



MORGAN PINCKNEY – 2023 ROSE CUP

The first event on the summer schedule was the Rose Cup for the US Sailing Youth Match Race National Championship. The event started as a bit of a struggle because my team (Cam Spriggs, Sammy Hemans and Peter Barnard) and I hadn't sailed together before, and I hadn't been focusing on keel boats. The conditions were also light and shifty. We managed to put things together toward the end of the round robin and secured the first seed. We raced the semis against the Callahans. That was some of the best racing I have ever been a part of. There were constant lead changes and penalties at every stage. We managed to come out on top and make it to the finals. However the forecast for the next day was not looking auspicious. It was light with the threat of thunderstorms. We lost the first two races and then managed to win the third. Unfortunately, racing was canceled due to the thunderstorms and we were unable to complete the final series. Overall, it was a solid performance. We grew as a team and I managed to sharpen my match racing skills for the next event, the Governor's Cup. Thank you to the BSRA for supporting our efforts.