

Sailing Recommences at Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club.

Story by Tim Symons, photos by John Byrne and Tony Peterson

The first race for 2021, heat eight of the 2020/21 Twilight series, was held at Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club on the evening of Wednesday 6th January 2021. It was an unseasonably cold afternoon with intermittent drizzle while the sailors rigged their boats. The Division 1 monohull sailors decided not to sail in the cold and light wind conditions while the hardy sailors of five catamarans did compete in the race. John Byrne started the cats from the beach in a La Mons style start.

The cats headed off to the Bay mark on a starboard rounding, clockwise direction, course. Two boats reached the first mark with right of way on Starboard tack while two were on port tack. This made for an interesting mark rounding with Alan Davis on his Hobe 17 having to give way to Alistair & Alexi Cross on their Nacra 5.8. Andrew Kennedy and his Hobie 17 were the furthest along the beach start and struggled to get away in the light breeze. He then had to chase the rest of the fleet around the course.

Sam Bylett and Lucy Cross on their Viper F16 led the fleet around the Bay mark and off to the Peninsular and the Quarry marks on the first triangle lap. A windward / Leeward, sausage lap from the Bay mark to the Quarry mark followed. The light breeze changed in direction and strength all over the course which challenged the sailors. After some close racing, Alan slipped away from Tim Symons on his Nacra by picking a handy shift in the breeze. Alistair and Alexi's progress slowed down when Alexi fell overboard and had to climb back on board the Nacra.

John set a finish line off the flagpole on the clubhouse front lawn. Sam & Lucy led the fleet to the finish followed by Alan, Alistair & Alexi, Tim and Andrew. Sam & Lucy took the win on handicap corrected times followed by Andrew, Alan, Alistair & Alexi and Tim.

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran heat six of the 2020/21 Point-score series on the very hot afternoon of Saturday 9th January. The six catamarans and seven Lasers struggled to reach the start line at the Peninsular mark in the extremely light East South Easterly breeze. All of the sailors hoped for an increase in the wind strength and waited an extra half hour before John Byrne signalled the start. John was assisted on the start boat by Tony Peterson before he joined Steve Osborne on the rescue boat.

The cats started first on the windward / leeward course and headed off towards the Cardinal mark near Cub Island. They soon split up into two groups with Michael Fernside & Ross Tattersall, Barry Dennis and Martin Bannister taking advantage of a small lift in the breeze to slip away from Andrew Kennedy, Tim Symons and Randy Wieman & Erol Hanlon. Michael & Ross led the fleet around two painfully slow laps of the course while Barry tenaciously kept chase. Martin suffered some gear problems on his Hobie 17 on the second lap, slowing enough for Andrew and Tim to catch him. Randy & Errol retired their Hobie 16 from the race after 1 lap. Michael & Ross crossed the finish line at the Peninsular mark first, followed by Barry. Andrew and Tim battled around the course and at every mark rounding with Tim slipping ahead by a small margin to finish next followed by Andrew and Martin. Barry took the win on yardstick corrected times followed by Michael, Andrew, Tim and Martin.

The monohulls sailed a slightly shorter one lap windward / leeward course with a buoy set near the Cardinal mark. The Lasers also struggled to make progress in the extremely light and often zero breeze. The Full rig Lasers slipped to the front of the fleet with John Baird taking the lead around the course. John was first to cross the finish line more than 6 minutes ahead of Hamish Greenwood. Next to finish were Ian Ferguson, Damian Goninan, Stephen French, Mal McLean and Kerry McGaw. The yardstick corrected times didn't change the results.

Big Fleets and Variable Wind

Story by Tim Symons and photos by John Byrne, Kerry McGaw and Peter Baker

A big fleet of 23 boats turned up to compete in Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club's heat 9 of the 2020/21 Twilight series on the warm evening of Wednesday 13th January. John Byrne assisted by Hayden Slater in the start boat set starboard rounding course with a start line at the Quarry mark. The thirteen catamarans lined up to start in the strong 14 knot Westerly breeze. As they all zoomed towards the start, three boats, Michael Fearnside & Ross Tattersall and Jason Abbott & Sam Bishop and Tim Symons found themselves over the line early. They had to turn back to sail back to start line, cross the line and re-start. They then chased the rest of the fleet to the Bay mark.

A fast, shy reach to the Mountain mark followed with the larger two-man cats pulling away from the one-man cats. Alan Davis suddenly broke a trapeze wire on his Hobie 17 and tipped over. Kerry McGaw on the rescue boat assisted Alan to right his cat. He then retired from the race. Alistair Cross & Gavin Fuller on their Nacra 5.8 led the cats to the Mountain mark. The F18s all chased them down with Michael & Ross and Jason & Sam eventually getting past them. Sam Bylett & Lucy Cross tipped over on their Viper F16 out near the mountain mark. They righted the boat and set off to chase the rest of the fleet.

