

Media Monitoring

Publication: **Bernama – Online**

Circulation/Audience: **1.5 mil**

Date: **30 November 2007**

Reference: **Monsoon Cup**

Headline: **Peter Gilmour breezes into quarter-final**

Peter Gilmour Breezes Into Quarter-final

KUALA TERENGGANU, Nov 30 (Bernama) -- Australia's top sailor Datuk Peter Gilmour and his Pizza-La Sailing Team emerged tops when the qualifying heats in the Monsoon Cup 2007 ended in Pulau Duyong here today.

Chalking 10 wins in the 11-round heats held over three days, the team was a shoo in for the quarter-final tomorrow.

"Though it was trying conditions and the others giving us a run for our money, we are glad to be the forerunners," he told reporters after the qualifiers ended today.

There was added drama today as Ian Williams of the United Kingdom and his Team Pindar team were penalised when their opponents made a protest about their sailing gear.

It resulted in the Team Pindar's win in the final heat to be nullified causing them to drop to eighth place among the competitors and Adam Minoprio of New Zealand and his Blackmatch Racing team being declared the winner, enabling him to finish in second place.

The other qualifiers for the quarterfinal are Torvar Mirsky of Australia (Mirsky Racing Team), France's Mathiue Richard (Saba Sailing Team), Denmark's Jesper Radich (Radich Sailing Team), Paolo Cian of Italy (Team Shosholoz) and Sweden's Bjorn Hansen (Team Apport.net.).

And for the first time, the top four finishers got to pick their opponents for the quarterfinals which will be held on a one-on-one basis beginning 10am tomorrow.

The Quarter-Final Schedule :-

1. (1) Peter Gilmour vs Adam Minoprio (2)
2. (3) Travar Mirsky vs Bjorn Hansen (7)
3. (4) Mathiue Richard vs Paolo Cian (6)
4. (5) Jesper Radich vs Ian Williams (8)

Note : Numbers in brackets denote placings after completion of the heats.

-- BERNAMA