

Winning Race for Team Slater

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran heat sixteen of the 2022-23 Twilight series on the cloudy evening of Wednesday 1st March. Sixteen boats, eight in each division rigged up to compete in the race. Phil Daley and Nick Kirshner manned the start boat and set a starboard rounding course in the 5 knot South-south easterly breeze. John Kleven and Tim Symons manned the rescue boat and laid the start mark near Curiosity Bay.

The eight catamarans of Division 2 start first with Thor & Hayden Slater making a great start and leading the fleet on the first leg to the quarry mark. Reaching legs to the club and start marks followed to complete the first triangle lap of the course. Team Slater stretched their lead as they and Jason Abbott and Sam Bishop on the other F18 used their spinnakers to great effect. Alistair Cross & Gavin Fuller on the nacra 5.8 mixed it up with the single handed Nacra 16 squares of Alan Davis, Adam Robinson and Doug Paterson. The lead of this group chasing Team Slater changed several times during the race. Andrew Kennedy on his Hobie 17 and Wayne Ryan on his Nacra made up the fleet.

The cats sailed three triangles separated by two windward / leeward laps over around an hour. As the breeze dropped at the end of the race, Team Slater crossed the finish line at the club mark first around four and a half minutes ahead of Jason and Sam. They were followed by the bunch of Nacras separated by 11 seconds, Alan, Adam and Doug. Then came Alistair & Gavin, Andrew and Wayne. Team Slater took the handicap corrected times win from Doug, Jason, Adam, Alistair, Alan, Andrew and Wayne.

The Division 1 monohull fleet started after the cats with John Baird getting his usual good start and leading the fleet away. He was chased by the other laser sailors of Damian Goninan, Steve Osborne and Kerry McGaw. Terry Lee & Lucas Blackmore-Lee chased the lasers on their 470 with Duncan Higgs & Kate Whacket on the Tasar, Ross Lawley on his Impulse and Peter Baker on his Sabre.

John and Damian started a great battle around the course with the lead changing hands several times. Terry & Lucas split the Laser fleet, while Steve & Kerry waged their own close battle. Duncan & Kate had to retire from the race with main halyard problems. The Division 1 fleet sailed two triangle laps separated by a windward / leeward sausage lap. The course was shortened by Phil with Tim & John informing the sailors as they rounded the quarry mark for the final time.

Ross and Peter waged a close battle too which ended when they both decided to retire from the race. John eventually slipped in front of Damian and finished first 7 seconds in front of Damian. Terry & Lucas finished next. Steve slipped ahead of Kerry at the last mark, but Kerry had a fast finish to slip past and finish 1 second ahead of Steve. Terry & Lucas took the handicap corrected times win from Damian, John, Steve and Kerry.

Andrew Kennedy and Lynne Burgess manned the start boat for Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club's heat eleven of the 2022-23 Point-score series on the sunny afternoon of Sunday 5th March. Kerry McGaw manned the rescue boat and laid the start mark between the East Jindabyne and Town marks in the 5 to 8 knot North Easterly breeze.

The Division 2 fleet was made up of 4 Nacra 16 square catamarans. They all set off from the start line on a port tack as they headed to the mountain mark for the first time. They then completed three triangle laps around the mountain, peninsular and start marks separated by two sausage laps between start and mountain marks.

Alan Davis led the fleet around the course while being chased by Adam Robinson, Tim Symons and Doug Paterson. After completing an extra windward leg, they finished in that order at the mountain mark. The yardstick corrected times didn't change the result.

Seven monohulls started the Division 1 race. The four Laser full rigs battled for supremacy at the front of the fleet. Mal McLean and John Baird sailed a close race with slipping into the lead. Hamish Greenwood didn't complete the race. Steve Osborne and Mark Baker on his Laser Radial also battled away around the course. John & Kim Kleven on their Flying Fifteen and Hayden Slater on a Laser 4.7 completed the fleet.

The monohulls sailed on the same course as the cats, but completed two triangle laps separated by a sausage lap. After completing over an hour's sailing and a final windward leg to the finish line at the mountain mark, Mal finished first followed by John Bd, Steve, Mark, John & Kim K and Hayden. Mark took the yardstick corrected times win from Mal, John Bd, Steve, Hayden and John & Kim K.

