

## FEATURE ARTICLE: SKANDIA SAIL FOR GOLD 2011

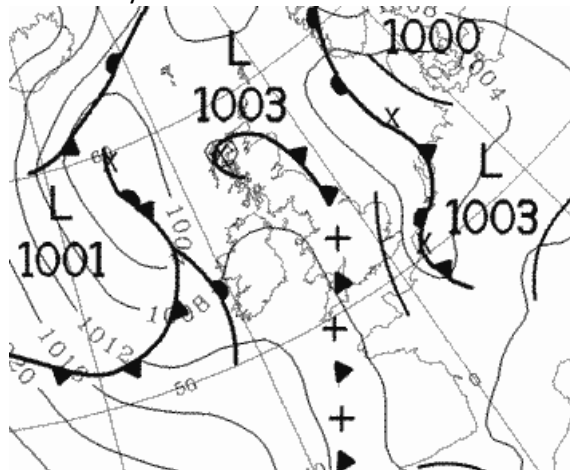
Weatherwhiz's Libby Greenhalgh has the envious role of working with the most successful Olympic Sailing Team, Skandia Team GBR, in the build up to and at the Olympic Games in 2012.



Libby is currently down at the Skandia Sail for Gold regatta. The regatta racing starts today, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June, and many of the countries and classes involved see this is a key event. Skandia Sail for Gold Regatta is not only part of the Sailing World Cup Series which include some arguably more glamorous venues like Miami and Sydney but is also hosted in the Olympic Venue

Weymouth and Portland will be the venue for the Sailing events for the London 2012 Olympic Games and with the Test Event happening in August here, many countries will be using this event as the first in the ever tricky selection process, with many selecting their test event representative from this event.

It looks like a fairly tricky start to the regatta with the area sandwiched between two weather systems



A moderate NNW decreasing and backing to the W will dominate the conditions.

But the issue at hand here is the lack of sunshine. On the chart you can see a decaying cold front marked by the triangles and crosses. This means plenty of cloud and until that clears we will be struggling for wind.

The venue can be quite tricky especially given the layout of the racing area with Portland Harbour creating very different conditions to Weymouth Bay and influencing conditions out in the Bay

During the Skandia Sail for Gold Regatta Libby will be keeping you posted through her [Twitter](#) feed and our [Facebook Page](#) on the day to day racing activity as well as some behind the scenes activities with the blog.