

First Race for 2022

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club recommenced the sailing season with a special Stern Chaser race on the hot and Sunny afternoon of 2nd January 2022. This race involved a staggered start rather than the usual group start by division. The boats started from the slowest to the fastest according to their Australian Sailing Yardsticks. John Byrne manned the start boat while Steve Osborne manned the rescue boat.

The eleven boat Division 1, monohull, fleet consisted of six Lasers, two Sabres, two Tasars and Ian Ferguson sailing his Enterprise for the first time. The eight boat catamaran, Division 2, fleet consisted of regular sailors and some new members. The fleet included three Nacras, two, Hobie 17s, a Hobie 16 and a Capricorn F18.

The Windward / Leeward course was set between the Mountain mark and the Peninsular mark with a Start line in the middle. The start was beset with very light wind with many boats struggling to cross the line at their allotted start time. The wind then picked up after the start with the cats using their trapezes and zooming up the course to the Windward mark for the first time. The wind varied in strength throughout the race creating close racing amongst the sailors within each division.

The sailors chased the scratch boats which started first in their division. The two Sabres of Peter Baker and Jo Wright were the Division 1 scratch boats while new members Andrew & Rebecca Rae on their Hobie 16 were the scratch boat for the Division 2 race.

The race lasted an hour with John and Steve driving around the fleet to let the sailors know that the race had finished. Kerry McGaw passed the slower boats which started in front of him and led the monohull fleet around the course. The monohull fleet race finished just after rounding the mountain mark. John Baird and Mal McLean slipped past Kerry minutes before the hour-long race was completed.

In the Division 2 race, Alan Davis was way ahead of the other cats at the finish while a close packed group of cats were behind him. Tim Symons led this group followed by Thor & Freya Slater, Doug Paterson and Adam Robinson who sailed his Nacra with a spinnaker for the first time. They were followed by the three Hobie cats.

Sailors Race in Wild Wind and Waves on Lake Jindabyne

The sailors gathered at Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club for the running of race eight of the 2021/22 Twilight series. They rigged sixteen boats while apprehensively watching the white horses whipped up on the lake by the strong wind. The North Easterly wind abated a bit before the race start at 6 pm to 12 to 14 knots with occasional gusts of 15 to 20 knots. John Byrne manned the start boat while Steve Osborne and Andrew Kennedy manned the rescue boat.

Eight monohulls and eight catamarans rigged up on the limited space on the lake shore. The strong wind whipped up large waves on the lake making launching the boats tricky. The rescue boat was soon called into service before the race start to assist Nigel Rae who capsized his Hobie 17 and Duncan Higgs & Peter Baker who lost the rig on Duncan's Tassar and needed a tow.

The catamarans of Division 2 started first from the start line at the Bay mark with a long starboard tack to the Peninsular mark. They battled the wild wind, strong gusts and waves which crashed into the boats threatening to dislodge the sailors. Alan Davis and Tim Symons battled for the lead as they sailed the first triangle lap around the Peninsular, Quarry and Bay marks. Adam Robinson chased Alan and Tim while using his new spinnaker on the downwind legs.

Thor & Freya Slater capsized their Capricorn F18 and recovered to continue racing only to capsize again later in the race at the Bay mark and retire. Barry Dennis lost his rig over the side on his Hobie

17 and was towed back to shore by the rescue boat. Doug Paterson, Andrew & Rebecca Rae and Nigel also retired from the race.

After sailing a full five lap course Alan slipped to the lead over Tim and Adam. He crossed the finish line at the Bay mark first closely followed by Tim and a bit later Adam. Tim took the handicap corrected times win from Alan and Adam.

The Division 1 monohulls sailed on the same course as the cats, but completed three laps. They also battled the rough conditions with several sailors having to recover from capsize, some more than once. After Duncan's retirement before the race, the remaining fleet included five Laser full rigs, one Flying Fifteen and Andrew & Kirsty visiting from Woollahra Sailing Club with their Tasar.

The battle for the lead involved Laser sailors John Baird and new member Dave Rubin plus Phil Daly & Nick Kirshner on the Flying Fifteen. John led to the finish line with a fast-finishing Phil & Nick who caught up and created a dead heat for first. They were followed by Dave only 9 seconds behind. Next to finish were Damien Goninan, Kerry McGaw only 1 second ahead of Andrew & Kirsty and Mal McLean. Dave took the handicap corrected times win from Phil & Nick, John, Damien, Kerry, Mal and Andrew & Kirsty.

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran heat seven of the 2021/22 Point-score series on the sunny afternoon of 9th January. Eight monohulls competed in Division 1 and seven catamarans competed in Division 2. John Byrne set a start line at the Leeward mark 200 metres North of the Peninsular mark. The course was a Windward / Leeward course to the East Jindabyne mark and back to the start buoy. Steve Osborne and Damien Goninan manned the rescue boat.

