

420 pair extend lead at world champs

SINGAPORE — Justin Liu and Sherman Cheng are well on course to bag Singapore's first world 420 title.

The pair kept the nation's flag flying as they continued to lead the 42-strong field in the men's gold fleet at the International 420 World Sailing Championship in Haifa, Israel.

They finished 22nd, third and first in the three races yesterday to secure a tally of 15 points after

one discard.

They have widened their lead over second-placed Italian pair of Edoardo Mancinelli and Leonardo Cucchiara from three points on Wednesday to 16 points yesterday.

Thailand's Navee Thamsoon-torn and Atiwat Chomtongdee are third on 40 points.

A maximum of 11 races are scheduled for the competition and so far, six have been run.

Another good performance on the penultimate day of competition today will help them take a significant step towards securing the men's 420 world crown.

Singapore's hopes in the women's gold fleet appear to be fading.

After completing three races yesterday, Singapore's highest-placed pair were Rachel Lee and Cecilia Low in 18th with 97 points.

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