

Local Sailors Succeed at Wallagoot Lake Regatta

Story by Tim Symons, photos by John Byrne and Adrian

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club started the last month of the 2020/21 Sailing Season with heat sixteen of the Twilight series on Wednesday 3rd March. The sailors rigged nine monohulls and six catamarans to compete in the race. John Byrne manned the start boat while Jason Abbott and Adrian manned the rescue boat. An unusual course was set in the 8 to 10 knot South-south Easterly breeze with the start at the Peninsular mark.

As the cats lined up for their start, the breeze shifted more to the South East. This caused all of the sailors to start on Port tack at the favoured buoy end of the line. Five minutes later, the monohulls started into the more Southerly breeze with a mixture of starboard and port tack starters along the long start line.

The cats zoomed off on the first windward leg to the Quarry mark. Alan Davis on his Hobie 17 reached the mark first closely followed by Adam Robinson & Vardon Robson on their Capricorn F18 and Tim Symons on his Nacra. Adam & Vardon managed to catch the buoy's anchor rope with a centreboard which caused them to hit the mark. They quickly got untangled and raced off to the Bay mark with their red spinnaker flying. They caught up with Alan but had to complete a penalty turn after rounding the mark. The cats then completed their first triangle lap with a reach back to the Peninsular mark.

Close battles ensued in the monohulls race too with the Laser full rig sailors John Baird, Mal McLean, Stephen French and Tony Petersen mixing it with Phil Daley & Harriet Greville on their Flying Fifteen. The different course challenged the sailors as they completed a triangle lap, a windward / leeward sausage lap between the Peninsular and Quarry marks and two sides of the next triangle with the finish line set at the Bay mark.

Adam & Vardon led the cats around the course while building a good lead on Alan. Tim chased them while being chased by Barry Dennis, Andrew Kennedy and Randy Wieman & Errol Hanlon. Adam & Vardon finished first followed by Alan and Tim. Andrew and Barry had a great closed race ending in a sprint to the finish with Andrew just slipping past Barry by 1 second. Randy & Errol completed the fleet. The handicap corrected times win went to Alan followed by Adam & Vardon, Tim, Andrew, Randy & Errol and Barry.

In the monohull race, Ross Lawley retired without completing the course. John led the fleet to the finish line followed by Mal McLean, Phil & Harriet, Tony, Steve Osborne, Ian Ferguson, Stephen F and Kerry McGaw. Mal took his second handicap win of the season followed by Tony, Ian, Phil & Harriet, John, Kerry, Steve O and Steven F only 2 seconds apart.

A Bunch of Lake Jindabyne sailors took their boats down to the Wallagoot Lake Boat Club to compete in their annual regatta on 6th and 7th March. They were rewarded with two days of steady coastal breezes and great racing.

The regatta consisted of three races on Saturday and two races on Sunday. The first race was run in a medium strength South Easterly breeze of up to 10 knots. The breeze moved more Easterly for the two afternoon races and increased to 12 to 14 knots. The Sunday races were run in an increasing North Easterly breeze of around 15 to 20 knots.

The sailors all enjoyed the tight racing and strong winds. Freya & Thor Slater sailed their sloop rigged Maricat 4.3 in the National Championships which were held at this regatta. Alan Davis and Andrew Kennedy joined two fellow Hobie 17 sailors from Canberra. Sam Bylett & Lucy Cross sailed their Viper F16 with Nacra sailors Alistair Cross & Cath Bylett and Tim Symons also sailed in the big cats division. Steve Osborne and Kerry McGaw sailed their Laser radials in the small monohulls division too.

Freya was awarded with the Maricat catamaran class Ladies Legend trophy plus a second place in the sloop rigged division. Steve won the small monohulls division and Kerry came third. Alan came

third in the big cats division. These great results saw the interclub trophy between Wallagoot Lake Boat Club and Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club return to Lake Jindabyne.

Keen Sailors Enjoy Two Windy Races

Story by Tim Symons, photos by John Byrne and Lucas Blackmore-Lee

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran heat seventeen of the 2020/21 Twilight series on the evening of Wednesday 10th March. Eight monohulls and nine catamarans rigged to compete in the race while John Byrne manned the start boat and Terry Lee & Lucas Blackmore-Lee manned the rescue boat.

