



District 13 Regatta Report

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2009 Skandia Sail for Gold



Iain Percy and Andrew Simpson. Photo Clive Mason/Getty Images

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Results for the first, second, fourth and fifth days of racing with eight races at the ISAF World Cup, Weymouth, England.

Day One: Weymouth served up some superb racing conditions for Monday's first day of action at the Skandia Sail for Gold Regatta, the ISAF Sailing World Cup finale.

Olympic gold medal-winning Star sailors Iain Percy and Andrew Simpson (GBR) took an early lead in the Star class. Percy and Simpson made the best of the tricky north-easterly wind conditions – unusual for the venue at this time of year – and posted a first and a second from their two races of the day.

"We sailed pretty well and stuck to our game plan which is just to keep fighting whenever you can," Percy explained. "It's going to be a long hard week with this wind direction but it's actually fun racing, in hindsight - at the time it's a bit scary and frustrating but you just need to keep battling and fight for every place all round."

The Skandia Sail for Gold Regatta is the first competitive event in Britain for the Star class since the 1988 Olympic trials, and with 17 overseas crews in addition to Percy and Simpson and fellow British hopes John Gimson and Ed Greig making the trip to the 2012 Olympic sailing venue.

"For us it's about being here for Skandia, and about learning and logging what we learn and putting it in the memory bank ready for 2012."

Behind Percy and Simpson, 2008 World Champions Mateusz Kusznierewicz and Dominik Zycki (POL) won the day's second race to sit second overall, just ahead of the Swedish team of Fredrik Loof and Johan Tillander.

Day Two: Gusts of up to 35 knots hammered Weymouth and Portland today. Iain Percy and Andrew Simpson continue to occupy the top rung in the Star class after another race win today, with Mateusz Kusznierewicz and Dominik Zycki (POL) unmoved in second overall.

Day Three: Racing was abandoned due to heavy winds.

Day Four: It was a mixed day for the Skandia Team GBR crew Iain Percy and Andrew Simpson in the Star class. They crossed the start line too early in the first race and were awarded a 20th place, but followed that up by winning the second race and finishing fourth in the third. They stretched their leads at the head of the fleet from seven points to 11.

Sweden's Frederik Loof and Johan Tillander climbed to second with a 1, 3 and 6. John Gimson and Ed Greig (GBR) finished third in the first race of the day, but followed that up with 13th

and 15th and are seventh overall. Flavio Marazzi and Enrico de Maria won the third race and are sixth overall.

Medal Race: Light winds at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy meant medal races scheduled to take place were abandoned, with the positions ahead of the medal races counting as the final results.

That meant Iain Percy and Andrew Simpson won gold in the Star class. Percy said: "I wouldn't have missed competing here for the world. We've really enjoyed ourselves. We all wanted to get out there and race, but we wouldn't want to ruin a great week of racing with a bit of a charade," he added. "It's a shame we didn't sail today, but it's the right decision."

The Swedish crew of Frederik Loof and Johnan Tillander took silver, with Flavio Marazzi and Enrico De Maria (SUI) winning bronze.

Official Results:

Star

Place	Boat	Skipper	Crew	Sail #:	Fleet	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
1	GBR 8371	Percy Iain	Simpson Andrew	GBR 8371	SO	1.0	2.0	1.0	20.0	1.0	4.0	12.0	4.0	25
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2	SWE 8387	Loof Fredrik	Tillander Johan	SWE 8387	Bk	4.0	6.0	16.0	1.0	3.0	6.0	3.0	15.0	38
3	SUI 8364	Marazzi Flavio	De Maria Enrico	SUI 8364	TB	3.0	12.0	13.0	7.0	19.0	1.0	4.0	1.0	41
4	POL 8209	Kusznierewicz Mateusz	Zycki Dominik	POL 8209	Isol	5.0	1.0	5.0	10.0	9.0	9.0	6.0	6.0	41.0001
5	FRA 8237	Xavier Rohart	Pierre Alexis Ponsot	FRA 8237	Ni	19.0	11.0	2.0	8.0	8.0	13.0	1.0	7.0	50
6	GER 8340	Stanjek Robert	Stanjek Philipp	GER 8340	BF	2.0	16.0	11.0	11.0	5.0	3.0	7.0	12.0	51
7	GER 8109	Polgar Johannes	Koy Markus	GER 8109	Ess	8.0	3.0	12.0	14.0	12.0	2.0	5.0	10.0	52
8	GRE 8138	Papathanasiou Emilios	Papastefanou Pachos	GRE 8138	GR	14.0	4.0	6.0	6.0	2.0	14.0	10.0	11.0	53
9	ITA 8266	Negri Diego	Stilo Giovanni	ITA 8266	Ve	16.0	13.0	8.0	20.0	6.0	7.0	2.0	8.0	60
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10	IRL 8385	Treacy Maxwell	Shanks Anthony	IRL 8385	Isol	10.0	7.0	9.0	2.0	17.0	10.0	16.0	9.0	63
11	GBR 8025	Gimson John	Greig Ed	GBR 8025	SO	11.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	13.0	15.0	15.0	16.0	66
12	GER 8299	Miller Matthias	Wenk Benedikt	GER 8299	UB	6.0	8.0	17.0	12.0	11.0	5.0	8.0	17.0	67
13	CRO 8339	Lovrovic Jr Marin	Mikulicic Sinisa	CRO 8339	Kv	12.0	17.0	10.0	9.0	10.0	8.0	17.0	3.0	69
14	GER 8140	Schlonski Alexander	Kleen Frithjof	GER 8140	Lub	7.0	10.0	3.0	20.0	7.0	17.0	9.0	18.0	71
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15	GER 8378	Babendererde Johannes	Jacobs Timo	GER 8378	Moh	9.0	9.0	14.0	5.0	4.0	11.0	20.0	19.0	71.0001
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16	USA 8241	Campbell Andrew	Nichol Brad	USA 8241	BisB	13.0	15.0	7.0	4.0	15.0	12.0	11.0	14.0	76
17	CRO 8280	Lovrovic Dan	ARAPOVIC Antonio	CRO 8280	Kv	15.0	19.0	18.0	16.0	18.0	16.0	13.0	2.0	98
18	USA 8250	Macdonald Andrew	Fatih Brian	USA 8250	NH	17.0	18.0	20.0	13.0	14.0	19.0	18.0	5.0	104
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19	ARG 8211	Rigoni Alejo	Percossi Juan Pablo	ARG 8211	BA	18.0	14.0	15.0	15.0	16.0	18.0	14.0	13.0	105

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