

PAYNE HICKS BEACH CLIENTS STRIKE SAILING GOLD

Beijing Gold Medallists and Payne Hicks Beach clients Iain Percy and Andrew ("Bart") Simpson have been crowned the 2010 Star Class World Champions.

They missed the 2009 World Championships due to Bart's wedding but came back to show mastery of a highly competitive fleet at this year's Worlds in Rio de Janeiro.

As a result of their dominance, going into the last race Iain and Bart could only be beaten by the Swiss but they safely held off that challenge to win with a significant points lead.

Iain won Gold in the Finn class in the Sydney Olympics before moving into the Star. Having lost out on a medal in Athens he teamed up with Bart to win in Beijing.

Post Beijing they have been sailing with Team Origin, the British America's Cup team and so did not have much practice time in the Star. Iain said "Sometimes short, sharp training sessions can work in your favour".

The best of luck to Iain and Bart for London in 2012 when the sailing events will be held in Weymouth.

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