John set a start line at the Bay mark and a Port rounding course in the East South Easterly breeze. He decided to have the cats sail the same triangle lap as the monohulls using the Peninsular mark as the breeze was expected to drop. The cats started in a solid 12 to 14 knot breeze which increased to around 18 knots during the first half of the race, then dropped to around 5 knots towards the end of the race.

The two-man cats of Adam Robinson & Vardon Robson and Alistair Cross & Thor Slater zoomed off from the start and were chased by the single-handed cats of Alan Davis, Andrew Kennedy, Ian Foster, Barry Dennis and Tim Symons. Freya & Hayden Slater and Doug & Lara Paterson completed the cat fleet. This race was Lara's first full race on her Dad's Hobie 18.

Adam & Vardon capsized their Capricorn F18 on the reach to the Peninsular mark. Alistair & Thor then zoomed into the lead and headed out to the Mountain mark rather than the Peninsular mark Tim started to follow, then changed course to follow Alan around the peninsular mark and back to the Bay mark. Adam & Vardon stopped at Lion Island to fix some gear issues, then continued to chase the fleet. The wind was gusty and some of the cats had difficulty completing their tacks.

The monohull fleet started 5 minutes after the cats and battled the strong and gusty breeze as well as each other. The Laser full rig sailors, John Baird, Rod Baillie and Mal McLean slipped to the front of the fleet. They were chased by Phil Daley & Nick Kirshner on their Flying Fifteen and Laser Radial sailors Steve Osborne and Kerry McGaw. Duncan Higgs on a club Laser and Peter Baker on his Sabre completed the fleet.

The cats and the monohulls completed a three-lap course of two triangles and a sausage lap. Ian Foster retired from the race with a broken tiller and Peter Baker didn't complete the course. Alan led the cats to the finish line at the Bay mark followed by Tim, Alistair & Thor, Andrew, Barry, Adam & Vardon, Doug & Lara and Freya & Hayden. Alan took the handicap corrected times win from Tim, Andrew, Alistair & Thor, Barry, Freya & Hayden, Doug & Lara and Adam & Vardon.

John led the monohulls to the finish line followed by Rod, Mal, Phil & Nick, Steve, Kerry and Duncan. The handicap corrected times didn't change the results by much with John taking the win from Rod, Mal, Kerry, Steve, Phil & Nick and Duncan.

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club's Junior Sailing Committee ran a funds raising event on the evening of 12th March with about 30 kids attending. They raised funds to put towards purchasing a replacement Optimist dingy for the club's training fleet.

The Sailing Club ran its annual Marathon race on Saturday 13th March. John Byrne manned the start boat with Richard Churm and Mark Norling on the rescue boat. A mixed fleet of twelve monohulls and cats competed in the race. The course started off the clubhouse and took the sailors up the lake to a buoy off Hiawatha Point, then back around all of the islands to the club.

Though a 9 knot West North Westerly was forecast, the sailors started the race in a steady 20 knot breeze with gust to 26 knots. The strong wind lasted for over half of the race and decreased towards the end. The strong breeze suited the cats in the mixed fleet with Sam Bylett & Lucy cross zooming off from the start on their Viper F16. They suffered rudder damage and had to retire from the race after leading the fleet by a large margin. Peter Baker decided not to race after sailing to the start line. Duncan Higgs, sailing a club laser, retired from the race and was towed back by the rescue boat.

After a long course completed in about an hour to an hour and a half, Alan Davis led the fleet to the finish line followed by Alistair & Alexi Cross who struggled with a broken jib sheet on their Nacra 5.8. They were followed by two more cat sailors, Andrew Kennedy and Doug Paterson & Greg Madeya.

Laser sailors Rod Baillie and Steve Osborne finished next, followed by Freya & Hayden Slater, Stephen French and Thor Slater. Freya and Hayden sailed a sloop rigged Maricat 4.3 while Thor sailed a cat rigged Maricat 4.3.

Wet and Cold Sailing on Lake Jindabyne

Story by Tim Symons, photos by Stephen French and Richard Churm

On 17th March 2021 Team New Zealand successfully defended the Americas Cup in Auckland and Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran heat eighteen of the 2020/21 Twilight series. John Byrne maned the start boat while Alan Davis and Stephen French assisted on the rescue boat. Ten monohulls and eight catamarans rigged up to compete despite the cold and inclement weather. John set a Starboard rounding course in the 7 to 12 knot North Easterly breeze with a start line at the Bay mark.