Five of the seven cats started the race in a very light and shifty East South Easterly breeze of less than 4 knots. Tim Symons and Adam Robinson started late by about 8 and 11 minutes respectively. Sinead Stone and Todd Rosevear missed the start and practiced sailing their Hobie Tiger F18 near the course. Andrew & Rebecca Rae retired their Hobie 16 from the race after completing three laps.

The wind slowly increased during the race to around 9 knots at the end. The cats sailed four laps of the course and finished back at the Leeward mark. Thor & Freya Slater led the cats to the finish line followed by Alan Davis, Doug Paterson, Tim, Adam and Nigel Rae. Alan took the win on yardstick corrected times followed by Doug, Tim, Thor & Freya, Adam and Nigel.

The monohull fleet had a closely fought race over three laps of the same Windward / Leeward course. Peter Baker retired his Sabre from the race, while Rod Millar retired his Tasar after a capsize and assistance from the rescue boat. After well over an hour's racing, five of the Lasers finished over a spread of only 4 minutes.

John Baird and Rod Baillie battled with each other at the front of the fleet around the whole course. Rod finished the race first only 6 seconds ahead of John. They were followed by Kerry McGaw, Stephen French, Gote Vikstrom and Ian Ferguson. The yardstick corrected times changed the results slightly with Rod taking the win from John, Gote, Kerry, Stephen and Ian.

Another Overcast and Windy Race.

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran nine of the 2021/22 twilight series on the overcast and drizzly evening of Wednesday 12th January. Nine monohulls competed in Division 1 and seven catamarans competed in Division 2. John Byrne & Steve Osborne manned the start boat while Andrew Kennedy & Hamish Greenwood manned the rescue boat.

John & Steve set a start line at the Bay mark and a Port rounding course in the 7 knot South Easterly breeze. Division 2 started first with Jason Abbott & Sam Bishop leading the fleet to the Quarry mark. A long downwind leg to the far-off Mountain mark. Jason & Sam and Adam Robinson used their spinnakers on this long leg. They were pursued by the Nacras of Alan Davis, Doug Paterson and Tim Symons and the Hobie cats of Andrew & Rebecca Rae and Nigel Rae.

The wind increased to 16 knots during the race, then settled back to around 9 knots at the end. Jason & Sam retired from the race with some gear problems while Adam also retired after suffering a capsize in a wild gust. This left Alan to lead the cats around the course.

John shortened the course to 3 laps and set a finish line at the Bay mark. Alan led the cats around the course and stretched his lead to over 6 minutes finishing first in front of Doug, Tim, Nigel and Andrew & Rebecca. The handicap corrected times didn't change the results and Alan took the win.

Division 1 staged their usual tight start with seven lasers, one flying fifteen and a Sabre making up the fleet. Close racing at the front of the fleet ensued as the monohulls completed a three lap course with the triangle laps including the Peninsular mark. Peter Baker retired his Sabre from the race and returned to the shore. John Baird suffered some gear problems which left him at the back of the fleet rather than his usual position at the front.

Rod Baillie led the fleet to the finish at the Bay mark followed by Mal McLean, Damien Goninan, Kerry McGaw, Dave Rubin, Phil Daley & Nick Kirshner, John Baird and Ian Ferguson. The handicap corrected times gave Damien the win from Mal, Kerry, Rod, Ian, Dave, Phil & Nick and John.

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club's recently accredited instructors, Freya Slater, Alexi Cross and Lucy Cross ran day one of the She Sails learn to sail course on Saturday 15th January. Four local ladies enjoyed a great morning improving their sailing skills on the club's two Corsair dinghies.

The club ran heats Five and Six of 2021/22 Trophy series on the hot afternoon of Sunday 16th January. John Byrne and Steve Osborne manned the start boat while Richard Churm and John Russell manned the rescue boat.

Race five of the series was a two lap windward / leeward course between the Peninsular mark and a mark laid to the South East. The breeze varied throughout the race between zero and about 6 knots as the sailors struggled around the course. Six catamarans competed in the two Division 2 races.

In the Division 2 race 5 Sinead Stone & Todd Rosevear slipped to the front of the catamaran fleet and finished first followed by the Nacras of Alan Davis, Tim Symons and Doug Paterson and Nigel Rae & Dave Callaghan on the Hobie 18. Andrew and Rebecca Rae didn't complete the race on their Hobie 16. Alan took the yardstick corrected times win from Sinead & Todd, Tim, Doug and Nigel & Dave.

