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Kingdom Property, skippered by Scott Duncanson, won by nine seconds over Easy Tiger IV in the one-design Platu class in the 10th Top of the Gulf Regatta yesterday. Team ViewPoint finished third.

A big wind shift in Race 2 saw the leaders caught out of position. Kingdom Property, Team ViewPoint and Easy Tiger IV managed to sail back into it and finish in the top four. Tigrina was the biggest loser finishing twelfth in the race.

Having raced five of their 10-race series at the half-way point, the Platus can now drop their worst result meaning that Kingdom Property are tied at the top with Tigrina.

The IRC fleets were sent on a single long course and as the wind started to drop out it was Oi! which crossed first in IRC 1 to take both line honours and the win on corrected time, extending their lead at the top. Second went to Island Fling with Wan Ma Rang in third.

Karasu got the better of Singapore entry Foxy Lady VI by less than 30 seconds in IRC 2 to edge ahead in the overall series, while a third for Fujin has them sitting in fourth overall, just one point behind Windsikher.

In IRC 3, the Singapore Management University team on Hi Jinks scored another win, finishing less than one minute ahead of Souay 1 on corrected time. Magic, skippered by David Bell, held on to third and sits second overall behind Hi Jinks and ahead of Souay 1 in third.

The all Thai crew on Amanda, led by Swedish skipper Lennart Fahlgren, sailed a solid race to record their second win in IRC 4 Cruising. The smallest in the class, Tai II, sailed by an all-Japanese crew, placed second ahead of Windstar.

Mojo struggled in the Ocean Multihulls class yesterday having to settle for third place while it was Cedar Swan, skippered by Radab Kanjanavanit, who sailed best to finish four minutes ahead of Sonic on corrected time and move to the top of the class standings.

At press time, results for the 190 optimists and dinghies, and 21 windsurfs competing in the RS: One Asian Championship, were being calculated.

With 239 boats and over 600 sailors from more than 30 countries, the regatta is the largest sailing event in Asia.

Racing for all classes finish on Monday.

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