

Mahesh sails away to glory

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MUMBAI: Commander Mahesh Ramchandran, India's ace sailor, proved his class when he defeating compatriot and arch-rival Farokh Tarapore in the final of the prestigious ISS Mumbai International Match Race Sailing Championship 2009 in the bay off Girgaum chowpaty on Thursday.

"It's great to win in Bombay, especially in an international event," yelled the ecstatic skipper who had made it to the final defeating French sailor Francois Morvan.



■ Mahesh Ramchandran (from left) with his crew of Rajesh Dhulaji, Neeraj Sharma and PS Rao receiving the winners trophy from ISS India manager Jolly Kochery.

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Tarapore felt that he fought fairly and the better man won. "We both sailed well today, it's just that he sailed better," he said.

SEMIFINAL RESULTS: Mahesh Ramchandran (India) bt Francois Morvan (France); Farokh Tarapore (India) bt Nitin Mongia (India).