

Sailors Brave Unseasonably Cold conditions

A sudden drop in summer temperatures on Wednesday 2nd February had the sailors reaching for their wetsuits as they rigged 19 boats to compete in heat 12 of Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club 2021-22 Twilight series. The breeze was a steady Southerly of around 12 to 14 knots. John Byrne manned the start boat and set a Port rounding course with a start line at the Club mark while Doug Paterson and Rod Baillie manned the rescue boat.

The cats zoomed off the start line heading for the Quarry, then Mountain marks on their first triangle lap. The cat sailors quickly made use of their trapezes to keep their boats flat and fast. Jason Abbott & Sam Bishop on their Capricorn F18 led the fleet around the course. They were pursued by Alan Davis and Alistair Cross & Gavin Fuller on their Nacras.

After sailing a four lap course of two triangles and two sausage, windward / leeward, laps Jason and Sam crossed the finish line at the Bay mark first. Andrew and Tori Rae retired their Hobie 16 from the race as did Wayne Ryan on his Nacra. After a great battle, Alistair & Gavin passed Alan and finished next, followed by Alan, Adam Robinson and Tim Symons. Tim took the handicap corrected times win by 2 seconds from Adam who was 2 seconds ahead of Alistair, Alan and Jason & Sam.

Twelve boats contested the Division 1 monohulls race. The usual battle ensued at the front of the fleet between Finn sailor Nic Kennedy and Laser sailors John Baird, Hamish Greenwood and Mal McLean. The monohull fleet sailed a four lap course with the triangle lap including the Peninsular mark. John and Kim Kleven raced their green Fling Fifteen for the first time, but didn't complete the course they joined Peter Baker as retirees from the race.

Nic slipped to the lead and finished first. He was followed by John, Hamish, Mal, Terry Lee & Lucas Blackmore-Lee, Steve Osborne, Kerry McGaw, Damien Goninan, Duncan Higgs and Rod & Cheryl Miller. The handicap corrected times gave Terry & Lucas the win from Hamish, Kerry, Steve, Nic, Duncan, Damien, Mal and Rod & Cheryl.

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran heat nine of the 2021/22 point-score series on the cloudy afternoon of Sunday 6th February. Terry Lee and Lucas Blackmore-Lee manned the start boat and set a start line at the Peninsular mark for the port rounding course. Alistair Cross and Vicki Mattiazzo manned the rescue boat. The breeze varied during the race from 6 knots to 14 knots.

After a half an hour delay while Terry emptied water out of the Start Boat, the six catamarans started first and zoomed off from the Peninsular mark to the East Jindabyne mark on their first triangle lap. Alan Davis made his usual good start and led the fleet around the course. He was chased by Doug Paterson, Adam Robinson and Tim Symons. All sailing Nacra 16 Squares single handed cats. Nigel & Chelsea Rae on their Hobie 18 and Andrew & Rebecca Rae on their Hobie 16 made up the fleet.

After over an hour's race around two triangle laps and two sausage laps, Alan led the cats to the finish line at the Peninsular mark followed by Tim, Adam, Doug, Nigel and Andrew. The yardstick corrected times only changed the results slightly with Alan taking the win from Tim, Doug, Adam, Nigel and Andrew.

Six boats competed in the Division 1 race. The fleet was made up of three Lasers, two flying Fifteens and an Elliott Trailable Yacht. Three of the club's usual fleet of Lasers, John Baird, Steve Osborne and Kerry McGaw, were away competing in the NSW Laser Masters Championships at Port Stephens.

The mono-hull fleet completed a three lap course of two triangle laps and a sausage lap. Nic & Jenny Kennedy sailed most of the course, but didn't complete the race on their Elliott Trailable Yacht. Phil Daley and Harriet Greville led the fleet around the course and to the finish line. They were followed by Stephen French 4 seconds in front of John & Kim Kleven, Hamish Greenwood and Barry Dennis. Stephen took the yardstick corrected times win by 3 seconds from Phil & Harriet, Hamish, John & Kim and Barry.

The Wind Tricks the Sailors

As the afternoon warmed up on Wednesday 9th February, Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran heat thirteen of the 2021/22 Twilight series. John Baird manned the start boat assisted by Suzie Green while Jason Abbott and Sam Bishop manned the rescue boat.

A very light North Westerly breeze of around 3 knots was blowing and John set a Port rounding course starting at the Quarry mark. But the wind swung around to the West-Nor-West during the Division 2's 5 minute starting sequence. This caused all of the seven catamarans to start on port tack and hold that tack all the way to the far-off Mountain mark rather than the planned windward leg with lots of tacks. Alistair Cross & Gavin Fuller on their Nacra 5.8 misjudged the start time crossing the line early and having to re-start and chase the fleet

The four Nacra 16 squares of Alan Davis, Adam Robinson, Doug Paterson and Tim Symons led the fleet on this first leg. Tim slipped to the front and rounded the Mountain mark first. He was slowly caught and passed by Alan and Adam on the long return leg to the Bay mark. The Nacras all needed an extra two tacks to reach the Bay mark, while Thor and Freya Slater on their Capricorn F18 didn't. This allowed them to slip past into the lead for the final leg of the single triangle lap course from the Bay mark to the Finish at the Quarry mark.

