
Two Round Robins Completed : Semis, Finals/Petit Finals To Come

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Chicago, IL

It was a long day on the water but the race committee did a great job of completing 14 flights, two complete round robins, today at the CMRC Autumn A regatta. We had a good end to the day that brought our record up to 9-3, qualifying us second for the semifinals.

Anna, Mike and Tyler; Debbie is in there somewhere

Photo: Chicago Match Race Center Facebook page 2012

With the first gun at 9am, little rest between races, a decent breeze all day varying from 4-9kts, it was a perfect pace to get it all done. The sea state was the trickiest part of the day. For the last few days the wind has been from the north east allowing a small swell to build on the run down Lake Michigan. It was OK dealing with the swell coming in from one direction but, because of the sea wall, the waves rebounded back out into the lake causing, at times, quite chaotic water (imagine 'washing machine'). The trick to it was picking your times to make your maneuvers so the boat didn't slow down too much. This was especially important in the pre-start, which was the area in which we struggled earlier in the day. However, once we got more comfortable with the boats and the sea state and the wind, our starts became quite strong and this allowed us to take the last 5 races to build up our record.

Tomorrow we will race the semi's and the finals/petitfinals. Both series are a first-to-three point series. Also advancing into the semi's are Don Wilson (USA) with a 10-2 record, David Storrs(USA) at 7-5, and Wataru Sakamoto(JPN) at 6-6.

The regatta will be tweeted live at CMRC, and results will be posted on the regatta website.

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Sail Hard,

Anna

Team Maclaren

And as usual, don't forget, email us your questions and comments. We love getting them and sharing our love of sailing

and women's match racing.

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