

# S'pore sailors stay focused

**SINGAPORE** — Wednesday's races were cancelled due to fog, but that did not seem to disrupt the Singapore sailors' focus at the ongoing 14th Asian Sailing Championship.

The majority of the 30-strong squad continued to stay on course for honours, with 2006 Asian Games silver medallist Koh Seng Leong leading the 19-strong field in the Laser Radial Open after winning both races yesterday at the Guangzhou Ocean Sports Training Centre in Shanwei, China.

Also in the lead are the pair of Justin Liu and Sherman Cheng in the nine-strong men's 420 class after a 2-1 finish yesterday.

Well in the hunt are the team of Dawn Liu and Siobhan Tam, who are second in the women's 470.

Men's 470 pair Roy Tay and Terence Koh (third), Rachel Lee and Benita Chua in the

women's 420 (third), Ryan Loh in the boys' Optimist (third) and Kimberly Lim in the girls' Optimist (third) are all also within touch of the leaders in their respective disciplines.

Most of the classes have completed three to four of the 11 allotted races at the regatta thus far, which is a test for this November's Asian Games sailing competition at the same venue.

“Conditions were very tough, considering races didn't start until two in the afternoon due to cloud cover,” Singapore Sailing's high performance chief Mark Robinson told MediaCorp in a phone interview from Shanwei last night.

“And they had to sail in 25 knot winds today. But that's why we're here, to get used to such conditions which we don't get in Singapore, and also to test ourselves against sailors from the other countries.”

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