Andrew & Rebecca Rae retired their Hobie 16 and didn't complete the course. Thor & Freya finished the shortened course first followed by Alan, Adam, Tim, Alistair & Gavin and Doug. Alan took the handicap corrected times win by 2 seconds from Thor and Freya, Adam, Tim, Doug and Alistair.

Thirteen boats contested the Division 1 race. They completed a triangle lap from the Quarry mark to the peninsular and Bay marks and back to the quarry mark plus a windward / leeward lap to the Peninsular mark and back to the finish line at the Quarry mark.

As usual, a battle ensued at the front of the pack with Nic Kennedy on his Finn, Laser sailors Rod Baillie, Dave Rubin, and Hamish Greenwood and Phil Daley & Nick Kirshner on their Flying Fifteen. New member Connor Nelson sailed a club laser, but didn't compete in the race. Rod led the fleet to the finish line followed by Nic, Dave, Hamish, Phil & Nick, Mark Baker, Mal McLean, Steve Osborne, Terry Lee & Lucas Blackmore-Lee, John & Kim Kleven, Barry Dennis, Duncan Higgs & Zoe and Rod & Cheryl Miller. Rod took a well-earned win on handicap corrected times followed by Hamish and Mark who shared second place with the exactly the same corrected times. Then came Dave, Mal, Nic, Phil, Duncan, Steve, Terry, Barry, Rod and John K.

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran heat ten of the 2021/22 Point-score series on the sunny and hot afternoon of Sunday 13th February. John Byrne manned the start boat while Adam Robinson and Mark Baker manned the rescue boat. After over a half hour's wait for the breeze to settle, John sent the cats off on a port rounding windward / leeward course from the Peninsular mark to a mark near Cub Island and back to the Peninsular mark.

The four cats slowly progressed up the course in the extremely light zero to 3 knot East-South-Easterly breeze. At the end of the first leg, the breeze shifted 180 degrees so that the cats had to sail another windward work to the finish at the Peninsular mark. After a long struggle Alistair & Lucy Cross led the cats to the finish line followed by Alan Davis, Doug Paterson and Tim Symons. Alan took the yardstick corrected times win from Doug, Alistair & Tim.

Twelve boats contested the Division 1 monohulls race. They chased the cats around the same course. Eventually Nic Kennedy crossed the finish line first just 2 seconds in front of Stephen French, John Baird, Rod Baillie, John Kleven, Mal Mclean, Dave Rubin, Steve Osborne, Terry Lee & Lucas Blackmore Lee, Duncan Higgs & Zoe, Kerry McGaw and Jason Frost. The yardstick corrected times only changed the results slightly with Stephen F taking the win from John Bd, Rod B, Nic, Mal, Dave, Steve O, John K, Kerry, Duncan, Terry and Jason.

Large Wednesday Fleets on Lake Jindabyne

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran heat thirteen of the 2021-22 twilight series on the warm evening of Wednesday 16th February. 21 boats rigged to compete in the variable South Westerly breeze of around 7 to 8 knots. John Byrne and assistant Duncan Higgs manned the start boat while Ross Tattersall and Richard Churm manned the rescue boat.

Nine catamarans competed in Division 2. They all started on Port tack with a lot of jostling near the buoy end of the Club mark start line. Alan Davis and Alistair Cross had a coming together just before the start resulting in a penalty turn for Alistair. The fleet zoomed off on the short leg from the start line to the Bay mark. A long downwind leg to the Mountain mark followed. Thor & Freya Slater led the fleet on these legs and steadily increased their lead around the large triangle lap.

After sailing a single triangle lap, Thor & Freya led the cats to the finish line at the Bay mark followed by Alistair Cross & Gavin Fuller, Alan Davis, Jason Abbott & Sam Bishop, Adam Robinson, Doug Paterson, Nigel & Chelsea Rae, Tim Symons and Andrew & Tori Rae. Thor & Freya took the handicap corrected times win followed by Doug, Nigel & Chelsea, Alistair & Gavin, Adam, Alan, Tim, Andrew & Tori and Jason & Sam.

Twelve monohulls competed in the Division 1 race. They completed a single triangle lap around the Bay, Peninsular and Quarry marks. Rod Baillie led the fleet to the finish line followed by Hamish Greenwood, Mal McLean, John Baird, Phil Daley & Nick Kirshner, Stephen French, Steve Osborne, Kerry McGaw, Damien Goninan, Terry Lee & Lucas Blackmore-Lee, Rod & Cheryl Miller and Connor Nelson. Steve O took the handicap corrected times win from Mal, Stephen F, Hamish, Rod & Cheryl, Terry & Lucas, Kerry, Rod, John, Damien, Phil & Nick and Connor.

