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DAY 4 DUEL AT THE OK WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2010

RACING WILL BE DOWN TO THE WIRE TOMORROW with only a few points between the top five sailors in the OK World Championships and two races left.

Local guns Karl Purdie (NZL531) and Paul Rhodes (NZL517) fought it out today. After a volatile couple of days Purdie worked hard enough *to reclaim the top of the leader board at the end of Race 8.

With only one day of racing (two races) left it will be every man for himself out there in Wellington harbour tomorrow. Provisionally there are four New Zealanders and one Australian in the top five after eight races.

- 1st NZL531 Karl Purdie – 35 points
- 2nd NZL517 Paul Rhodes – 43 points
- 3rd AUS730 Michael Williams – 46 points
- 4th NZL519 Matt Steven (Junior) – 47 points
- 5th NZL526 Russell Page-Wood – 53 points

In Race 7, Thomas Hansson-Mild (SWE100) was steaming-it during the first race and led round every mark. He was chased by Brad Douglas (NZL539) in second and Karl Purdie (NZL531) in third until the finish, when Purdie came in ahead of Douglas, reversing their positions. It was a cosmopolitan top five with Soenke Behrens (GER690) fourth and Andre Blasse (AUS729) fifth.

Race 8 was consistent with Paul Rhodes (NZL517) leading round every mark to the finish, with Terry Curtis (GBR2118) right behind him the whole way and Russell Page-Wood (NZL526), Mike Wilde (NZL535) and Karl Purdie (NZL531) fighting it out for third, with Purdie finishing in third place. In the end Hansson-Mild was fourth and Wilde fifth.

With a delayed start, a general recall in the first race, change of course and the wind shifting between 4 and 12 knots, it has been an eventful (if not dramatic) day.

Full results can be found on the homepage of the OK Worlds website, where regular updates will be posted during the course of racing.

*Provisional results

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