The monohulls of Division 1 completed the same two lap course as the cats. Rod Baillie and John Baird conducted a close battle around the course with Rod crossing the finish line first only 2 seconds ahead of John. Next to finish were Sam Bylett, Nic Kennedy, Stephen French. Kerry McGaw and Dave Rubin. The Slater family sailed the club's two Corsairs and along with Jo Wight on her Sabre didn't complete the course. The yardstick corrected times results didn't change the results.

A new windward leeward course was set between the Peninsular and East Jindabyne marks for race six. The catamarans completed three laps and the monohulls completed two laps. The wind again varied greatly in strength around the course from next to zero to about 6 knots.

In race six the cats of Alan, Sinead & Tim held a close battle around the course with Alan finishing first only 2 seconds ahead of Sinead & Todd. Tim finished next followed by Doug and Nigel & Dave.

Andrew & Rebecca didn't complete the course. Alan took another win on yardstick corrected times followed by Tim, Sinead & Todd, Doug and Nigel & Dave.

Another closely fought race at the front of the monohull fleet saw John finish first only 7 seconds ahead of Rod. They were followed by Nic, Stephen, Dave, Mal McLean, Sam, Kerry and Rod Millar & Duncan Higgs on their Tasar. The Slater family and Jo Wright didn't complete the course. The yardstick corrected times only changed the results slightly with Stephen and Nic swapping places.

A Windy Race Followed by a Drifter

Lake Jindabyne supplied a steady South Easterly breeze of over 11 knots on the evening of Wednesday 19th January for Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club to run heat Ten of the 2021/22 Twilight series. Phil Daley & Nick Kirshner manned the start boat and set a Port rounding course with a start line at the Bay mark. Steve Osborne, Richard Churm and Rod Miller manned the rescue boat.

The five catamarans of Division 2 started first and set off on a windward work to the Quarry mark. Alan Davis led the fleet while being chased by Doug Paterson, Adam Robinson, Tim Symons and Thor, Freya & Hayden Slater. The cats soon discovered that the breeze was a lot stronger beyond Lion Island as they embarked on a fast and furious tight reach to the Mountain mark.

All of sailors used their trapezes to great effect as they zoomed across the lake in over 15 knots of breeze to the Mountain mark and back to the Bay mark to complete the first triangle lap of the course. They sailed four lap course consisting of two triangle laps and two windward / leeward sausage laps. Alan led the cat fleet around the course and finished first followed closely by Tim only 10 seconds behind and Adam a bit later. The Slaters didn't complete the course while Doug recovered from a capsize and completed the course, but missed the finish line to be declared a DNF. Tim took the handicap corrected times win from Alan and Adam.

Ten single handed boats, nine Laser full rigs and one Sabre competed in the Division 1 race. The fleet also sailed a four lap course which included the Peninsular mark on the two triangle laps. Peter Baker and his Sabre didn't complete the course and returned to the club. With nine boats of the same size and class competing in the race, the racing was close as the fleet made its way around the course in the windy conditions. Jason Abbott broke a hiking strap on his Laser, which he was sailing for the time this season, forcing him to retire from the race.

John Baird slipped to the lead and finished first followed by Mal Mclean only 2 seconds ahead of Sam Bylett. Next to finish were Dave Rubin, Hamish Greenwood, Rod Baillie, Damien Goninan and Kerry McGaw. John took the win on handicap corrected times followed by Sam only 1 second ahead of Mal, Hamish, Dave, Kerry, Damien and Rod.

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club's team of instructors, Freya Slater, Alexi Cross and Lucy Cross ran day two of the She Sails learn to sail course on Saturday 22nd January. The four participants enjoyed a great day sailing the club's two Corsair Dinghies on a glimmering lake.

The club ran heat eight of the 2021/22 Point-score series on the hot and sunny afternoon of Sunday 23rd January. Eleven boats competed in Division 1 and six catamarans competed in Division 2. After waiting a half hour or so for the wind to settle, John Byrne set a triangle course between the start buoy set between Peninsular and Mountain marks, the East Jindabyne and Mountain marks. Alan Davis and Mal McLean manned the rescue boat.

The very light and shifty wind fluctuated between South East and North East at around zero to 4 knots. The Division 2 cats started first with the cats struggling to reach the start line in the drifting conditions. Doug Paterson slipped to the lead at the East mark, but had to complete a penalty turn

after hitting the mark. Tim Symons chased Doug and passed him at the Mountain mark, then led back to the Start mark.

Thor & Freya Slater didn't complete the course. The cats sailed a windward / leeward lap next. Nigel & Chelsea Rae on their Hobie 18 and Doug slipped past Tim at the second rounding of the East mark. A tightly fought downwind leg to the shortened course finish line followed. Nigel & Chelsea finished first 9 seconds ahead of Tim. Doug finished next followed by Adam Robinson and Andrew Rae and his daughter. Tim took the yardstick corrected times win from Nigel, Doug, Adam and Andrew.

