



## Pattaya City 2010 Techno 293 Asian Championships & Asian Windsurfing Festival

**2010 Youth Olympic Games Qualification Event for Techno 293 Class**  
**Pattaya, Thailand** **15<sup>th</sup> January to 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2010**

*An International Windsurfing Association sanctioned event*

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### FINAL RACING DAY

Michael Cheng Chun Meung (HKG 16) and Siripon Kawduang Ngam (THA 57) emerged as 2010 Asian Champions after a further two races on day 6 of the Championships. Both sailors went into the final day in pole position and despite two firsts for Chen Mubin (CHN 23) in the boys fleet, it was not enough to overhaul the overnight leader. Lee Chun Tiung (HKG 40) took the final podium positon.



In the girls fleet Siripon added another two wins in races 9 & 10 to compliment the two first on the previous day of racing. She excelled in the lighter winds that predominated in the second half of the regatta. Lin Hai Xia (CHN 22) and Man Ka Kei (HKG 37) held on to take second and third overall - with other members of the China team close behind.



The top two nations in both the boys and girls fleets have qualified to compete in the first Youth Olympic Games that will take place this summer in Singapore:

Boys - HKG and CHN; Girls - THA & CHN

Another two races on the final day of the championship and despite the light winds, and not scoring a win in today's racing, EK Boonsawad (THA 30) did enough to keep his place at top of the Raceboard podium. Phanuthat Ruamsap (THA 44) and Apichart Tibtubmark (THA 9), with a win each today, held on to 2nd and 3rd overall.

It was a similar pattern in the Mistral One Design fleet - with Navin Singsart (THA 20) maintaining his form and rightly claiming the title. However it was a much closer affair for the remaining podium positions with 4 sailors in with a chance. Ultimately the spoils went to Seksan Knunthong (THA 10) and Natthaphong Phonoppharat (THA 1), with team members Heung Pak Sun (HKG 5) and Mak Yik Kau (HKG 8) finishing 4th and 5th overall.

A good day for WATH and team Thailand!

### RACING DAY FOUR



A further 2 races were completed today in light winds. A strong current throughout race 8 made for a longer race than usual, and as a consequence the competitors were given a rest on the beach before returning to the starting area for race 9.

Michael Cheng Chun Meung (HKG 16) found the lighter winds not to his liking, but retains the overall lead in T293 Boys. The Chinese team excelled in the light winds but still have a lot to do to catch up with HKG 40 and THA 25 who currently take the other two podium positions. Thus, three countries are in contention for the two qualifying places.

The competition is even closer in the girls' fleet, with very little separating the top 5. Siripon Kawduang Ngam (THA 57) will be very satisfied with her performance today - two first places and first overall. China and Hong Kong were battling it out for the remaining podium places.

It is very close in both fleets for the 2 qualification places in the Youth Olympic Games. China, Hong Kong and, hosts, Thailand, are all in the running to qualify - it is all still to fight for.

In the Raceboard fleet an OCS in the last race of the day drops THA 44 back into second place overall, and Ek Boonsawad once again moves into the overall lead.

In the Mistral fleet another good day for Navin Singsart (THA 20) - a first and second, to keep him in pole position with 3 races to go. But .. nothing to separate the next 3 riders, only a tie break!

## RACING DAY THREE



Another three races for the boys, two more for the girls and two races today for raceboard and MOD competitors in light, increasing to medium, wind conditions.

Michael Cheng Chun Leung (HKG 16) finished the day with three firsts, one better than yesterday, and is building what seems to be an invincible lead in the T293 boys fleet. Li Tao (CHN 25) stepped up a gear today; he posted 3 good results and moves into second place. A poor last race meant that Lee Chun Ting just lost out on second place overall, but will be content with third - with all still to fight for.

Once again the Chinese girls team end the day as they started - with the top 3 places in the rankings. Ma Fanghua (CHN 20) also won the final race of the day, again, to keep her lead in the championship - but on a tie break from team rival Wu Yiping (CHN 21) who won the first race of the day.

