

Bumpy finish lowers boom on Crisp battle

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TWO-time Olympic sailboarder Jessica Crisp got some practice for tense racing at the upcoming world championships with one of the closest finishes of her career on the final day of the Sydney International Regatta on Sydney Harbour yesterday.

Crisp was neck and neck with her Norwegian training partner in the final race of the day before disaster struck, with Crisp hitting the finish boat with her boom. The incident gave Norwegian Jannicke Stalstrom the race win along with regatta victory.

"It was an exciting way to finish the day," said Crisp, who will now head to New Zealand to prepare for the world RSX world championships in February.

In a strong showing ahead of next year's Olympics, four

Australian crews won their classes.

Darren Bundock and Glenn Ashby took top honours in the Tornado catamaran class, Nathan Outteridge and Ben Austin won the 49er skiff racing, Sarah Blanck the Laser Radial and Nathan Wilmot and Mal Page the 470 class.



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