

## IODA AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2003

### REPORT

Cam Cullman of the USA has won the 2003 African Optimist Sailing Championships, here at Algoa Bay Yacht Club. Cam put in another great performance on the last day of fleet racing to open up the points gap at the top of the results table, from Aaron Larkens of South Africa. Cam carded a second and two firsts on Saturday to finish 26 points ahead of Aaron who had a disappointing day by comparison to his results of prior days. Over the regatta as a whole, Cam had 5 firsts and was in the top five positions in 11 of the 15 races. He has not been outside of the top 5 in any race since Tuesday.

The day's other race winner was Brett Stirk of South Africa, who finished in fourth place overall, 16 points behind Aaron. Rudy McNeill had another good day on the water and moved up into third place overall, 10 points behind Larkens.

Thomas Fink from the USA is fifth overall. He, like Aaron, had a less successful day by his own standards, still finishing all three races in the top ten, but none the less dropping back two positions from his overall third position at the end of Friday.

The wind overnight had swung towards the East and came through strongly. Upon arriving at the yacht club, the wind was blowing at 28 knots with rough seas. Sailing was postponed for a decision by 11am. By this stage the wind had begun to subside and a decision was made to go out. All three of the remaining races were sailed in a moderate to fresh Easterly wind and with a large swell running with the occasional breaking wave. Racing started in around 18 knots of wind which built steadily into the mid twenties during the course of the three races.

Morgan Wilson of the USA finished in 6th place overall and is first girl in the fleet. Saturday's performances edged a fourth American into the top 10, the other 6 all being South Africans. America's Eliza Richartz took over 10th position overall and is second girl overall, followed by Phillipa Baer of South Africa. Second and third African girls are Dina Ramadan of Egypt and Fatima Mahmoudi of Algeria.

The best performing sailor outside of the USA and South African contingents is Hamza Lboukili of Morocco who finished in 11th place overall. Next best were Islam Benhadj of Algeria in 16th position and Dina Ramadan of Egypt in 17th.

The conditions over the course of the week have certainly not been easy, with vastly different sailing conditions on almost every day. This has certainly tested the skills of each of the 54 competitors. Kenya and Uganda in particular have relatively young and less experienced sailors, and the regatta provided an excellent chance for these sailors to get some big regatta experience. Although strong winds and high seas sometimes took their toll, it was really encouraging to see the spirit and determination of these newer sailors and which was rewarded on occasion with a good result. Christopher Childs of Kenya had a 7th in the second last race, while Lars Garvey also had a 7th on the second day.

### TEAM RACING

As had been the case on prior days, we had to wait for the wind to come through, which it did late morning. 8 teams competed overall, with 6 of these eligible for the African Team Racing Cup. Unfortunately the wind freshened considerably during the course of sailing, and the event had to be abandoned with about half of the matches sailed. This resulted in a complicated scoring and tie-breaking procedure, and it was South Africa that emerged victorious, having won all of their matches. They were followed by Algeria and Egypt. In the Open team racing event, USA displaced Egypt in third place.