The ten mono-hulls took off on a fast start five minutes after the cats. They too jostled for position in the breezy conditions. Nic Kennedy on his Finn battled with Laser Full rig sailors, John Baird and Rod Baillie. The mono-hull fleet then continued around the Peninsular mark and back to the quarry mark. Plenty of fast rides were had around the course. Peter Baker capsized his Sabre and retired from the race.

After the first triangle lap and a windward / leeward sausage lap, the breeze softened dramatically and shifted to the or Nor-Nor West. This created a long slow square run back from the mountain mark on the cat's second triangle lap. This allowed the larger cats to use their spinnakers to good effect and extend their lead over the smaller cats. Randy Wieman and Errol Hanlon retired their Hobie 16 from the race and returned to the beach. After four laps, Michael & Ross created a sizable gap on the rest of the fleet and led the cats to the Finish line at the Bay mark. They were followed by the other two-man cats of Jason & Sam, Alistair & Gavin and Adam Robinson & Mars. While the breeze kept dropping to 2 to 4 knots, the one-man cats started to finish around 10 minutes after the two man cats. Tim Symons finished next followed by Barry Dennis, over 8 minutes later, Andrew Kennedy, Sam & Lucy and Ian Foster. Thor & Freya Slater and Martin Bannister failed to finish within the time limit in the dying breeze. Michael & Ross took the win on Handicap corrected times followed by Alistair & Gavin, Jason & Sam, Adam & Mars, Tim, Andrew, Barry, Ian and Sam & Lucy.

The mono-hulls suffered the same dying breeze as they completed their 3 lap course. Nic finished first, followed by John and Rod. There was a 7 minute gap to the rest of the fleet with Damian Goninan finishing next, followed by Phil Daley & Nick Kirshner, Mal McLean, Hamish Greenwood, Stephen French and Steve Osborne. The Handicap corrected times didn't change the results much with Nic taking the win from John, Rod, Mal, Damian, Phil, Hamish, Stephen F and Steve O.

The sailors gathered again at Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club on the unseasonably cold afternoon of Saturday 16th January to compete in heat seven of the 2020/21 Point-score series. John Byrne and Peter Baker manned the start boat while Sam Bylett and Lucy Cross manned the rescue boat. The sailors all headed out onto the main lake to a planned start at the Cardinal mark near Cub Island. The wind was so strong, registering over 15 knots with much stronger gusts of 26 knots plus, that several boats capsized just getting to the start. John abandoned the start and sent the fleet back to the regular course inside the islands where the breeze was more manageable.

John re-set the course and set a start line at the Quarry mark. The was still breeze blowing at around 15 knots on parts of the course and a bit less on others. Only 3 catamarans remained on the water and they started first into the still strong Westerly breeze. Alan Davis & Tim Symons led the way off the start line to the Bay mark for the first time. They battled away around the 5 lap course with the lead changing several times while the breeze did soften a bit. They zoomed around the course with lots of use of their trapezes to keep their boats upright. Thor, Freya and Hayden Slater chased the other two cats on their

Maricat, but didn't complete the whole course. Alan slipped to the front on the third triangle lap and crossed the finish line at the Bay mark only 19 seconds in front of Tim.

The eight mono-hulls started 5 minutes after the cats and battled away in the gusty breeze with many of the sailors having to recover from capsizes. The boats all zoomed around the course with lots of battles within the race. After 3 laps Nic Kennedy finally slipped to the front and crossed the finish line first only 18 seconds in front of John Baird who managed to capsize on the finish line just as the two cats came in to finish their race. They were followed by Rod Baillie, Hamish Greenwood, Damian Goninan, Steve Osborne, Stephen French and Kerry McGaw. The Yardstick corrected times gave John the win from Nic, Steve O, Rod, Hamish, Damian, Stephen F and Kerry McGaw.

Light wind Sailing on Lake Jindabyne

Story by Tim Symons, photos by John Byrne and Jake Kennedy

Lake Jindabyne lived up to its reputation for light wind on the evening of Wednesday 20th January when Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran heat 10 of the 2020/21 Twilight series. Thirteen monohulls and eight catamarans rigged up to compete while hoping that more wind would arrive. John Byrne manned the start boat as usual and Andrew & Jake Kennedy manned the rescue boat. John set a Port rounding anti-clockwise course in the very light South Easterly breeze.

The cats started first from the Bay Mark and headed to the Quarry mark for the first time. A very slow down wind square run to the Mountain mark followed. All of the sailors tried to find every zephyr of breeze while keeping movements on the boat to a minimum and keeping the boats moving through the water. The big two-man cats used their spinnakers as best they could. Adam Robinson & Mars reached the mountain mark first but, were soon passed by Michael Fearnside and Ross Tattersall on the long windward work back to the Bay mark. A slow windward / leeward sausage lap to the Quarry mark and back followed. Ian Foster suffered difficulties with his sail falling down and had to retire from the race.

