

IQDA African Championship

Richards Bay, South Africa, July 11 to 19

49 sailors from 9 countries



Zakaria Khoualed
African Champion



Mixing of the waters at the opening ceremony

Over-all

Open

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1.	James Oliver	Australia
2.	Zakaria Khoualed	Algeria
3.	Alex Lehtinen	South Africa
4.	Milly Bennett	Australia
5.	Tarick Nielsen	Tanzania
6.	Imene Cherif Sahraoui	Algeria
7.	Mohamed Ben Naceur	Tunisia
8.	Marcello Marcia	South Africa
9.	Tiran Long	South Africa
10.	Denis Pierre	Mauritius
11.	Paulo Amaral	Angola
12.	Bilal Nedjari	Algeria

African Girls

1.	Imene Cherif Sahraoui	Algeria
2.	Heidi Burger	South Africa
3.	Cara Stubbs	South Africa

Team Racing

1. South Africa 2. Angola 3. Tunisia/Australia

The 7th African Optimist Championships held at the Zululand YC in Richards Bay, provided the young sailors with challenging conditions. The first day saw the course set well out to sea with a difficult chop. The second day saw 25 kt winds and steep 3 metre waves at the harbour entrance, so the team racing was brought forward and sailed in the sheltered waters in front of the ZYC. The team from Angola, in only their second African Championship, finished a commendable second. This championship was a stern test for both the sailors and the race committee but was enjoyed by all.



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