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GERARD MARÍN (CN LLANÇÀ) LEADING THE OPEN REGATTA ON THE HIRD DAY OF THE COMPETITION

L'Escala, 30th June 2007. Third competition day of the Open Regatta of the Europe Class. The weather conditions accompanied, with a wind of between 10 and 15 knots. The two regattas of the day took place and, without a doubt, the great protagonist was the Club Nàutic Llançà regatta sailor, Gerard Marín, who now has one foot and half of the other one of the winner's podium.



As always, the Regatta Commission started the race at one o'clock, for the first race of the day and the fifth of the competition. The fleet of Europe Class boats started sailing with a very gusty wind of 150° to 180° though, due to changes in the wind, they had to modify the route. In the first race, Gerard Marín (CN Llançà) showed us yet again that he is a great candidate for getting a good result in the European Championship of the Europe Class, by coming first today and making the most of the OCS of one of his direct rivals, the Regatta racer from RCN Denia, Sven Stadel. Behind Gerard Marín, were Brice Baizez and Ruben Fernandez. With regard to the female category, Julia Rita (CM Maó) passed the finish line first, followed by the Finn Nina Ramm-Schmidt and by Helen Montilla.

In the second race of the day, the wind was 160° and started with an intensity of 13 knots, later reaching 15. For the first time in the championship, the Frenchman Brice Baizez won the leg, arriving before Gerard Marín, who was second and Miquel Llangués from CN Masnou, who was third. In the female category, Helen Montilla won the leg, which has placed her provisionally in first place overall. Behind her was Aina Gomila and third place went to Eli Llangués (CN Masnou).



Tomorrow the Open Regatta will finish, and Gerard Marín in the male category and Helen Montilla in the female one have good chances of winning the title.

All the information about the Open Regatta, as well as the European Championship of the Europe Class can be found at the website: <http://europe.nauticescala.com/catala/index.html>



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