

# Spectacular conditions on Day 2 of the SHARP Australian Youth Match Racing Championship

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It was another spectacular day on Sydney Harbour for the second day of competition at the Sharp Australian Youth Match Racing Championship with a building sea breeze which peaked at 25knots in the afternoon, again testing the crews from Western Australia, Victoria, Queensland and New South Wales.

The Race Committee had a short delay this morning as the breeze finally settled in around 1030hrs allowing round robin 2 to resume. Another long day on the water for both competitors and officials saw the completion of ten flights, with now only six more remaining to complete the qualifying, triple round robin stage before the knock-out stages begin.

With a fairly straight forward race track, the day featured some very close matches, none more so than the match against the only two female skippers in the field. Clare Costanzo (RPAYC) led off the line and around the majority of the race track against Claudia Thackray (RSYS) but having infringed in the pre-start, Costanzo was unable to complete the penalty turn before finishing, allowing Thackray through to take the win.

Yesterday's leader, Will Dargaville (RPAYC), again found himself in a tight match against the world's highest ranked youth skipper, Harry Price (CYCA). Yesterday's match saw Price receive a double

penalty and Dargaville ultimately taking the win whilst today saw Price inflict two penalties on his opponent to take a comfortable race win. This also saw Price take the overall lead for the regatta.

“Today we sailed pretty well. We executed our game plan the majority of the time and my team in front of me of Ben Robinson, Harry Morton, Jim Cooley & Hugo Stoner did a great job of getting us around the race course.” Commented Price, who won all ten matches today.

The second last flight of the day also produced some drama with Thackray being issued with the first black flag of the regatta by Queenslander James Hodgson (SCSC/MYC). The team from Mooloolaba Yacht Club continue to trail in third place behind Price and Dargaville, with Tom Grimes (CYCA) holding onto the fourth semi-finals berth, now two points clear of their nearest rival.



But with six flights still remaining, it is still anyone's guess as to who will make it through to the semi-finals. The Race Committee is confident in completing the qualifying stage tomorrow with another solid 15-24 knots predicted for the afternoon. Racing will resume at 1000hrs in the vicinity of Rushcutters. Racing can be followed live via the CYCA website or on the CYCA Youth Sailing Academy Facebook page.

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Round Robin 3	HP	WD	JH	TG	CC	FT	CT	RG	EPL	RR3	RR2	RR1	Total
Harry Price							1		1	2	8	7	17
Will Dargaville					1	1		1		3	7	8	18
James Hodgson					1		1		1	3	5	6	14
Tom Grimes								1	1	2	5	3	10
Clare Costanzo		0	0				1			1	4	3	8
Finn Tapper		0						0		0	1	3	4
Claudia Thackray	0		0		0					0	3	1	4
Rhett Gowans		0		0		1				1	0	1	2
Ethan Prieto-Low	0		0	0						0	3	4	7

Round Robin 2	HP	WD	JH	TG	CC	FT	CT	RG	EPL	RR2	RR1	Total
Harry Price		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	7	15
Will Dargaville	0		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	8	15
James Hodgson	0	0		1	0	1	1	1	1	5	6	11
Tom Grimes	0	0	0		1	1	1	1	1	5	3	8
Clare Costanzo	0	0	1	0		1	0	1	1	4	3	7
Finn Tapper	0	0	0	0	0		0	1	0	1	3	4
Claudia Thackray	0	0	0	0	1	1		1	0	3	1	4
Rhett Gowans	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	1	1
Ethan Prieto-Low	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1		3	4	7

Round Robin 1	HP	WD	JH	TG	CC	FT	CT	RG	EPL	W
Harry Price		0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
Will Dargaville	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
James Hodgson	0	0		1	1	1	1	1	1	6
Tom Grimes	0	0	0		1	0	1	1	0	3
Clare Costanzo	0	0	0	0		1	0	1	1	3
Finn Tapper	0	0	0	1	0		1	1	0	3
Claudia Thackray	0	0	0	0	1	0		0	0	1
Rhett Gowans	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		0	1
Ethan Prieto-Low	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1		4