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran heat eleven of the 2021-22 Point-score series on the afternoon of Sunday 20th February. The sailors were greeted by a very windy afternoon on Lake Jindabyne. The strong North Westerly wind was around 20 knots with gusts to 30 knots and the surface of the lake was covered with breaking waves. Phil Daley and Harriet Greville manned the start boat and waited for about half an hour for the wind to abate a bit. It didn't. Dave Callaghan manned the rescue boat.

Only three Nacra catamarans made it to the start line at the Quarry mark for the Division 2 race. They zoomed around the course in the strong breeze which did drop throughout the race. Tim Symons led the cats around the five lap course and to the finish line at the Quarry mark. He was followed by Doug Paterson who had to recover from a capsize near the end of the race. Wayne Ryan didn't complete the course. The yardstick corrected times results remained the same.

Nine monohulls competed in the Division 1 race. They also zoomed around the course with some sailors having to recover from capsizes. Terry Lee and Lucas Blackmore-Lee didn't complete the course on their 470 Dinghy. After some wild rides and lots of planning around the four lap course, John Baird led the fleet to the finish line. He was followed by Hamish Greenwood, Stephen French, Mal McLean, Dave Rubin, Damien Goninan, Kerry McGaw and Steve Osborne. The yardstick corrected times results remained the same.

More Light Wind Races

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran heat fifteen of the 2021-22 Twilight series on the evening of Wednesday 23rd February. Despite the rain just before the race start, Michael Fearnside and Ross Lawley started the races on time from the start boat while Andrew Kennedy manned the rescue boat. The rain held off for the duration of the race. A Starboard rounding course was set in the extremely light Northerly breeze of less than 5 knots with a start line at the Bay mark.

The seven catamarans of Division 2 started first on a long windward work to the far-off Mountain mark which was mainly a very long Starboard tack and a short Port tack or two. The light breeze made the going very slow with most of the fleet taking to the left side of the course and some to the right. Thor and Freya Slater found a bit more breeze on the right and rounded the Mountain mark first. They were followed by Alistair Cross & Gavin Fuller and the Nacra 6 squares of Doug Paterson, Alan Davis, Tim Symons, Adam Robinson and Wayne Ryan.

Michael shortened the course to a single triangle lap and set a finish line at the Bay mark. After over an hour of painfully slow sailing, Thor & Freya finished first almost 10 minutes ahead of Alistair & Gavin, Alan, Adam, Tim, Doug and Wayne. Thor & Freya took the handicap corrected times win from Alistair, Doug, Adam, Tim, Alan and Wayne.

Nine monohulls competed in the Division 2 race. They also completed a shortened, one triangle lap course around the Bay, Peninsular and Quarry marks. Despite the slow going, the fleet completed a very close race of around 50 minutes with all nine boats finishing over only 3 minutes.

Damien Goninan led the fleet to the finish line at the Bay mark and finished first. He was followed by Rod Baillie, John Baird, Mal Mclean only 1 second in front of Steve Osborne and Kerry McGaw who finished together. Then came John & Kim Kleven 8 seconds in front of the other Flying Fifteen of Phil Daley & Nick Kirshner and Terry Lee & Lucas Blackmore-Lee on their 470. Damien took the handicap corrected times win from Kerry, Terry & Lucas, John, Steve, Rod, Phil & Nick, Mal and John K & Kim K.

The sailing club's next races were scheduled for the afternoon of Sunday 27th February. John Byrne and Duncan Higgs manned the start boat while Richard Churm and Mark Norling manned the rescue boat. The wind decided not to cooperate making the sailors wait for over an hour and a half from the scheduled start time before a race could be started. Eventually a very light South-south easterly breeze settled across the main lake race area.

Four Division 2 catamarans competed in races seven and eight of the 2021-22 Sir William Hudson Trophy series. Race seven was a two lap windward / leeward course between the Peninsular mark and a mark set near Cub Island. After a slow progression around the course, Thor, Freya & Hayden Slater finished first followed by Doug Paterson, Tim Symons and Adam Robinson & his dog. The yardstick corrected times gave Doug the win from Tim, Adam and Team Slater.

Race eight involved triangle lap plus a windward / leeward lap. Again, Team Slater led the fleet around the course and finished first followed by Adam, Doug and Tim. Adam took the yardstick corrected times win from Doug, Team Slater and Tim.

The Division 1 monohulls competed in races seven and eight of the 2021-22 Foundation Cup Trophy series. Eight boats started race seven in the same extremely light South-south Easterly breeze as the cats and completed the same two lap course. Mal McLean led the fleet to the finish line followed by John Baird, Sam Bishop and Family on their new RS 400 1 second in front of Kerry McGaw, Stephen French, John & Kim Kleven, Jo Wight and Peter Baker. The yardstick corrected times didn't change much with Mal taking the win from John, Kerry, Stephen, Sam, John K, Jo and Peter.

Race eight was sailed over the same two lap course as the cats. Only five monohulls competed in this race. John led the fleet to the finish line followed by Mal, Kerry, Stephen and John K. The yardstick corrected times left the results unchanged.