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Local Sailors Place Third at US Sailing Youth Championships

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Robbie Englehart on trapeze, Neil Marcellini driver of 29er USA 1048, on San Francisco Bay. Photo James Rockafellow

Acalanes High School junior Neil Marcellini and Robbie Englehart (Summit High School, San Jose) finished third place as one of 13 top national 29er teams invited to attend the 2014 U.S Sailing Youth Championships at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I., July 6-10. The two prepared by attending 29er training clinics and regattas in Southern California, and practiced regularly at Richmond Yacht Club with Dan Brandt. Over the four days of racing, they sailed in light and variable wind conditions, and in some thunder storms - avoiding rocks near the launch area - under pressure to maintain a lead. Lucy and Sally Wilmot (Miramonte), finished in eighth, and were the second best girl's team. The regatta had the closest and best racing in the 29er fleet thus far. Upcoming July races include 29er North Americans (Columbia Gorge, Ore.) and the 29er Nationals (Richmond, Calif.).

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