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### OPEN FLEET RACING

Pos	Sail No	Helm	Nat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	R13	R14	R15	Pts	Gender
1st	USA 8230	Cullman, Cam	USA	1	4	6	<del>44</del>	10	3	<del>24</del>	2	4	2	1	1	2	1	1	38.0	Male
2nd	RSA 1312	Larkens, Aaron	South Africa	5	3	3	2	4	<del>44</del>	<del>42</del>	3	7	1	4	8	8	5	11	64.0	Male
3rd	RSA 1266	McNeill, Rudy	South Africa	8	13	7	9	9	4	<del>46</del>	<del>45</del>	2	3	3	2	4	3	7	74.0	Male
4th	RSA 1307	Stirk, Brett	South Africa	<del>44</del>	8	<del>43</del>	3	2	1	4	7	1	12	11	13	1	4	13	80.0	Male
5th	USA 9790	Fink, Thomas	USA	11	<del>45</del>	14	1	1	5	11	<del>26</del>	5	6	2	3	10	8	8	85.0	Male
6th	USA 12203	Wilson, Morgan	USA	7	6	2	12	15	<del>20</del>	13	8	12	9	6	<del>OCS</del>	6	2	3	101.0	Female
7th	RSA 1300	Onvlee, Justin	South Africa	6	5	<del>OCS</del>	13	13	2	2	1	3	23	9	20	<del>28</del>	9	2	108.0	Male
8th	RSA 1281	McClarty, Alexander	South Africa	<del>47</del>	9	10	10	5	7	9	11	6	<del>47</del>	5	6	5	13	14	110.0	Male
9th	RSA 1263	Waterson, Sam	South Africa	2	1	4	<del>35</del>	<del>36</del>	21	7	6	10	16	12	17	14	14	10	134.0	Male
10th	USA 8524	Richartz, Eliza	USA	20	17	<del>24</del>	16	6	10	17	<del>23</del>	21	5	8	4	15	6	9	154.0	Female
11th	MAR 2024	Lboukili, Hamza	Morocco	9	19	<del>DNF</del>	15	25	12	1	9	11	21	7	18	3	<del>36</del>	15	165.0	Male
12th	RSA 1309	Baer, Phillipa	South Africa	4	2	1	<del>38</del>	<del>37</del>	27	15	5	8	18	19	23	19	20	6	167.0	Female
13th	RSA 1268	Largier, James	South Africa	3	11	5	31	<del>45</del>	9	<del>35</del>	12	14	15	25	5	13	11	22	176.0	Male
14th	RSA 1279	Jones, Robert	South Africa	12	7	16	20	<del>35</del>	19	10	4	13	7	23	<del>DSQ</del>	17	12	25	185.0	Male
15th	RSA 1270	Moreau, Daniel	South Africa	16	14	<del>DNF</del>	<del>28</del>	20	14	5	16	22	8	13	22	18	16	17	201.0	Male
16th	ALG 51	Benhadj, Islam	Algeria	19	10	12	<del>40</del>	8	17	6	17	17	22	27	26	<del>37</del>	15	16	212.0	Male
17th	EGY 13	Ramadan, Dina	Egypt	15	28	17	6	29	18	<del>DSQ</del>	19	9	<del>33</del>	15	10	27	10	23	226.0	Female
18th	USA 11922	Richardson, Michael	USA	34	21	<del>DNF</del>	32	7	<del>36</del>	21	20	25	11	30	11	7	18	5	242.0	Male
19th	ALG 13	Bouhadda, Idriss	Algeria	13	18	8	26	<del>47</del>	29	3	<del>DSQ</del>	15	32	14	15	30	19	27	249.0	Male
20th	EGY 21	Salem, Ossama	Egypt	22	<del>35</del>	<del>DNF</del>	29	28	8	14	30	19	10	18	19	25	25	21	268.0	Male
21st	ALG 12	Rebahi, Riad	Algeria	24	29	15	36	43	15	8	13	18	31	10	<del>OCS</del>	23	<del>DSQ</del>	4	269.0	Male

