginning of the introduction of more youth joining the clan. Results attached.

The Bush Bash

Put this on your calendar for a must thing to do, the bookings are already being taken at the Riverside Lodge, for details visit their splendid web site www.riversidelodgeloskop.co.za or contact Ruth on 013 262 3350. She is very helpful and will give advice so you get the best option for your own personal needs. This is a unique place to sail RCL's, not many sailing venues can brag of crocodiles on the banks & hippos in the water with an abundance of bird life all around you. It is a getaway second to none, so come and join in the fun and make it happen. THE DATES are:-12th & 13th November 2011. Please, Please let me know if you plan to come.

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Looking forward to seeing all you happy RCL sailors on Saturday.

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Dates: Friday, 14 October 17h00 to 20h00
Saturday, 15 October 08h30 to 17h30
Sunday, 16 October 08h30 to 16h00
Saturday, 22 October 08h30 to 17h30
Sunday, 23 October 08h30 to 16h00

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Dates: Saturday, 8 October 08h30 to 17h00
Sunday, 9 October 08h30 to 15h00

Venue: Victoria Lake Club, Germiston
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MOD SUMMER SERIES

I would like to extend a very big thank you to Trevor Hulleman and his team at DAC for running the bridge on behalf of Seal Point Yacht Club on 4th September 2011.

"Windways" unfortunately only managed a third place in the first race and a first place in the second race thus giving them 4 points overall. "**Aero**" managed a **first place finish** in the **first race** and a third place finish in the second race leaving them on 4 points. This means we currently have a tie 1st on 4 points; a 3rd place on 9 points by Baleka and a tie 4th with Radio Holland and Stinger both on 11 points each.

There is nothing in it at this stage and the field is still open for challengers. Well done to "Aero" and "Windways" for their 1st position. The pressure is now on the two of you to see who will stay on top of the mountain.



The whole series lies ahead of us and it is not too late to leave your mark on the series and contend for the cups and the coveted Title as “King” (or Queen) of the NKA MOD Series.

BIG BOAT REGATTA 2011

Big Boat Regatta 2011 was held on the weekend of the 10th and 11th September. The “Wind Gods” saw fit to give competitors a drifter on Saturday but were kind enough to give us a reasonable wind on Sunday with winds between 12 and 20 knots, perfect conditions for the 27 Big Boats that entered the race.

Deneysville Aquatic Club kindly co-hosted the regatta as the “Flying Saucer” at Manten Marina has been retired and until a new clubhouse is built, we have no kitchens or bar available. As we all know, sailing is very thirsty work and therefore, DAC hosted the party and prize giving. Our gratitude to all at DAC for their support and efforts to make the regatta enjoyable. “Kyocera” came to the party and sponsored a Happy hour for the sailors ensuring that everyone was in great spirits.

The Sea Cart ‘Bog Monster’ had a terrific weekend cleaning up all the laurels available. Line honours in the Long distance race, line honours in the medium distance race, first Multi hull on handicap and first overall. Skipper Marc Hammick and his crew must be very proud of their achievement.



Marc Hammick smiles all the way to the finish line

The first Monohull overall was the Stadt 34 “Ice Breaker” skippered by Dave Lister. Ice Breaker’s steady flawless performance was consistent throughout the regatta and they achieved a 2nd and 4th position respectively. Fast 42 “Baleka” skippered by Herbert Karolius, finished in 3rd place on the long distance log with the Leisure 42 “Kyocera” helmed by Craig Schweitzer finished in 4th place. Kyocera’s team won the best dressed crew in their smart team outfits.

Unfortunately, the little wind that we had petered out during the course of the long distance race and many of the yachts were unable to finish. The bridge boat finally came off the water at 19:30 however, 'twas not in vain as they got to experience an absolutely awesome sunset. Brian Lion-Cachet sailing on Agattu, finished the race and upon his return to the moorings decided to have a paddle all the way out to the finish line at Muster Mark to stretch out his muscles. He earned the respect of many of the sailors and all the committee boat crew who were exhausted after a long day on the water.

The Medium distance race on the Sunday saw the majority of yachts completing the

course in good time. “Kyocera” finished in 2nd on handicap and the JS 9000 “Agattu” finished in 3rd position just two minutes behind on corrected time.

The Cruising class was won by Tommy Redmond on his Stadt 34 “Moonshiner”. Tommy making sure that his name stays on the floating trophy yet again. In 2nd place was a relative newcomer to racing, Johan Horn who ably brought his good ship the Atlantis 36 “Morning Cloud” home in 2nd position. 3rd place went to the Beneteau 35 “Coral Palm” skippered by Kevin Payne.

Thank you to all the competitors who participated. We look forward to seeing you back again next year for an even bigger Big Boat Regatta.

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