

Netherlands 420 National Championships 2011 at the Dutch Youth Regatta

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Day 4 Sunday (morning):

"I am just back from the harbour and due to thunderstorms and bad weather all races for today have been abandoned, so the ranking is as per the end of yesterday, as also the final score.



Pieter Goedhart and Lars van Stekelenborg (NED), Floris and Laurens van de Werken (NED) and Linda Fahrni and Maja Siegentahler (SUI) © Evert Jan van Garderen Dutch 420 Class

Floris and Laurens van de Werken are the winners of the ISAF selection for the boys and **Fieke van Dijk and Josca Hummel** are the winners of the girls trials.



Fieke van Dijk & Josca Hummel (NED) on Day 3 © Evert Jan van Garderen Dutch 420 Class

“Floris and Laurens are now also the winners of the 420 Open Dutch National Championship.



Floris and Laurens van de Werken score three bullets on Day 2 at Workum
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“It is a pity that we had no races today, but I think the racing committee made a very good decision not to take any risks with over 800 boats on the water”.

Day 3 Saturday *(in the event, it was to be the last day's racing):*

It was a beautiful day for racing, with very steady wind in Race 6, in which teams with good boat speed and a good start managed to get in front of the fleet and could sail the course without losing any position. The top teams were in front, with Bart van de Hondel and Jasper Kleijweg winning.



Off at the port end on Day 3 © Evert Jan van Garderen Dutch 420 Class

In race 7, the wind became much more unstable and the beat to the windward mark was very difficult, with a strong shift at the end, favouring the boats on the left side of the track. Belgian team, Quinten Lootens and Stijn van Hoyer took advantage of that situation, together with the Swiss ladies/ team Linda Farhni and Maja Siegenthaler. Only Floris and Laurens van de Werken were able to sail to the front of the fleet by showing a super performance downwind, using the waves to narrow the distance between them and the top. In the end they managed to gain the first position. Pieter Goedhart and Lars van Stekelenborg were still close to Floris and Laurens, but Race 8 had to decide which would become the Dutch representative boys team

for ISAF. As Fieke van Dijk and Josca Hummel had again good results, they could not be beaten anymore and were certain of their nomination.



Floris and Laurens van de Werken Day 3 © Evert Jan van Garderen Dutch 420 Class

Race 8 was quite exciting, and we saw a very sportive battle between Pieter and Lars and the Van de Werken brothers. Although in the beginning of the race they were still close, it was again the downwind boat speed of the brothers which decided the race and, therefore, the Championship, despite the nice win by Linda and Maja who had a super first beat again taking advantage of wind shifts particularly sailing at the left side of the course. They proved to be the best ladies' team of this tournament, and it was great to have them in the fleet and see their performance.

We hope to welcome again next year many sailors from abroad and to have a fleet of maybe even 50 boats for nice sailing at the IJsselmeer. We thank all foreign participants for travelling to Workum!!!

Day 2 Friday:

Race 3 started with a north easterly wind of 12 knots and sunny weather. The start was very important as the shifts to the windward mark were small. The Dutch teams were sailing in front with Floris and Laurens van de Werken taking the lead. Pieter Goedhart and Lars van Stekelenborg were also in front with very good boat speed. The results were: 1. Floris and Laurens van de Werken, 2. Pieter Goedhart and Lars van Stekelenborg, 3. Linda Fahrni and Maja Siegenthaler.



Approaching the mark at the 2011 Dutch Youth Regatta and 420 Nationals
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During the day the wind increased to 16 to 18 knots with choppy waves and beautiful sunshine. Racing was very spectacular with nice spinnaker reaches and fast down wind courses. Also in race 4 and 5 Floris and Laurens van de Werken dominated the fleet by finishing first. They established a solid basis for possibly winning the Dutch ISAF selection for boys tomorrow and may be the Championship on Sunday. Ladies teams Linda Farhni and Maja Siegenthaler as well as Fieke van Dijk and Josca Hummel were sailing in the top and continued their positions in the top 5. The results of race 4 were: 1. Floris and Laurens van de Werken, 2. Pieter Goedhart and Lars van Stekelenborg, 3. Belgian team Quinten Lootens and Stijn van Hoye. The results of race 5 were: 1. Floris and Laurens van de Werken, 2. Fieke van Dijk en Josca Hummel, 3. Pieter Goedhart and Lars van Stekelenborg.

Tomorrow even more wind is expected, so we are looking forward to another spectacular day.



Have Kiara Tsunoda & Ayano Furuya brought their own Sushi, or is this the best Dutch Gouda?
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Meanwhile, Tessa Alberts takes time out to practice her other sport – new insight into boat balance?
– anyway skipper, Cecile Janmaat seems to take it all in her 'stride'.
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Day 1 Thursday:

“The first race, with 43 420s starting, was sailed in a light north western breeze (7-10 knots) with the Swiss ladies’ team, Linda Farhni and Maja Siegenthaler, leading already at the first mark without being really attacked any more by any other competitors. The Japanese ladies’ team, Kiara Tsunoda and Ayano Furuya, also sailed a very steady race and became second. After some clever tactical decisions, in particular in the second upwind beat, the Dutch team Pieter Goedhart and Lars van Stekelenborg finished third.



A Day 1 start on the the IJsselmeer at Workum for the 2011 Dutch Youth Regatta and 420 Nationals
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In the second race the wind increased and, due to a shift at the start, giving the teams near the starting vessel quite some advantage, some of the top teams had to accept rounding the first mark in the middle of the fleet. Floris and Laurens van de Werken had a very good start and managed to take advantage of the shift and were first at the upwind mark. They were able to increase the distance between them and the Japanese team, which again became second at the windward mark. The Swiss ladies team, Linda Farhni and Maja Siegenthaler, managed to improve their position during the race and finished 2nd. Tomorrow we expect some slightly stronger wind in a very sunny Workum, Friesland.

Ranking after two races:

1. SUI 53468 Linda Fahrni/Maja Siegenthaler
2. JPN 53840 Kiara Tsunoda/Ayano Furuya
3. NED 53562 Floris and Laurens van de Werken
4. NED 53844 Fieke van Dijk/Josca Hummel

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Cecile Janmaat & Tessa Alberts (NED) and Kiara Tsunoda & Ayano Furuya (JPN)
take to the IJsselmeer at Workum for the 2011 Dutch Youth Regatta and 420 Nationals
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