After a great start, Alistair Cross & Gavin Fuller on their Nacra 5.8 led the fleet on the long windward work to the Mountain mark. The two Capricorn F18s gave chase and eventually caught them near the mark. A long square run leg to the Quarry mark followed. Jason Abbott & Sam Bishop retired from the race with a broken spinnaker halyard and returned their F18 back to the beach. Adam Robinson & Vardon Robson stretched their lead on the fleet with good use of their red spinnaker.

The cat's completed the triangle lap and a sausage lap between the Bay and Peninsular marks. Adam & Vardon led the fleet to the finish line at the Bay mark followed by Alistair & Gavin and the single-handed cats of Tim Symons, Barry Dennis and Andrew Kennedy. Then Freya & Haden Slater on their Maricat 4.3 sloop finished 7 seconds ahead of Thor Slater on his cat rigged Maricat 4.3. Alistair & Gavin took the handicap corrected times win from Adam & Vardon, Andrew, Barry, Tim, Freya & Hayden and Thor.

The monohulls had a close start with a bunch of sailors parked on the line ready to go when the hooter sounded. The fleet sailed a windward leg to the Peninsular mark to start their triangle lap. They followed this lap with a sausage lap like the cats. Phil Daley & Harriett Greville sailed their Flying Fifteen to the front of the monohulls. The usual gaggle of Lasers gave chase. After bailing out his Sabre as well as sailing it, Peter Baker retired from the race and returned to the beach.

Phil and Harriet led the monohull fleet to the finish line at the Bay mark followed by John Baird and Rod Baillie. Three Lasers finished next with only 1 second between each of Mal McLean, Steve Osborne and Tony Petersen. Terry Lee & Lucas Blackmore-Lee finished next followed by Kerry McGaw and Duncan Higgs. The Handicap corrected times gave Phil & Harriet the win from John, Steve, Kerry & Lucas, Kerry, Rod, Tony, Mal and Duncan.

The final two Trophy races of the 2020/21 sailing season were run by Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club on the rainy afternoon of Saturday 20th March. Ross Lawley manned the Start boat assisted by Mark Norling and Richard Churm on the rescue boat. A Port rounding course on the main lake was set in the light 4 to 7 knot South Easterly breeze and drizzly rain with the start line at the Peninsular mark. Mark & Richard set a big orange windward mark near Cub Island.

The five cats set off first with the two man cats of Sam Bylett & Lucy Cross and Alistair & Alexi Cross slipping to the lead while the one man cats of Alan Davis and Tim Symons battled with each other and Freya & Thor Slater completed the fleet. As the only boat with a spinnaker, Sam & Lucy zoomed away on the downwind legs. After sailing a triangle lap and a sausage windward / leeward lap, Sam & Lucy led the fleet to the finish line at the Peninsular mark. They were followed by Alistair & Alexi, Tim & Alan, close behind and Freya & Thor. The yardstick corrected times gave Sam & Lucy the win from Tim, Alan, Alistair & Alexi and Freya & Thor.

The five strong monohull fleet started 5 minutes after the cats and sailed the same two lap course. The Laser full rig sailors of John Baird, Rod Baillie and Mal McLean battled for the lead while Kerry McGaw and Duncan Higgs & stand in crew Peter Baker completed the fleet. John finished first followed by Rod, Mal, Kerry and Duncan & Peter. The yardstick corrected times left the result the same.

Ross set a new course for the second race of the day with a start line at Mountain mark. Mark & Richard moved the orange buoy a bit closer to the Cardinal mark for the Port rounding windward / leeward course. Alan Davis led the cats away from the start followed by Sam & Lucy, Alistair & Alexi, Tim and Freya & Thor. After sailing five legs, the fleet finished at the windward orange buoy. Sam & Lucy eventually passed Alan and finished first. They were followed by Alan, Tim, Alistair & Alexi and

Freya & Thor. Alan and Freya & Thor tied for first place on yardstick corrected times followed by Tim, Sam & Lucy and Alistair & Alexi.

