

Ocean Blue Laser Coastal National Sailing Championship 2011- Day Two

The second day of the Ocean Blue Laser Coastal National Sailing Championship 2011 got underway off the Sunk Rock at the Mumbai Harbor, with the westerly winds ranging between 8-10 knots. Though racing through the course was tricky in general, as the expected names seem to have dominated the field in the two races that were during the course of the day.

In Laser Standard category, Olympic Class for men, Army Yachting Node's (AYN) Rajesh Choudhary took forward his winning streak to day two. In Laser Radial category, Rohini Rau won the fourth race. In the Laser 4.7 category, the day belonged to the upcoming sailor Upamanyu Dutta who was ecstatic with his performance today and said, "Yesterday was tough and I was unable to make it to the leading pack. Today I had a better feel of the boat and I used the conditions to my advantage."

The competition for top position saw some tense moments amongst the Laser 4.7 class, where sailors saw themselves fighting neck-to-neck for the top position. Commenting on the challenging race, Rufus Patrick from the Tamil Nadu Sailing Association (TNSA), Chennai said, "Races over the last two days have been extremely competitive and challenging. I could not get a clear start today in the first race. I am looking forward to racing tomorrow and look to improve my start which will help me convert to a better finish."

Dr. Malav Shroff, CEO Ocean Blue Boating, the title sponsors for the event, witnessed the first race of the day, and he was particularly impressed with the large turnout of young sailors on water and said, "We are happy to sponsor the championship and believe that events like this will give a much needed impetus to the upcoming sporting talent in India."

Provisional Results after completion of 4 races on Day Two: Laser Standard:

- 1. Rajesh Choudhary (AYN, Mumbai) 5 Points
- 2. Gajendar Singh (AYN, Mumbai) 15 Points
- 3. Naveen Kumar (CESC, Pune) 16 Points

Laser Radial:

- 1. Dharmendar Singh (AYN, Mumbai) 11 Points
- 2. Ramesh Kumar (AYN, Mumbai) 13 Points
- 3. Rohini Rau (RMYC, Chennai) 16 Points

Laser 4.7:

1. Upamanyu Dutta (RBYC, Mumbai) - 10 Points



- 2. Chintan Chhatbar (MYC, Mumbai) 11 Points
- 3. Rufus Patrick (TNSA, Chennai) 12 Points

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