Koo wins by a whisker, Masyuri plots revenge

LUMUT — Jeremy Koo sealed a second consecutive Liga Layar Malaysia (LLM) win after a nail-biting 2-1 victory over arch-rival Mohd Masyuri Rahmat of the Royal Malaysian Navy Match Racing Team at Lumut International Yatch Club yesterday.

The Sime Darby Foundation-KRT captain, who had also beaten Masyuri in the first leg of the LLM — drew first blood in the opening round of the final, before his opponent recovered to level things in the second round.

The finale was a topsy-turvy affair, which Koo ultimately clinched by the slimmest of margins, winning by a mere 0.06 seconds.

The 32-year-old attributed his victory to having nerves of steel after overcoming some mechanical problems with his boat.

“It was a good fight between me and Masyuri today. We had some problems on water as the third race almost disrupted our duel. Our boat strings also came off in the midst of the race, so I’m happy that my team kept a cool head to finish as winners. “We are confident of securing the LLM title after winning the first two legs. But there’s still a long way to go, so we just have to keep up this winning form”.

Defeated finalist Masyuri vowed to recover from this defeat and return with renewed vigour.

“It was close out there and we only lost by a whisker. I have certainly narrowed the gap to Jeremy and will come back stronger in the next race,” he said.

Nik Ashraf Qaedi of team KFC Malaysia/MYA Racing Team secured third spot after a 2-1 victory over Khairulnizam Afendy of Uitm/Match Racing Team in the petit-final.

Koo and his crew took home RM8,000 in prize money while Masyuri and Khairulnizam pocketed RM5,000 and RM2,000 respectively.