The monohull fleet sailed the same windward / leeward course as the cats. John finished first followed by Rod, Mal, Duncan & Peter and Kerry. The yardstick corrected times only changed the results slightly with John taking the win from Rod, Mal, Kerry and Duncan.

Weekend Sailing Races Come to an Anti-climax End

Story and photos by Tim Symons

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran the penultimate race 19 of the 2020/21 Twilight series on the evening of Wednesday 24th March. Tim Symons and Ross Lawley manned the start boat while Peter Baker and Mark Norling manned the rescue boat. While rigging and sailing to the start line, the sailors were battered by a very strong West North Westerly wind which was estimated to reach 30 knots. Tim & Ross delayed the start to allow the wind to decrease a bit.

The four catamarans started first from the start line at the Club mark and headed to the Bay mark on the Starboard rounding course. Alistair & Lucy Cross rounded the Bay mark first and received a big gust to take them to the Peninsular mark. Adam Robinson & Vardon Robson chased them down in the same gust while Alan Davis and Andrew Kennedy struggled to round the Bay mark in next to no breeze.

The catamaran fleet chased Adam & Vardon around the triangle, sausage, triangle, sausage course. The wind dropped and shifted in direction towards the end of the race. Andrew retired from the race with a lap o go. Adam and Vardon crossed the finish line about 11 and a half minutes in front of Alistair & Lucy and Alan. The handicap corrected times didn't change the result.

The six boat mono hull fleet started 5 minutes after the catamarans and enjoyed some wild rides in the gusty conditions. After sailing a triangle, sausage triangle course, the fleet slowly sailed to the finish line at the Bay mark in the decreasing breeze. John Baird crossed the finish line first followed by Rod Baillie, Phil Daly & Nick Kirshner, Mal McLean, Steve Osborne and Kerry McGaw. Rod took the win on handicap corrected times followed by Phil & Nick, John, Steve, Mal and Kerry.

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran the final race, twelve, of the 2020/21 point-score series on the rainy afternoon of Saturday 27th March. John Byrne manned the start boat with John Russell and Richard Churm on the rescue boat. A start line was set in the middle of the course, then moved in the shifting North Westerly breeze to the Cardinal mark.

Six cats started the race at the Cardinal mark on the main lake and headed for the Mountain mark on their first triangle lap. Adam & Vardon were late for the start and had to chase the fleet. The first lap enjoyed a medium strength breeze with Alistair Cross and Cath Bylett taking the lead followed by the single-handed cats of Sam Bylett, Tim Symons and Andrew Kennedy. Freya and Thor Slater sailed a Maricat each and battled with each other around the course.

Seven monohulls started after the cats. John Baird took to the lead of the fleet followed by Mal McLean, Phil Daley & Harriet Greville, Kerry McGaw, Rod Miller & Duncan Higgs, Ross Lawley and Peter Baker.

After completing the triangle lap, John changed the course as a result of a major shift in the breeze, sending the sailors back to the Peninsular mark after reaching the Cardinal mark. After sailing through a rainstorm, the sailors then suffered a complete loss of wind. After waiting a half hour or so for the wind to reappear, John had no choice but to stop the race. Several boats received a tow from the start and rescue boats to return to the beach after a disappointing non-race.

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club Wraps up the 2020/21 Sailing Season

Story by Tim Symons, photos by Richard Churm and Thor Slater

The 2020/21 Sailing Season finished at Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club with race 20 of the Twilight series on the warm and sunny evening of Wednesday 31st March 21. John Byrne and Richard Churm manned the start boat and set a windward / leeward course between the Peninsular and Quarry marks in the very light South Easterly breeze. Thor and Elizabeth Slater assisted on the rescue boat, watching over the 20 boats which competed in the race.

The eight catamarans started first with most starting at the buoy end of the line on Port tack. Alan Davis, Tim Symons and Barry Dennis started with right of way on Starboard tack but didn't gain a great advantage on the others. By the time the cats reached the Quarry mark, Jason Abbott and stand in crew, Vardon Robson, were in the lead followed by Alan and Tim. A return square run leg to the Peninsular mark was followed by a final windward leg to the finish line at the Quarry mark.