In the Mistral One Design fleet only 2 points separate first and third in the rankings. It is very close at the top, but Navin Singsart (THA 20) keeps first place overall - with THA 10 (2nd) and THA 1 swapping overnight positions.

Meanwhile, Ek Boonsawad (THA 30) took the win in both races, and consolidated his position leading the overall rankings in the Raceboard fleet. Two second places for team mate Phanuthat Ruamsap (THA 44) keeps him in second place overall.

Wednesday was scheduled as a "reserve day" - as we are on schedule it has become a rest day. Racing continues tomorrow.

## RACING DAY TWO



Three races today for raceboard and MOD competitors in medium, increasing to strong, wind conditions. In the Mistral One Design fleet 3 racers shared the spoils of victory in today's 3 races. It is very close at the top with only one point separating gold from bronze! Navin Singsart (THA20) moves up into first place overall - with THA 1 and THA 10 only separated by a tie break.

In the first race for raceboarders Ek Boonsawad (THA30) took the win, and despite two seconds in the next two races finishes the day top of the rankings, one point clear of team mate Phanuthat Ruamsap (THA 44). With Remi Vila forced to retire from the championship due to work commitments, Phanuthat excelled in the strong winds and took two wins in the final two races of the day.

Three races also for the Techno 293 boys and two more for the girls. In the first race of the boys' championship Chen Mubin (CHN 23) took the win, but he could not maintain that position as the winds increased to 20 plus knots in race two. Michael Cheng Chun Leung (HKG 16) finished the day with two firsts and proved that consistency was the vital ingredient to winning titles!

Two second places, and a good all round performance, ensures that Kitpatchai Pantawee (THA 25) goes into day 3 in silver podium position.

Despite a great win for Man Ka Kei (HKG 37) in today's first race for the girls' fleet, the Chinese team end the day as they started - with the top 3 places in the rankings. Ma Fanghua (CHN 20) also won the final race of the day to keep maintain her lead in the championship.

## RACING DAY ONE

Racing got underway today as scheduled, with two races for the Raceboard/MOD racers and two for the U17 girls. With winds averaging 14 to 17 knots, and maxing at 20 knots, it was the perfect start for this championship. [more]



The Chinese team emerged at the top of the U17 girls rankings at the end of day one - a first place in race 2, to follow an earlier second place, ensured Ma Fanghua (CHN 20) leads from her team members Wu Yiping (CHN 21) and Lin Hai Xia (CHN 22). However only a tie break separates these two from 4th and 5th placed Man Ka Kei (HKG 37) and Siripon Kawduang Ngam (THA 57). These four - all with 7 points - ensure it will be a close fight to the finish for podium places.

The start of racing for under 17 boys was postponed due to the unfortunate delay in receiving the charter equipment sent by container ship from Bic Sport, France. Bad weather hampered the arrival - however due to the great efforts of the organisers, Pattaya City officials, and the Bic distributor, Constant Wind, - all teams were fully supplied this afternoon and the Under 17 boys championship gets underway tomorrow.

Two bullets for Remi Villa (FRA 7) secured top spot for the Starboard Phantom 380/Severne rider in the Raceboard fleet.

In the MOD fleet a first and second secure top spot for Natthapong Phonoppharat (THA 1) just one point ahead of fellow countryman Seksan Khunthong (THA 10), who won the second race of the day.

## REGISTRATION DAY



50 competitors from 8 nations completed registration for the 2010 Asian Championship and Asian continental qualifier for the 2010 Youth Olympics.[more] The racers represented Norway, France, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Singapore and, host nation, Thailand.

The Mayor of Pattaya, and President of Windsurfing Association of Thailand (WATH) Mr Ittipol Koonpluen, welcomed athletes, officials, and representatives of the sponsors, to the opening dinner.

[View Competitor lists](#)

The event is organised by the Windsurfing Association of Thailand (WATH) in conjunction with Pattaya City and supported by: PTT Group, SAT (Sports Supporter), NPDF (National Sports Development Fund) and AOT.

