

# New champions at Shelving Systems Match Cup



Tom Grimes, Charlie Gundy, Dante Olivieri & Zach McNamee have won their first match racing regatta at the 2017 Shelving Systems Match Cup, hosted by the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia. Grimes, Gundy and Olivieri are in their second year of the CYCA Advanced Squad program and are thrilled to start their 2017 season on a high note.

With ideal conditions on Sydney Harbour, the Race Committee led by Steve Merrington were able to complete the full regatta format consisting of a round robin and finals series.

Three CYCA teams were joined by Clare Costanzo (RPAYC), Mitch Evans (RSYS), Thomas Steenson (NCYC) and Fergus Abbott (RSYS) for the event sponsored by Shelving Systems.

Grimes was keen to get as much match racing experience as possible this weekend before his team travels to Darwin for the inaugural NT match racing event, the Darwin International Youth Match Racing Championship next week, whilst Costanzo got in valuable time before next month's Governor's Cup and Youth Match Racing World Championship in Los Angeles, CA.

Both teams had an incredible fight in each of their four matches. Costanzo got the better of Grimes in the final flight of the round robin to top the leader board, scraping off her penalty seconds before taking the gun. The all-female team carried this momentum into the finals and won Race 1 after inflicting a penalty on Grimes in the pre-start.

The CYCA team, with Zach McNamee competing in his first ever match race regatta, bounced back to penalise the RPAYC team in Race 2 of the finals to take a comfortable win. The final, winner takes all race, saw again a penalty on the RPAYC team but a tight windward

leg with the CYCA leading, confusion on what top mark to round then saw RPAYC sail the wrong course, gifting the CYCA the win and Grimes, his first match racing title

The Umpire team lead by Simon Barrington and the Race Committee lead by Stephen Merrington both worked together well to keep up with the shifts and course changes, keeping the races rolling to get all flights completed before the 1530hrs deadline.



The CYCA Youth Sailing Academy appreciate the ongoing support of Phil Tomkins from Shelving Systems who has taken on the sponsorship of this regatta for the last three years.