22nd	USA 11002	Padnos, Sam	USA	DNF	31	22	8	11	24	25	24	31	14	20	9	<del>36</del>	33	26	278.0	Male
23rd	ALG 15	Mahmoudi, Fatima	Algeria	10	30	11	18	32	<del>34</del>	27	14	32	25	<del>33</del>	25	16	22	20	282.0	Female
24th	EGY 31	Ramadan, Rania	Egypt	29	23	18	22	<del>39</del>	6	18	27	20	28	<del>37</del>	30	29	21	12	283.0	Female
25th	RSA 1308	Saunders, Ruth	South Africa	21	16	9	33	<del>44</del>	38	31	10	29	27	17	24	26	17	<del>RAF</del>	298.0	Female
26th	RSA 1316	Saunders, Josh	South Africa	27	27	26	34	17	30	<del>36</del>	29	30	19	26	14	9	<del>35</del>	33	321.0	Male
27th	RSA 1253	McClarty, Karen	South Africa	23	24	25	21	21	25	<del>37</del>	22	35	26	<del>45</del>	28	22	28	30	330.0	Female
28th	EGY 16	Ezzat, Salma	Egypt	36	DNF	DNF	17	31	16	19	DNF	24	38	16	16	21	27	38	354.0	Female
29th	ALG 10	Oudina, Khaled	Algeria	31	33	19	11	27	23	32	35	42	35	28	<del>OCS</del>	11	37	<del>OCS</del>	364.0	Male
30th	RSA 1297	Hogg, Jessica	South Africa	26	12	23	<del>42</del>	30	<del>48</del>	28	25	28	39	34	21	38	30	31	365.0	Female
31st	USA 9857	Maguire, Thomas	USA	DNF	DNF	DNF	5	26	13	29	33	37	4	DSQ	12	41	32	24	366.0	Male
32nd	EGY 2	Ragab, Rasha	Egypt	DNF	34	DNF	4	3	43	20	32	41	29	40	36	24	43	34	383.0	Female
33rd	KEN 107	Childs, Christopher	Kenya	39	<del>OCS</del>	<del>DNF</del>	41	18	28	34	34	34	30	21	<del>OCS</del>	20	7	28	389.0	Male
34th	ALG 18	Bouleghab, Selma	Algeria	38	25	20	30	<del>49</del>	42	30	21	40	44	22	<del>OCS</del>	31	26	32	401.0	Female
35th	MAR 2023	Ferdaoussi, Sara	Morocco	35	<del>DNF</del>	<del>DNF</del>	43	24	41	38	DNF	16	13	29	32	34	23	19	402.0	Female
36th	MAR 2025	Ezzaid, Mahamed	Morocco	18	26	<del>DNF</del>	45	<del>52</del>	45	45	31	33	24	32	31	39	29	18	416.0	Male
37th	SEY 8	Morel, Paul	Seychelles	30	22	<del>OCS</del>	<del>48</del>	44	33	40	28	27	20	31	37	48	39	29	428.0	Male
38th	EGY 82	Ragab, Rana	Egypt	DNF	DNF	DNF	24	22	26	33	DNF	23	40	38	39	40	24	37	456.0	Female
39th	MAR 2021	Bzioui, Hamza	Morocco	32	<del>DNF</del>	<del>DNF</del>	19	12	32	41	DNF	38	45	36	29	12	<del>DNC</del>	<del>DNC</del>	461.0	Male
40th	SEY 7	Elizabeth, Ronny	Seychelles	33	<del>DNF</del>	<del>DNF</del>	51	46	40	23	18	26	47	35	34	35	42	35	465.0	Male
41st	EGY 1	El Bokl, Mohab	Egypt	DNF	DNF	DNF	25	<del>RAF</del>	22	44	DNF	44	37	24	7	33	34	DNF	490.0	Male
42nd	ZIM 774	Jarvis, Danielle	Zimbabwe	25	20	24	<del>54</del>	50	44	47	<del>DNF</del>	43	36	44	41	50	41	36	501.0	Female
43rd	UGA 4	Steenbeek, Jorrit	Uganda	28	32	<del>DNF</del>	50	34	31	43	<del>DNF</del>	39	42	41	40	32	40	<del>DNC</del>	507.0	Male
44th	UGA 1	Garvey, Lars	Uganda	DNF	DNF	<del>DNC</del>	7	42	39	42	<del>DNC</del>	36	41	42	27	44	38	<del>DNC</del>	523.0	Male
45th	MAR 2022	Bahadi, Zakaria	Morocco	DNF	DNF	DNF	27	14	37	49	DNF	49	34	39	33	47	44	40	523.0	Male
46th	KEN 101	Woods, Xan	Kenya	37	<del>DNF</del>	<del>DNF</del>	44	19	52	22	<del>RAF</del>	45	43	46	35	42	31	<del>OCS</del>	526.0	Male
47th	KEN 110	Rudd, William	Kenya	43	<del>DNF</del>	<del>DNF</del>	47	38	46	48	DNF	47	46	43	<del>OCS</del>	43	45	39	595.0	Male
48th	UGA 2	Garvey, Laerke	Uganda	DNF	DNF	<del>DNC</del>	37	23	35	39	<del>DNC</del>	DNF	<del>DNC</del>	<del>DNC</del>	<del>DNC</del>	45	47	<del>DNC</del>	611.0	Female
49th	ZIM 763	Griffiths, Dylan	Zimbabwe	42	<del>DNF</del>	<del>DNF</del>	46	51	50	50	DNF	46	48	47	42	49	46	41	613.0	Male
50th	KEN 104	Erskine, Felix	Kenya	DNF	DNF	<del>DNC</del>	23	16	<del>RAF</del>	26	DNF	<del>DNC</del>	<del>DNC</del>	<del>DNC</del>	<del>DNC</del>	<del>DNC</del>	<del>DNC</del>	<del>DNC</del>	615.0	Male
51st	KEN 103	Erskine, Jamie	Kenya	41	<del>DNF</del>	<del>DNF</del>	49	40	49	51	DNF	48	49	49	38	46	DNF	<del>DNC</del>	625.0	Male
52nd	KEN 111	Davey, Luke	Kenya	DNF	DNF	<del>OCS</del>	39	33	53	46	36	<del>DNC</del>	<del>DNC</del>	<del>DNC</del>	<del>DNC</del>	<del>DNC</del>	<del>DNC</del>	<del>DNC</del>	647.0	Male
53rd	ZIM 766	Hurrell, Jamie	Zimbabwe	40	<del>DNF</del>	<del>DNF</del>	52	53	51	52	DNF	<del>DNC</del>	50	48	43	51	DNF	<del>DNC</del>	660.0	Female
54th	UGA 3	Humphreys, Alastair	Uganda	<del>OCS</del>	<del>DNF</del>	<del>DNC</del>	53	48	47	53	<del>DNC</del>	<del>DNF</del>	<del>DNC</del>	<del>DNC</del>	<del>DNC</del>	<del>DNC</del>	<del>DNC</del>	<del>DNC</del>	696.0	Male