Michael & Ross led the fleet to the finish line at the bay mark followed by Sam Bylett & Freya Slater. Adam & Mars finished next only 13 seconds ahead of Tim Symons. The breeze picked up slightly for the rest of the fleet with Alan Davis finishing next followed by Barry Dennis, and a bit of a gap to Martin Bannister. Tim took the win on handicap corrected times followed by Barry, Sam & Freya, Alan, Michael & Ross, Adam & Mars and Martin.

The thirteen boat mono-hull fleet was made up of eleven single handed boats including seven full rigged Lasers, two Laser radials and an International Finn. Three two-man boats, Flying Fifteen, Laser 11 and Tasar completed the fleet. They set off from the start line at the Bay mark 5 minutes after the cats and slowly made their way to the Quarry mark in the very light conditions. The battle at the front of the fleet intensified around the course between Nic Kennedy on his Finn, Phil Daley & Nick Kirshner on their Flying Fifteen and John Baird, Rod Baillie Damian Goninan and Hamish Greenwood on their Laser full rigs.

As the race continued around the two laps, Nic slipped way ahead showing all how to sail fast in super light conditions. He crossed the finish line at the Bay mark nearly 12 minutes in front. A bunch of boats finished next with Rod 3 seconds in front of John who was 6 seconds in front of Phil. Next to finish were Damian and Hamish only 3 seconds apart, Next came Mal McLean, new member Vardon Robson, Steve Osborne, Ian Ferguson, junior member Hayden Slater & his dad Thor Slater, Kerry McGaw and Duncan Higgs & Adrian Condon. Nic retained the well earned win on handicap corrected times followed by Phil & Nick, Ian, Hamish, Mal, Damian, Kerry, Steve, John, Rod, Vardon, Hayden & Thor and Duncan & Adrian.

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran heat eight of the 2020/21 Point-score series on the hot afternoon of Saturday 23rd January. John Byrne manned the start boat while Adam Robinson and Mars manned the rescue boat. A course was set on the main Lake with a buoy off East Jindabyne but a start line at the Club mark off the clubhouse lawn. The five cats started first into the fluctuating Westerly breeze. Michael Fearnside & Ross Tattersall led the cats over the start line, around the Bay mark and to the East Jindabyne mark. A triangle lap, windward leeward, sausage lap, another triangle lap and a final windward work to the Mountain mark made up the course for the cats.

The twelve monohulls followed the cats onto the main lake course and completed a triangle lap, sausage lap and a final windward leg to the Mountain mark. All of the sailors struggled with the very variable breeze which kept changing in strength and direction all over the course. The wind varied between 14 and 5 knots during the race with some holes in the breeze of next to nothing. Barry Dennis capsized his Hobie 17, recovered and chased the fleet around the course.

Michael & Ross led the cats around the course and to the finish line way in front of Tim Symons, Ian Foster, Martin Bannister and Barry Dennis. Tim took the win on yardstick corrected times from Michael & Ross and Ian. The front of the mono-hull fleet included a battle for the lead between John Baird, Sam Bylett, Mal McLean and Hamish Greenwood. Sam eventually slipped past John Bd to

cross the finish line first. Following this pair were Mal, Hamish, Phil Daley & Harriet Greville, Steve Osborne, Gote Vikstrom, Ian Ferguson, Tony Peterson, Kerry McGaw, visitor John Bran and Freya & Thor Slater on the club's Laser 11. Sam took the win on yardstick corrected times from John Bd, Steve, Mal, Hamish, Gote, Ian, Tony, Kerry, Phil & Harriet, John B and Freya.

On Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th January, the club's juniors ran a Tackers 2 Learn to Sail course for six kids who continued their journey into the great sport of sailing. Sam Bylett managed this programme while being assisted by Freya and Hayden Slater. All of the kids had a great time learning more about sailing on the club's fleet of Optimist dinghies and Lasers.

Sailors Brave the Unseasonably Cold Weather

Story by Tim Symons, photos by John Byrne and Randy Wieman

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran heat eleven of the 2020/21 Twilight series on the cold evening of Wednesday 27th January. The sailors searched for their wetsuits as they rigged the fifteen boats to compete in the race. John Byrne manned the start boat while Richard Churm and Randy Wieman manned the rescue boat and photographed the sailors. The sailors waited a bit for the wind to arrive before the start from the Club mark off the clubhouse lawn.

The six cats set off on the Port rounding course in the South-south Easterly breeze of about 3 knots. The four two-man cats started well and led the fleet with Sam Bylett and Lucy Cross on their F16 mixing it with the bigger F18 cats. Alan Davis and Tim Symons followed the bigger cats up the first windward work to the Quarry mark. A long run / reach to the Mountain mark followed. Adam Robinson & crew rounded the Mountain mark first and headed off to the Bay mark to complete the first triangle lap.

