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OK WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2010 – DAY 2 – WELLINGTON NZ

The day began with a good steady breeze from the North, 15-18knts, and steady sailing conditions.

Race 3

- 1st - AUS729, Andre Blasse – President OK Dinghy International Association
- 2nd - GBR2134, Nick Craig – Previous World Champion 2005, 06 and 07
- 3rd – NZL531, Karl Purdie – World Champion 2008

There were 67 finishers. One of the two female competitors, GER724 – Marina Dellas retired due to a broken mast. Race Management were keen to get Race 4 underway before the forecasted Southerly arrived. Thankfully it never did.

Race 4

- 1st – NZL531 Karl Purdie
- 2nd – NZL517 Paul Rhodes
- 3rd – GBR 2134, Nick Craig

The wind steadily dropped off and, as a consequence, Race Management shortened the last leg before the wind died completely, which it did by the time the competitors were back to the Boat Park. There were 65 finishers.

There has been one protest received. As a result of the protest, which related to Race 3, Karl Purdie was disqualified. This has dropped him from 2nd overall to 16th after 4 races.

2010 OK World Championship results after the protest hearing and two days of racing, with four races completed

- 1st - Paul Rhodes, NZL517 – 11 points
- 2nd - Michael Williams, AUS730 – 18
- 3rd - Russell Page-Wood, NZL526 – 21
- 4th - Nick Craig, GBR2134 – 26
- 5th - Matt Steven, NZL519 – 27 (Leading Junior)

Thomas Hansson-Mild is currently 23rd with an OCS yesterday.

Tomorrow, Monday 8th February, is a Reserve Day. There will not be any sailing. The competitors will have a well-earned rest and are off to the Wairarapa with their friends and family for a day of wine-tasting and a long lazy lunch.

Full results can be found on the homepage of the OK Worlds website, where regular updates will be posted during the course of racing. Media boats for on the water print, photo and film coverage can be arranged through Mandy Burt

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