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### AFRICAN FLEET RACING

Pos	Fleet	Sail No	Helm	Nat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	R13	R14	R15	Pts	Gender
1st	Open	RSA 1312	Larkens, Aaron	South Africa	4	3	2	1	3	<del>8</del>	<del>44</del>	2	5	1	2	5	5	3	6	42.0	Male
2nd	Open	RSA 1266	McNeill, Rudy	South Africa	6	11	5	6	6	3	<del>44</del>	<del>43</del>	2	2	1	1	3	1	4	51.0	Male
3rd	Open	RSA 1307	Stirk, Brett	South Africa	<del>44</del>	6	<del>44</del>	2	1	1	4	6	1	6	7	7	1	2	8	52.0	Male
4th	Open	RSA 1300	Onvlee, Justin	South Africa	5	4	<del>OCS</del>	9	8	2	2	1	3	16	5	14	<del>23</del>	5	1	75.0	Male
5th	Open	RSA 1281	McClarty, Alexander	South Africa	<del>44</del>	7	8	7	4	5	9	9	4	<del>40</del>	3	3	4	9	9	81.0	Male
6th	Open	RSA 1263	Waterson, Sam	South Africa	1	1	3	<del>28</del>	<del>29</del>	16	7	5	8	9	8	11	10	10	5	94.0	Male
7th	Open	MAR 2024	Lboukili, Hamza	Morocco	7	15	<del>DNG</del>	10	19	9	1	7	9	14	4	12	2	<del>29</del>	10	119.0	Male
8th	Open	RSA 1309	Baer, Phillipa	South Africa	3	2	1	<del>34</del>	<del>30</del>	21	13	4	6	11	15	17	14	15	3	125.0	Female
9th	Open	RSA 1268	Largier, James	South Africa	2	9	4	25	<del>38</del>	7	<del>28</del>	10	11	8	20	2	9	7	17	131.0	Male
10th	Open	RSA 1279	Jones, Robert	South Africa	9	5	13	14	<del>28</del>	15	10	3	10	3	18	<del>DSQ</del>	12	8	19	139.0	Male
11th	Open	RSA 1270	Moreau, Daniel	South Africa	13	12	<del>DNF</del>	<del>22</del>	14	10	5	14	18	4	9	16	13	12	12	152.0	Male
12th	Open	ALG 51	Benhadj, Islam	Algeria	16	8	10	<del>33</del>	5	13	6	15	14	15	22	20	<del>34</del>	11	11	166.0	Male
13th	Open	EGY 13	Ramadan, Dina	Egypt	12	23	14	4	22	14	<del>DSQ</del>	17	7	<del>26</del>	11	6	22	6	18	176.0	Female
14th	Open	ALG 13	Bouhadda, Idriss	Algeria	10	14	6	20	<del>40</del>	23	3	<del>DSQ</del>	12	25	10	9	25	14	20	191.0	Male
15th	Open	EGY 21	Salem, Ossama	Egypt	18	<del>29</del>	<del>DNG</del>	23	21	6	12	24	16	5	14	13	20	20	16	208.0	Male
16th	Open	ALG 12	Rebahi, Riad	Algeria	20	24	12	29	36	11	8	11	15	24	6	<del>OCS</del>	18	<del>DSQ</del>	2	216.0	Male
17th	Open	ALG 15	Mahmoudi, Fatima	Algeria	8	25	9	12	25	<del>28</del>	21	12	26	18	<del>27</del>	19	11	17	15	218.0	Female
18th	Open	EGY 31	Ramadan, Rania	Egypt	25	18	15	16	<del>32</del>	4	15	21	17	21	<del>34</del>	24	24	16	7	223.0	Female
19th	Open	RSA 1308	Saunders, Ruth	South Africa	17	13	7	26	<del>34</del>	31	24	8	24	20	13	18	21	13	<del>RAF</del>	235.0	Female
20th	Open	RSA 1316	Saunders, Josh	South Africa	23	22	21	27	11	24	<del>29</del>	23	25	12	21	8	6	<del>28</del>	26	249.0	Male
21st	Open	RSA 1253	McClarty, Karen	South Africa	19	19	20	15	15	19	<del>30</del>	19	29	19	<del>39</del>	22	17	23	23	259.0	Female