The Wind Plays Havok with the Sailors

Lake Jindabyne sailing Club ran heat 17 of the 2022-23 Twilight series on the showery and cold evening of Wednesday 8th March. Ross Lawley manned the start boat with Peter Baker and had a difficult time setting a starboard rounding course in the shifting breeze. Doug Paterson manned the rescue boat and laid the start mark near the Quarry mark.

Four catamarans started in Division 2 in almost no breeze which kept changing direction. Tim Symons got stuck in irons while the others sailed away. He then set off in pursuit. Adam Robinson led Alan Davis around the club mark for the first time followed by Andrew Kennedy and Tim. Andrew and Tim struggled to get to and around the peninsular mark while Adam and Alan sailed away.

Eventually the breeze picked up in strength with some gusts over 10 knots. Andrew was capsized by a strong gust and change in direction. He recovered and started chasing Tim who had got past. Alan eventually passed Adam in the difficult and tricky conditions.

The cats sailed a triangle lap and a windward / leeward sausage lap followed by a windward leg to the finish line at the club mark. Alan finished first followed by Adam, Tim a long way back and Andrew. Adam took the handicap corrected times win by 2 seconds from Alan, Tim and Andrew. After returning to shore, these sailors along with Doug Paterson and Laser sailors Steve Osborne and Kerry McGaw packed up their boats onto trailers to take them down the coast to the annual Wallagoot Lake Boat Club Regatta.

Six Lasers sailed in the Division 1 race. They started after the cats but in a bit more Westerly breeze. John Baird got his customary good start and led the fleet away on the triangle lap course. He was chased by Dave Rubin, Jason Abbott, Steve Osborne, Rod Baillie and Kerry McGaw.

The Lasers suffered the same difficulties in the shifting, gusty breeze as the cats with the fleet splitting up into groups of leaders and chasers. The lead changed several times while the sailors battled with the conditions. After sailing a triangle lap and a windward leg, John led the fleet to the finish line at the club mark. He was followed by Steve, Dave, Kerry, Rod and Jason. Steve took the handicap corrected times win from Kerry, John, Dave, Jason and Rod.

Seven sailors from Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club competed in Wallagoot Lake Boat Club's annual regatta on the 11th and 12th March. Three races were run on Saturday and two on Sunday in warm and sunny conditions. All of the sailors enjoyed steady South Easterly breezes of 8 to 12 knots over the weekend.

After lots of close racing in the fast mono-hulls division, Steve Osborne was on equal points with Barry Higgins from Georges River Sailing Club and awarded second place on a count back. Kerry McGaw took third place. Adam Robinson took third place in the very competitive catamaran division with local Wallagoot sailors, Rodney Anderson and Todd Helton taking first and second. Alan Davis took 5th, Doug Paterson 7th Tim Symons 8th and Andrew Kennedy 12th.

On the weekend of the 3rd and 4th March 2023 five Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club sailors attended the 7th SheSAILS@NCYC Development Regatta. Held the weekend prior to international woman's day each year the regatta held at Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club aims to introduce Newcastle clubs sailing academy graduates and visiting club development crews to regatta racing on the fabulous Force 24 inshore keel boats.

The spirit of this event was all about fun, support, encouragement and learning. Each team was allocated an instructor from NCYC for the event. The event hosted teams from Lake Jindabyne

Sailing Club, Port Macquarie Yacht Club, Gosford Sailing Club, Port Stephens Yacht Club and Lake Macquarie Yacht Club.

Day one commenced with on shore training to learn regatta rules, the race course and Force 24 rigging, including spinnakers. This was followed by time on the water, getting to know the boats and the local conditions. This was the first time many of the attendees had sailed Force 24s or worked with a spinnaker. Day two was race day with four races completed on a two lap downwind return course, with many teams choosing to fly their spinnaker. The course was short and tight with lots of competition around the buoys. The event was followed by a social afternoon, with champagne, nibbles and prize giving. LJSC won prizes for best boat handling and most travelled team. Congratulations to Kerin, Elizabeth, Jo, Erin and Ruth on their first SheSAILS regatta.

The 2024 SheSAILS@NCYC Development Regatta will be held on 2nd & 3rd March 2024. If you would like to learn to sail or can sail and want to join (still 2 months of our summer season left) come down to the club at Jindabyne on a Wednesday evening or Sunday afternoon or email instructor@ljsc.org.au.

Strong Wind Test Sailors

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran heat eighteen of the 2022-23 Twilight series on the evening of Wednesday 15th March. Phil Daley and Harriet Greville manned the start boat and set a Starboard rounding course in the 5 to 8 knot South Easterly breeze. Nic Luntungan manned the rescue boat and laid the start mark near Curiosity Bay.