Jason & Vardon steadily increased their lead and finished first. Alan finished next closely followed by Tim and Andrew Kennedy after a tight battle between them. Freya & Hayden Slater finished next followed by Barry Dennis, Martin Bannister and Randy Wieman & Errol Hanlon. Jason and Vardon took the Handicap corrected times win from Andrew, Tim, Freya & Hayden, Alan, Barry, Martin and Randy & Errol.

The twelve strong monohull fleet started 5 minutes after the cats with most of the boats starting on Port tack. Laser full rig sailors John Baird Damian Goninan, Rod Baillie, Mal McLean and Ian Ferguson battled for the lead along with Rod Miller sailing his Tasar single handed and Phil Daley and Nick Kirshner on their Flying Fifteen. Laser radial rig sailors Steve Osborne, Kerry McGaw and Gote Vikstrom held their own battle in the race, with Peter Baker and Gorge Mohay completing the fleet.

After sailing the same three legs as the cats, the monohulls finished at the Quarry mark in the dying breeze. John Baird finished first followed by Rod M, Damian, Phil & Nick, Ian, Gote, Rod B, 3 seconds to Mal, 8 seconds to Steve, Kerry, Peter and George. Ian finished the season with a handicap corrected times win. He was followed by Damian, Rod M, Gote, John, Kerry, Steve, Mal, Phil & Nick, Rod B, Peter and George.

Now that the 2020/21 Sailing Season is over, the Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club members are looking forward to the club's Presentation night on 17th April especially as last year's Presentation Night was cancelled due to Covid restrictions.

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club Celebrates a Successful Sailing Season

Story by Tim Symons, photos by Richard Churm

The 2020/21 Sailing Season was celebrated with Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club's Presentation night held at the Banjo Paterson Hotel on the evening of Saturday 17th April. Club Commodore, Alan (Barney) Davis welcomed the members and started the proceedings with the handing out of the 2019/20 season's prizes and trophies which had been held over from the previous year's cancelled event.

Alistair Cross and his team of instructors were thanked for their hard work introducing more junior sailors to the great sport of sailing. The team was led by Sam Bylett and included Freya Slater, Lucy Cross, Alexi Cross, Hamish Greenwood, Hayden Slater and Harriet Greville.

The seasons results were awarded.

All of the various series run during the season were competed by two divisions. Division 1 for monohull boats and Division 2 for catamarans.

The club's premier series each season is the Twilight series held on Wednesday evenings. Throughout the season 25 boats competed in the Division 1 series and 16 in Division 2.

Division 1: 1st John Baird; 2nd Steve Osborne; 3rd Phil Daley and crews Nick Kirshner or Harriet Greville.

Division 2: 1st Alan Davis; 2nd Adam Robinson and crews Dario Mofardin or Vardon Robson; 3rd Tim Symons.

Three major series were run on Saturday afternoons.

Point-score series:

Division 1: 1st John Baird; 2nd Steve Osborne; 3rd Damian Goninan.

Division 2: 1st Tim Symons; 2nd Michael Fearnside and Ross Tattersall; 3rd Alan Davis.

Sir William Hudson series for Division 1: 1st John Baird; Nic Kennedy; Rod Baillie.

Foundation Cup series for Division 2: 1st Alan Davis; 2nd Tim Symons; 3rd Alistair and Alexi Cross.

Annual Marathon winners: Division 1: Rod Baillie, Division 2: Alan Davis.

The Club Champion for the season was awarded after a complex calculation of all results over the whole season. This was a close affair with the final race of the season splitting first and second. John Baird was awarded the Club champion trophy by only 1 point from Alan Davis with Tim Symons third.

Two long time members and former Commodores, Gote Vikstrom and Phil Daley were thanked for their continuous involvement and contributions to the club over many years. They were rewarded with life memberships of Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club. Gote and Phil joined the club in the early 1980s and sailed various boats over the years, often with their wives and family members. Fairly recently, Gote represented LJSC at a Laser regatta in Sweden and both have their names many times on the club's honour boards and perpetual trophies.

A special award for the "Most Versatile Sailors" was presented to Thor, Freya and Hayden Slater who sailed six different classes of boats, monohulls and cats, during the season.

The members enjoyed a great evening celebrating the sailing season and reviewing the piles of photos and slideshow prepared by John Byrne. The 2021/22 Sailing season will commence in November 2021 with several members planning to compete in new boats.