The nine mono hulls followed the cats and sailed the same first leg in the very light breeze. They rounded the Quarry mark, then headed to the Peninsular mark on their first triangle lap. Flying Fifteen sailors Phil Daley & Nick Kirshner battled at the front of the fleet with Laser full rig sailors Rod Baillie, Damian Goninan and Hamish Greenwood.

Adam led the cat fleet around the course on a windward / leeward, sausage lap between the Bay and Quarry marks with great use of his pink spinnaker. Another triangle lap followed with the cats going to the Peninsular mark this time. Alan & Tim battled away at the back of the cat fleet for single handed cat supremacy while keeping touch with the bigger cats. Adam led the cat fleet to the finish at the Bay mark followed by Michael Fearnside & Ross Tattersall, Jason Abbott & Sam Bishop, Sam & Lucy, Tim & Alan. Adam took the well-earned handicap adjusted time win from Tim, Alan, Sam & Lucy, Jason & Sam and Michael & Ross.

The breeze increased a bit during the race with gusts up to 10 knots from time to time. The sailors also had to contend with a short rain storm in the middle of the race. The mono hull fleet completed two triangles and a sausage lap too. Phil & Nick led the fleet to the finish line, 10 seconds in front of Damian and Rod Baillie another 12 seconds behind. Next to finish were Hamish, Ian Ferguson, Mal McLean, Duncan Higgs, Kerry McGaw and the Slater family, Hayden, Freya and Thor on the club's blue Corsair. Ian took his first handicap win for the season followed by Kerry, Damian, Phil & Nick, Mal, Hamish, Rod, Team Slater and Duncan.

Despite the rain and cold weather, the Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club sailors rigged their boats to race on the afternoon of Saturday 30th January. Eight catamarans competed in two races of the Foundation Cup series and six monohulls competed for the Sir William Hudson Cup. John Byrne manned the start boat while Mark Norling and Richard Churm manned the rescue boat.

The cats started first race at the Bay mark and headed off on the first leg to the cardinal mark near Cub Island into a light South Easterly breeze. Alan Davis got off to a great start in the light breeze and was chased by the fleet. The breeze shifted around in direction and strength as the cats made their way around the 4 lap course. The bigger two-man cats slipped to the front of the fleet. Michael Fearnside and Ross Tattersall on their F18 led the way around the course while Alistair & Alexi Cross on their Nacra 5.8 battled with Sam Bylett & Lucy Cross on their F16 Viper. Alan Davis and Tim Symons raced against each other while being chased by Barry Dennis, Martin Bannister and Randy Wieman & Erol Hanlon.

Michael & Ross crossed the finish line at the cardinal mark first followed by, Sam & Lucy, Alistair & Alexi, Alan, Tim, Barry, Randy & Erol and Martin. Michael & Ross took the yardstick corrected times win followed by Alan, Tim, Barry, Sam & Lucy, Randy & Erol, Alistair & Alexi and Martin.

The monohull fleet started 5 minutes after the cats with a North Westerly following breeze. They completed a two lap course while the breeze fluctuated from 7 to 15 knots in strength and shifted around in direction. After over an hour of racing, Nic Kennedy led the monohull fleet to the finish line at the cardinal mark. He was followed by John Baird, Phil Daley & Harriet Greville, Hamish

Greenwood, Damian Goninan, Steve Osborne, Kerry McGaw and Duncan Higgs. Nic kept the win on yardstick corrected times followed by John, Hamish, Damian, Phil & Harriet, Steve, Kerry and Duncan.

John set a new windward ./ leeward course for race two with a start line at the Cardinal mark which was now the leeward mark. Mark and Richard on the rescue boat set a new mark in front of the Peninsular mark as the Winward mark for the monohull fleet. The cats used the Peninsular mark as their windward mark.

The eight cats set off into the gusty 5 to 12 knot North Easterly breeze. They completed 3 laps of the course and finished back at the Cardinal mark. The breeze varied all over the course with some of the boats struggling in next to no breeze on the final lap. Michael & Ross led the cats to the finish line again. They were followed by Sam & Lucy, Alistair & Alexi, Barney, Tim, Randy & Erol, Barry and Martin. The yardstick corrected times left the results the same with Michael & Ross taking the win.

The monohull fleet completed a shorter two lap course in the same variable breeze. Phil & Harriet and Duncan didn't complete in the second race. Nic Kennedy led the fleet to the finish line, closely followed by John Baird. They were followed by Hamish, Damian, Kerry and Steve. The yardstick corrected times gave John the win from Nic, Kerry, Hamish, Damian, and Steve.