Seven catamarans started the Division 2 race on the course inside Lion Island. They completed a few more laps of the course than the Division 1 fleet. The cats took off from the start line on their first triangle lap around the quarry and club marks. Many used their trapezes to great effect as they sped across the lake. Thor & Hayden Slater on their Capricorn F18 led the fleet and increased their lead around the course. They were chased by Alan Davis, Adam Robinson, Doug Paterson and Tim Symons on their Nacra 16 squares plus Alistair Cross & Gavin Fuller on their Nacra 5.8 and Andrew & Rebecca Rae on their Hobie 16.

The lead changed several times as the chasing group followed Team Slater around the course. After sailing two triangles separated by sausage lap, the cats sailed a final windward work to the finish line at the quarry mark. The wind dropped to less than 4 knots as the boats slowly struggled to complete the race. Alistair & Gavin retired from the race.

Team Slater crossed the finish line first with a large gap to Adam. Then came Doug, Alan, Tim and Andrew & Rebecca. Team Slater took the handicap corrected times win from Doug, Adam, Tim, Alan and Andrew & Rebecca.

The eight Division 1 monohulls started next. Seven Laser full riggs plus Ross Lawley on his Impulse sailed the same course as the cats. Six boats completed the Triangle and sausage course with a windward work to the finish line at the quarry mark. Jason Abbott and Ross retired from the race.

After a lot of close racing, Dave Rubin led the fleet to the finish line first. He was followed 15 seconds later by John Baird and Steve Osborne 20 seconds later. Then came Rod Baillie, Mal McLean, and Kerry McGaw. Mal took the handicaps corrected times win from Rod, Steve, Kerry, Dave and John.

Division 3 sailed a Windward / Return course with a finish at the quarry mark. One club Corsair sailed this race. It was skipped by Theresa Linton and crewed by Kate Whackett.

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club's Junior Green Fleet gathered at the club on the morning of Sunday 19th March for sail training. They had to wait an hour or so for the wind to reduce before taking to the lake in the club's fleet of Optimists Dinghies under the watch full eye of instructors Thor and Hayden Slater.

The senior sailors gathered at the club for the running of races nine, ten and a catch-up race eight of the 2022-23 Trophy series. Michael Fearnside and Ross Lawley manned the start boat while Richard Churm and Mark Norling manned the rescue boat. The Westerly breeze built up again to over 16 knots with white horses covering the lake surface. Michael set a Windward / return course to the peninsular mark with a start mark near the town mark.

Some of the sailors retreated to the beach on the Eastern shore of Cub Island while the start was delayed for a while waiting for the conditions to settle. Andrew and Rebecca Rae recovered from two capsizes on their Hobie 16, then stayed on the beach until the rescue boat could tow them back to the club.

Peter Baker, Hayden Slater and Craig & Joshua Rowe sailed out to the race course, but decided not to compete in the race due to the wild conditions. Some of the She Sails Ladies sailed a club Corsair near the race course to test their skills in the difficult conditions.

The five catamarans of Division 2 started first with a mixture of starboard and port tack starts. The cats zoomed off in the windy conditions with all of the sailors using their trapezes and struggling to tack the boats in the lumpy and windy conditions. Four Nacras were sailed by Alan Davis, Adam Robinson, Doug Paterson and Tim Symons while Andrew Kennedy sailed his Hobie 17. The cats completed three laps of the course in record time in the windy conditions and gusts of over 25 knots. Michael and Ross kept their position at the start line for the finish as the start boat was being tossed around by the waves. Alan finished first followed by Adam, Doug, Tim and Andrew.

Six Laser full rigs started the Division 1 race. They zoomed around the course with many suffering capsizes during the race. They sailed two laps of the same course as the cats. Martin Payne, Mal McLean, Steve Osborne and Kerry McGaw didn't complete the course. That left only two finishers with Dave Rubin leading John Baird across the finish line.

After only completing one race of the planned three for the afternoon, the sailors all retired back to the club as the conditions were not abating. All were pleased to return to the club with lots of stories of surviving a wild afternoon on Lake Jindabyne.

The Regular Sailing Season is Nearly Over

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran the penultimate race nineteen of the 2022-23 Twilight series on the evening of Wednesday 22nd March 2023. Alan Davis and Nigel Rae manned the start boat and set a Starboard rounding course in the 8 to 10 knot Westerly breeze. Andrew, Rebecca and Tori Rae manned the rescue boat and laid the start mark off the Clay Pits past the quarry mark.