Division 1 started after the cats and battled their way around the course in the extremely light and shifting conditions. Several of the nine Laser full rigs in the fleet battled for the lead at the front. Sabre sailors Peter Baker and Jo Wright and Laser sailor George Mohay didn't complete the course. After over an hour's sailing and several lead changes, John Baird finished first only 8 seconds ahead of Dave Rubin with Sam Bylett a further 15 seconds behind. They were followed by Hamish Greenwood, Stephen French, Steve Osborne, Terry Lee & Lucas Blackmore-Lee and Kerry McGaw. The yardstick corrected times left the results almost the same with only Terry and Kerry swapping places.

Plenty of Wind on Australia Day

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club held two catch up races as well as the usual Twilight race on the afternoon and evening of 26th January. The three races were run, Races 9, 10 and 11 of the 2021/22 Twilight series. John Byrne manned the start boat while Sam Bylett and Alexi Cross manned the rescue boat. The Division 2 cat fleet welcomed back Alistair and Lucy Cross after the trip to Queensland to attend the Nacra 5.8 National Championships. The wind varied throughout the day from 4 to 6 knots for race 9 to around 15 knots for race 11.

John set a start line on the main lake for Race 9 and sent the Division 2 catamarans off on a three lap triangle, sausage, triangle lap course. Some of the sailors got a bit lost on the course resulting in laps being sailed in a different order. Thor & Freya Slater didn't complete the race on their Capricorn F18. Alan Davis led the fleet to the finish line on his Nacra with Adam Robinson on another Nacra 9 seconds behind. They were followed by Alistair & Lucy Cross, Nigel Rae & Dave Callaghan on their Hobie 18, Andrew, Rebecca & Tori Rae on their Hobie 16 and Doug Paterson on another Nacra. Adam took the handicap corrected times win from Nigel, Andrew, Alan, Doug and Alistair.

Ten mono-hulls competed in Race 9 on the same course and completed one triangle and one sausage lap. The monohulls sailed a closely fought race with John Baird finishing first only 10 seconds ahead of Damien Goninan 2 seconds from Rod Baillie, 3 seconds ahead of Stephen French 6 seconds from Hamish Greenwood. Next to finish were Mark Baker, Kerry McGaw, Duncan Higgs, Steve Osborne and Terry Lee & Richard Churm. Stephen F took the handicap corrected times win from Damien, Rod, Kerry, Terry, Hamish, Mark, Duncan, John and Steve O.

The wind increased to about 10 to 12 knots and John set a windward / leeward course between the Peninsular and Mountain marks. The catamarans completed 3 laps of this course for Race 10. Rebecca Rae replaced Dave Callaghan on Nigel Rae's Hobie 18. Alistair & Lucy led the fleet to the finish line, followed by Thor & Freya, Alan and Adam. The rest of the cat fleet followed. Handicap corrected times are not available due to technical difficulties.

The monohull fleet completed a two lap course for Race 10. Seven boats finished this race. John Bd finished first followed by Steve O, Hamish, Damien, Stephen F, Kerry and Terry. Stephen F took the handicap corrected times win from Steve O, Kerry, Hamish, Terry, Damien and John Bd.

The wind picked up to about 15 knots for the running of Race 11. The Rae's two Hobie cats didn't compete in the cat's Race 11. The remaining cats zoomed around a full five lap course of three triangle lap and two sausage laps with the triangle from Peninsular to East to Mountain and back to Peninsular. Alistair and Lucy took off from the start and led the fleet around the course while Alan and Adam continued a close battle. Alistair & Lucy finished first followed by Thor & Freya, Alan, Adam, Doug. Handicap corrected times are not available due to technical difficulties.

The Division 1 boats sailed a three lap course for Race 11. After a fast race in the strong breeze, John Bd, Rod and Mark led the fleet to the finish line at the Peninsular mark. Due to technical difficulties, Handicap corrected times are not available.

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club's team of instructors, Sam Bylett, Alexi Cross, Lucy Cross and Freya Slater, assisted by Hayden Slater ran a Tackers 2 learn to sail course from 17th to 19th January and a Tackers 1 course from 24th to 26th January. Fourteen local kids enjoyed working on their sailing skills on the club's fleet of Optimist Dinghies. They also ran an adult learn to sail course on 27th and 28th January for three happy locals who sailed the club's Corsair dinghies.

The club's annual Marathon race was planned to be held on Sunday 30th January, but was cancelled due to bad weather and lack of wind.