

Clean sweep for CYCA at the Captain John Piper Regatta



Each year, the Youth Sailing Academy runs two match racing events over the winter period to help train and build regatta experience for youth sailors before the youth match racing circuit begins in August.

Over the past 2 weekends, the CYCA hosted the Captain John Piper Regatta, a match race series on Saturday 25th June and Saturday 2nd July. Picture perfect winter days on Sydney harbour greeted the racers on both racing days, with the Race Committee, led by Steve Merrington managing to squeeze out 10 flights (double round robin) for both days.

With the European sailing season now in full swing, only 5 teams competed in the opening day of competition, with the Organising Authority having to split the usual 2-day, grade 4 event into 2 separate grade 5s. 3 teams from the CYCA were joined by a team from the RSY and Scots College.

The opening event, known as CJP D1, saw very close competition, with the overall winner only being decided on count back. In the end, Caitlin Tames and her team of Tim Westwood, Nick Thyne, Emma Harrison & Jess Tames were declared winners on the first day of the Captain John Piper Regatta for 2016.

Day 2 saw a new line up of skippers, with more than half of the YSA's Advanced Squad absent due to other sailing commitments in Queensland and overseas. Event 2 saw a clear winner with CYCA Coach Jay Griffin leading his team to victory. But it was second place who stole the show, with Finn Tapper, Hugo Stoner, Paddy Dawson & Felix Deverio coming home strong, going undefeated in round robin 2 to finish 2nd overall. This was a fantastic achievement for the team who are all part of the CYCA's Development Match Racing Squad who only completed their third match-racing event to

date. Ash Rooklyn and his team rounded out the podium meaning for a great result for the host club.

At the presentation BBQ, YSA Head Coach, Jordan Reece acknowledged the hard work from both the Race Committee and umpire team with penalty flags flying throughout both days. He also acknowledged the fantastic support from Dean Harrigan who continually supports the YSA each year through this event.

Results:

CJP Day 1 Event			CJP Day 2 Event		
1 st	Caitlin Tames	CYCA	1 st	Jay Griffin	CYCA
2 nd	Tom Grimes,	CYCA	2 nd	Finn Tapper	CYCA
3 rd	Nick Rozenaurs	RSYS	3 rd	Ash Rooklyn	CYCA
4 th	Lauren Gallaway	CYCA	4 th	Nick Rozenaurs	RSYS
5 th	Finn Tapper	CYCA	5 th	Felix Gretch	MHYC