22nd	Open	EGY 16	Ezzat, Salma	Egypt	31	DNF	DNG	11	24	12	16	DNF	20	31	12	10	16	22	31	284.0	Female
23rd	Open	ALG 10	Oudina, Khaled	Algeria	27	27	16	8	20	18	25	28	35	28	23	OCS	7	30	OCS	292.0	Male
24th	Open	RSA 1297	Hogg, Jessica	South Africa	22	10	18	35	23	44	22	20	23	32	28	15	32	25	24	294.0	Female
25th	Open	KEN 107	Childs, Christopher	Kenya	34	OCS	DNG	34	12	22	27	27	28	23	16	OCS	15	4	21	311.0	Male
26th	Open	EGY 2	Ragab, Rasha	Egypt	DNF	28	DNF	3	2	36	17	26	34	22	34	30	19	36	27	314.0	Female
27th	Open	MAR 2023	Ferdaoussi, Sara	Morocco	30	DNG	DNF	36	18	34	31	DNF	13	7	24	26	29	18	14	328.0	Female
28th	Open	ALG 18	Bouleghab, Selma	Algeria	33	20	17	24	42	35	23	18	33	37	17	OCS	26	21	25	329.0	Female
29th	Open	MAR 2025	Ezzaid, Mahamed	Morocco	15	21	DNG	38	45	38	38	25	27	17	26	25	33	24	13	340.0	Male
30th	Open	SEY 8	Morel, Paul	Seychelles	26	17	OCS	44	37	27	33	22	22	13	25	31	41	32	22	348.0	Male
31st	Open	EGY 82	Ragab, Rana	Egypt	DNF	DNF	DNF	18	16	20	26	DNF	19	33	32	33	34	19	30	376.0	Female
32nd	Open	MAR 2021	Bzioui, Hamza	Morocco	28	DNG	DNF	13	7	26	34	DNF	31	38	30	23	8	DNC	DNC	382.0	Male
33rd	Open	SEY 7	Elizabeth, Ronny	Seychelles	29	DNF	DNF	44	39	33	19	16	21	40	29	28	30	35	28	391.0	Male
34th	Open	EGY 1	El Bokl, Mohab	Egypt	DNF	DNF	DNF	19	RAF	17	37	DNF	37	30	19	4	28	27	DNF	410.0	Male
35th	Open	ZIM 774	Jarvis, Danielle	Zimbabwe	21	16	19	47	43	37	40	DNF	36	29	38	35	43	34	29	420.0	Female
36th	Open	UGA 4	Steenbeek, Jorrit	Uganda	24	26	DNG	43	27	25	36	DNF	32	35	35	34	27	33	DNC	425.0	Male
37th	Open	MAR 2022	Bahadi, Zakaria	Morocco	DNF	DNF	DNF	21	9	30	42	DNF	42	27	33	27	40	37	33	437.0	Male
38th	Open	UGA 1	Garvey, Lars	Uganda	DNF	DNF	DNC	5	35	32	35	DNC	30	34	36	21	37	31	DNC	440.0	Male
39th	Open	KEN 101	Woods, Xan	Kenya	32	DNF	DNG	37	13	45	18	RAF	38	36	40	29	35	26	OCS	445.0	Male
40th	Open	KEN 110	Rudd, William	Kenya	38	DNG	DNG	40	31	39	41	DNF	40	39	37	OCS	36	38	32	507.0	Male
41st	Open	UGA 2	Garvey, Laerke	Uganda	DNF	DNF	DNC	30	17	29	32	DNC	DNF	DNC	DNC	DNC	38	40	DNC	522.0	Female
42nd	Open	ZIM 763	Griffiths, Dylan	Zimbabwe	37	DNF	DNG	39	44	43	43	DNF	39	41	41	36	42	39	34	526.0	Male
43rd	Open	KEN 104	Erskine, Felix	Kenya	DNF	DNF	DNC	17	10	RAF	20	DNF	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	527.0	Male
44th	Open	KEN 103	Erskine, Jamie	Kenya	36	DNF	DNG	42	33	42	44	DNF	41	42	43	32	39	DNF	DNC	538.0	Male
45th	Open	KEN 111	Davey, Luke	Kenya	DNF	DNF	OCS	32	26	46	39	29	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	556.0	Male
46th	Open	ZIM 766	Hurrell, Jamie	Zimbabwe	35	DNF	DNG	45	46	44	45	DNF	DNC	43	42	37	44	DNF	DNC	573.0	Female
47th	Open	UGA 3	Humphreys, Alastair	Uganda	OCS	DNF	DNC	46	41	40	46	DNC	DNF	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	605.0	Male

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