

# Tarapore wins ISS Match Race qualifier

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FILLED with surprise endings world seeded 72, Farokh Tarapore's team defeated world seeded 40, Cdr R Mahesh's team in the final round of the ISS Mumbai International Match Race 2009 Qualifiers.

With 6 wins in hand for the day, Tarapore sailed passed the latter team to clinch the gold medal at the qualifier for the MIMR which is an International Sailing federation grade 3 event.

The French team led by Skipper Morvan won the bronze medal winning the sail off for 3rd position, and 4th position went to Korea's Byeong Ki Park. The French also appear in good form for the upcoming events. Action-packed and ready for anything, the players were racing a



very close race throughout the event. The intensity of the top performers was magnified with good winds in the later half of the day. "Today's winds were slightly flunky

but they changed from land to sea breeze quickly enough for the show to go on without a minute's breather," says Chairman and Managing Director of Westcoast

Marine, Aashim Mongia, whose team came in seventh for the qualifier's. Vladimir Pavlov, the umpire from Russia said he was impressed by the quality of racing in the qualifier and this augers well for a very hard fought ISS MIMR starting on 01 November. The event has 8 countries participating in it and is an ISAF grade 2 event.

The stars of the day, Tarapore said that the main aim of these events organized in India are to push the level of competition to it's maximum while ensuring us a gold medal at the upcoming Asian Games in 2010. The French, generally happy with the show, insisted that the people have been wonderful to them, the venue is perfect as they get to learn about a new culture, and the competition is above their expectations so it's good to be here.