



## **RYA Press Release**

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### **Brits in strong positions at halfway stage of 2010 ISAF Youth Worlds**

RYA Youth Racing Manager Duncan Truswell is urging his young charges to keep their focus as RYA Volvo Team GBR head into the business end of the 2010 Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championships in Turkey.

At the midway point of the regatta, with today (Tuesday 13 July) a lay day, British sailors sit in strong positions across a number of the classes with three more days of racing still to come before the medals are dished out on Friday (16 July).

Despite some rather uncharacteristic wet and windy conditions hitting Istanbul's Atakoy Marina, the venue for this 40<sup>th</sup> edition of the event, over the days leading up to the regatta, wind has been scarce since for the first half of the event. Managing two races for most classes on Sunday's opening day of the regatta and a further one or two rather late races yesterday once a light breeze had filled in, the race committee have managed to run just over half of the six scheduled races.

And with a possible six more races still to come, Truswell insists his team of 12 must keep their feet firmly on the gas if they are going to match or better their showings during the opening days.

He said: "It's been a tough start to the week dominated by light and shifty conditions which have been really challenging for everyone but particularly on the back of a heavy exam schedule where they have not being able to sail and compete as much as they would like.

"The sailors have all been consistent, professional and focussed and I am sure this will pay off in the closing stages of what will prove to be a high scoring regatta. We go back into the racing on Wednesday in contention for a medal in all bar two classes and are really looking forward to getting stuck in to the final 6 races or more," he continued.

"In terms our goals we are well on track as the sailors are learning plenty, having fun as a team and as a minimum this regatta will set them up really well for their remaining internationals this summer. Typically, in the closing stages of a tough regatta is where our extra preparation and attention to detail begins to pay dividends," he concluded.

The top placed British team so far are Henry Lloyd Williams and Sam Batten who currently sit third, just two points behind American leaders Antoine Screve and James Moody, having lead the fleet on the first day. Izzy Hamilton, in the RS:X class, and SL16 multihull pair Adam Butler and Nikki Boniface, both lye in fourth.

Also harbouring top 10 positions are Cameron Douglas in Laser Radial boys' class who is creeping his way up the fleet moving from 11<sup>th</sup> up to sixth on day two, while 420 girls pairing Hannah Mitchell and Joanna Freeman and Laser Radial sailor Sophie Mckeeman both lye in ninth. Having won his last race of the day yesterday, Techno Under 17 World champion Sam Sills showed his steel jumping from 14<sup>th</sup> up into tenth overall. Mike Wood and Hugh Brayshaw lye 13<sup>th</sup> in the 420 boys fleet.

The Brits currently sit in joint third, tied with Denmark, behind Spain and Poland respectively in the race for the Volvo Trophy for best performing nation overall.

RYA Volvo Team GBR have spent their lay day soaking up the culture of Istanbul before racing resumes tomorrow (Wednesday) at 12pm local time (10am British time).

To learn more about all the RYA Volvo Team GBR sailors competing in Istanbul visit the RYA website by clicking [here](#) or follow them on Facebook [here](#).

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