

Organized by the AVAS Yacht Club in the lovely small Italian town of Lovere, on Lake Iseo, the 2012 IFDS Homerus International Blind Match Racing Championship has seen its first races start with sunny skies, regular winds, and six enthusiastic teams from Italy, Spain, USA, and Australia. This Regatta is the first one to use the Experimental Appendix CBS, and also applies format where all the sailors are blindfolded, enabling equal chances to all competitors, therefore sailing in the International Blind Sports Association B1 category.

Races started around 1400 hours, with a steady afternoon southerly thermal breeze in full power around 10 to 12 knots. Starting signals were computer controlled according to the new Appendix.

The provisional results of the two first two heats see wins for the Italian team Alessandro Malipiero – Mario Alciati against Danilo Malerba – Andrea Pesaresi (ITA) and Manuel Gimeno Ugarte- Federico Giner Albir (ESP) ahead of Kylie Forth- Erin McGlew (AUS)

Today's races stopped after two heats due to a collision between Ugarte (ESP) and Forth (AUS) with damage to both boats.

Tomorrow's races are due to start at noon under more sunny skies.



Close action on Lake Iseo / Bernard Destrubé