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Winds Favour Gilmour On Second Day Heats

KUALA TERENGGANU, Nov 29 (Bernama) -- Six wins in the heats on the second day of the Monsoon Cup 2007 in Pulau Duyong here as a result of favourable winds has Datuk Peter Gilmour of Australia in a buoyant mood after having lost a round in the heats yesterday.

Gilmour and his Pizza-La Sailing Team, who won the World Match Racing Tour last year, are in a good position to defend the title as they are leading in the round-robin heats and are as good as in the quarter-final.

However, hot on their heels are France's Mathieu Richard the skipper of the Saba Sailing Team, Ian Williams of the United Kingdom (Team Pindar), Jesper Radich of Denmark (Radich Sailing Team) and Torvar Mirsky of Australia (Mirsky Racing Team).

Commenting on his team's performance, Gilmour said he was satisfied with today's result and was thankful the winds had been favourable.

"We are looking forward to turn in a similar performance tomorrow," he told reporters after completing today's heats at 5.30pm.

Malaysia's lone representative, Tiffany Khoo Yee Chin who is helming the UK's Halsey Gapurna Team, did not fare too well today failing to win a single round of the seven-round heats and is at the bottom of the pile.

Tomorrow, six more rounds of heats will be held from 10am.

Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah of Selangor and the Prime Minister's wife, Datin Seri Jeanne Abdullah, witnessed today's heats.

A total of 12 teams are taking part. The quarter-final is scheduled for Saturday while the final on Sunday.

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