

Weather beaten on day one

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WEATHER PLAYED spoilsport on day one of the Mumbai International Match Race competition, as erratic wind patterns forced several races to be cancelled yesterday. After the wind stalled the races initially, it was the tidal forces which ultimately brought the day to a premature end.

Match Racing Association of India (MRAI) chairman Farokh Tarapore, however said he was happy with the day's racing and promised that they would make up for the cancelled

games. "Sailing is all about battling the forces of nature. It is difficult weather conditions that make the races interesting. But there is only as much we can do about the wind. If the wind is bad, we just have to trim our sails and get on with it," he said, adding that there are provisions for such cancellations.

In the races that did happen though, Asian Games medallist R Mاهش ruled the roost, winning all five of the races that he competed in. Tarapore himself could compete in only one race, which he won, before the weather started acting up.



The Estonian team, led by Mati Sepp in action