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Peter GILMOUR celebrates with the World Championship Trophy in 2006
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Monsoon Cup 2007

Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia

The 2007 ISAF Match Racing World Champion will be decided at the Monsoon Cup in Malaysia, where racing begins tomorrow.

The stars of the match racing world are lining up in Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia for the 15th and final stage of the 2006-07 World Match Racing Tour. Twelve teams are entered, including the top six from the current Tour leaderboard and three teams from the 32nd America's Cup. Featuring amongst the line up is reigning and four-time World Champion Peter GILMOUR (AUS), however this time round the Aussie is out of the title race.

Instead it is Mathieu RICHARD (FRA) and his *Saba Sailing Team* who are in pole position after winning both of the previous two World Tour events in Bermuda and Brazil. RICHARD tops the World Championship standings on 140 points and also currently holds the #1 position in the ISAF World Match Race Rankings - he is without doubt the form sailor on the Tour.

Team Pindar's Ian WILLIAMS (GBR) had led the World Championship standings for most of the season, but RICHARD's back-to-back victories have pushed him back into second place, eight points behind the leader. Also in with a shot at the title is Paolo CIAN (ITA) of *Shosholoza*, Sebastien COL (FRA) of *Areva Challenge* and Bjorn HANSEN (SWE) of *Team Apport.net*. [Click here for more on the contenders.](#)

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Ian WILLIAMS (GBR) – Team Pindar
Paolo CIAN (ITA) – Shosholoza
Sebastien COL – Areva Challenge
Bjorn HANSEN (DEN) – Team Apport.net
Peter GILMOUR (AUS) – PST
Jesper RADICH (AUS) – Radich Racing Team
Staffan LINDBERG (FIN) – Alandia Sailing Team
Katie SPITHILL (AUS) – Team Acuity
Torvar MIRSKY (AUS) – Torvar Mirsky Team
Adam MINOPRIO (NZL) – BlackMatch Racing
Tiffany KOO (MAS) – Selangor UK Halsey Gapurna

About Stage 15

The Monsoon Cup is the final Stage, of the 2006-07 season. In its third year the Monsoon Cup has maintained its prominent position on the World Tour. Offering the richest prize purse for a sailing event, RM1 million (\$300,000).

The Monsoon Cup 2007 is the final ISAF Grade WC match race regatta this year and will see a new ISAF Match Racing World Champion crowned. To ensure the Monsoon Cup is an absolute thriller championship points from the event count double and must be included in the series score, guaranteeing a fight to the end with any one of five of the top teams able to win the World Championship.

Duyong Island at the mouth of the Terengganu River plays host to the Monsoon Cup where the purpose built sailing facility acts as a grandstand overlooking the racing area making a spectacular setting for this final event. The Monsoon Cup will be sailed in the identically matched and supplied Bakewell-White designed Foundation 36's with five crew. Live coverage on Saturday and Sunday between 1400-1600 (UTC +8), including the semi-finals and finals, will be shown on Eurosport, Star Sports Asia, Showtime Arabia and Sky NZ.