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BRASELL TAKES THE LEAD ON DAY ONE OF THE NESPRESSO YOUTH INTERNATIONAL MATCH RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014

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Local boy George Brasell representing the RNZYS takes the lead with 7 wins from 8 races after a great first day of racing in the NESPRESSO Youth International Match Racing Championships 2014.

Brasell's only loss of the day was against the event's highest ranked skipper Ryan Davidson (Balboa Yacht Club) in Flight Six by a mere 9 seconds. Brasell's main hand Josh Gardiner made it sound easy; "We were clear ahead in most of the races and kept nice and relaxed, plus we have been training a lot for this event."

In second place, also on 7 wins is Sam Mackay (Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club) whose only loss of the day was to Brasell, also by a mere 9 seconds. Mackay commented, "Despite the loss to Brasell it was a great day, in good conditions, fun racing in a solid breeze."

Rawiri Geddes (RNZYS) takes the 3rd spot, only ½ a point ahead of George Gautrey (Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club) who was docked the half point due to a minor collision with the Committee Boat. "It was a lockout; we were squeezing high, had to peel off but the tide dragged us onto the Committee Boat" explained Gautrey's crewman Adam Middleton.

Next overall is Davidson who required a crew change in Flight Three due to a minor injury bringing on board a Youth Training Programme member for the remainder of the day. Crew member Brandon Folkman said a few issues were quickly ironed out with the unexpected crew change and overall the team was happy with the day and confident going into tomorrow.

In 6th equal sits Harry Price and Malcolm Parker from Cruising Yacht Club of Australia and Royal Prince Alfred

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Yacht Club respectively.

In 8th spot and causing the initial upset of the day is the unranked Carey Shelley (Richmond Yacht Club) with her Flight Three win over highest ranked skipper Davidson by a nail-biting 7 seconds.

Rounding out the table is Milly Bennett (Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club), Michelle Tait (Bucklands Beach Yacht Club and Matthew Bindon (Kerikeri Cruising Club). Tait managed to get a point on board in the last flight of the day and is looking forward to getting more on the board tomorrow.

The racing is face-paced and intense; Chief Umpire Mike Alison commented “There were a few penalties due to some inexperience in the boats, but we are happy to get 9 flights in and are looking forward to tomorrow.”

PRO Harold Bennett added that it is a credit to the competitors that 45 races were completed given the changeovers required between flights. Bennett expects slightly lighter winds tomorrow (18 knots) and another successful day of racing. Racing is again scheduled to start at 10am.

So after a great day one of the regatta the points table looks like this:

George Brasell – RNZYS	7/ 1/ 8
Sam Mackay – RPNYC	7/ 1/ 8
Rawiri Geddes – RNZYS	6/ 2/ 8
George Gautrey – RPNYC	5.5/ 2/ 8
Ryan Davidson – BYC	5/ 3/ 8
Malcolm Parker – RPAYC	4/ 4/ 8
Harry Price – CYCA	4/ 4/ 8
Carey Shelley – RYC	2/ 6/ 8
Milly Bennett – RPAYC	2/ 6/ 8
Michelle Tait – BBYC	1/ 8/ 9
Matthew Bindon - KCC	1/ 8/ 9

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Flight Nine

Mackay (RPNYC) beat Price (CYCA) 1m 13s
Gautrey (RPNYC) beat Bennett (RPAYC) 2m 55s
Davidson (BYC) beat Parker (RPAYC) 28s
Brasell (RNZYS) beat Geddes (RNZYS) 4s
Tait (BBYC) beat Bindon (KCC) 2s

Flight Eight

Gautrey (RPNYC) beat Bindon (KCC) 43s – *Gautrey docked ½ point for hitting committee boat and damage*
Geddes (RNZYS) beat Price (CYCA) 58s
Davidson (BYC) beat Bennett (RPAYC) 6s
Mackay RPNYC) beat Tait (BBYC) 1m 48s
Parker (RPAYC) beat Shelley 28s

Five Seven

Geddes (RNZYS) beat Davidson (BYC) 8s
Price (CYCA) beat Bennett (RPAYC) 13s
Brasell (RNZYS) beat Bindon (KCC) 1s
Parker (RPAYC) beat Tait (BBYC) 50s
Mackay (RPNYC) beat Shelley (RYC) 44s

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Flight Six

Mackay (RPNYC) beat Bindon (KCC) 1m 2s
Davidson (BYC) beat Brasell (RNZYS) 9s
Geddes (RNZYS) beat Tait (BBYC) 1m 28s
Shelley (RYC) beat Bennett (RPAYC) 7s
Gautrey (RPNYC) beat Price (CYCA) 17s

Flight Five

Geddes (RNZYS) beat Shelley (RYC) 37s
Brasell (RNZYS) beat Price (CYCA) 15s
Bindon (KCC) beat Parker (RPAYC) 27s
Bennett (RPAYC) beat Tait (BBYC) 1m 3s
Gautrey (RPNYC) beat Davidson (BYC) 15s

Flight Four

Davidson (BYC) beat Tait (BBYC) 40s
Parker (RPAYC) beat Gautrey (RPNYC) 21s
Brasell (RNZYS) beat Mackay (RPNYC) 9s
Price (CYCA) beat Shelley (RYC) 10s
Bennett (RPAYC) beat Bindon (KCC) 20s

Flight Three

Geddes (RNZYS) beat Bindon (KCC) 16s
Mackay (RPNYC) beat Gautrey (RPNYC) 14s
Price (CYCA) beat Tait (BBYC) 11s
Shelley (RYC) beat Davidson (BYC) 7s
Brasell (RNZYS) beat Parker (RPAYC) 25s

Flight Two

Brasell (RNZYS) beat Shelley (RYC) 13s
Geddes (RNZYS) beat Parker (RPAYC) 55s
Mackay (RPNYC) beat Bennett (RPAYC) 20s
Davidson (BYC) beat Bindon (KCC) 41s
Gautrey beat Tait (BBYC) 38s

Flight One

Parker (RPAYC) beat Bennett (RPAYC) 15s
Brasell (RNZYS) beat Tait (BBYC) 1m 16s
Gautrey (RPNYC) beat Shelley (RYC) 1m 7s
Price (CYCA) beat Bindon (KCC) 1m 24s
Mackay (RPNYC) beat Geddes (RNZYS) 23s

All the action, draw, race results and photos will be continuously updated throughout the day on the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron Website (www.rnzys.org.nz). Facebook page (www.facebook.com/RNZYS), and Twitter account (@RNZYS).

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