Five catamarans competed in the Division 2 race and headed off to the club then mountain marks on the first triangle lap. Alistair Cross & Gavin Fuller battled for the lead with Adam Robinson and Doug Paterson. They were chased by Tim Symons and Andrew Kennedy. A sausage lap followed the triangle and a final windward work to the finish line at the club mark.

The breeze dropped to less than 5 knots at the finish as Alistair & Gavin crossed the line first. They were followed by Adam, Doug, Tim and Andrew. Alistair & Gavin took the handicap corrected times win from Doug, Tim, Andrew and Adam.

Seven monohulls competed in the Division 1 race. They also sailed triangle and sausage laps but around the shorter triangle using the peninsular mark. John Baird and Dave Rubin waged a battle for the lead while being chased by the other Laser sailors Rod Baillie, Kerry McGaw and Steve Osborne. Duncan Higgs with stand in crew, Ben, and Sam Bishop and his family completed the fleet.

Dave managed to slip past John to cross the finish line first. John finished next followed by Kerry, Rod, Steve, Sam and Duncan & Ben. Dave took the handicap corrected times win from Kerry, John, Rod, Steve, Duncan and Sam.

Three boats in the Division 3 race sailed a Windward / Return course around the club mark with a windward work to the finish line. Ross Lawley on his Impulse led the fleet to the finish line followed by Peter Baker on his Sabre and Elizabeth Slater & Theresa Linton on a club Corsair. The yardstick corrected times didn't change this result.

The final race 12 of the 2022-23 Point-score series was held on the cloudy afternoon of Sunday 26th March. Adam Robinson and Steve Osborne manned the start boat while Thor and Hayden Slater manned the rescue boat. The race start was delayed while the sailors waited for the wind to settle in one direction. The start line was set and moved a few times before finally being set off the Clay Pits.

The five catamarans of Division 2 started first with Doug Paterson leading the fleet on the first leg of a three lap Windward / Return course in the 5 to 8 knot westerly breeze. Doug led the fleet around the course while Alistair Cross & visiting crew Tobia Curto waged a battle for positions with Andrew Kennedy, Tim Symons and Andrew & Rebecca Rae.

Doug increased his lead around the course with smooth sailing, especially down wind, crossing the finish line first. Tim managed to win the battle for the minor positions finishing next followed by Alistair & Tobia, Andrew K and Andrew & Rebecca. Doug took the yardstick corrected times win from Tim, Andrew K, Andrew & Rebecca and Alistair & Tobia.

Four boats lined up for the Division 1 race. They also sailed three laps of the Windward / Return course. Duncan Higgs sailing solo on his Tasar slipped to the front of the fleet until he mistakenly rounded the quarry mark, rather than the start mark on one of his laps. This allowed the three Laser sailors to slip by him.

Hamish Greenwood made a smart move on the final windward leg to slip into the lead. He was chased down the final square run by John Baird and Kerry McGaw. They finished in that order with Duncan completing the fleet. The yardstick corrected times didn't change the result.

Two boats sailed in the Division 3 race around two laps of the same course. They started with the Division 1 fleet. Peter Baker on his Sabre and Kate Whackett, Elizabeth Slater & Jo Wright on a club Corsair waged a close battle around the course. Kate & the ladies crossed the finish line first followed by Peter. The yardstick corrected timers reversed the result with Peter taking the win.

The final race of the 2022-23 regular sailing season will be Twilight series race 20 on Wednesday 29th March. An extra Autumn series will be held during April with races at around 2pm on Sunday afternoons.

The Regular Sailing Season Comes to an End

The final race of the regular sailing season, race twenty of the 2022-23 Twilight series was run by Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club on the evening of 29th March 2023. Phil Daley and Harriet Greville manned the start boat and set a starboard rounding course in the medium strength 7 to 10 knot South Easterly breeze. Ross Lawley and Peter Baker manned the rescue boat and laid the start mark near Curiosity Bay.

Five catamarans competed in the Division 2 race, zooming off the start line with all of the sailors using their trapezes. They completed a triangle lap around quarry and club marks, then back to the start mark. A windward / leeward sausage lap to the quarry mark followed. A final windward work took them to the finish line at the quarry mark.

Nacra 16 square sailor Adam Robinson made a great start while Alan Davis sailed down the start line to ensure that he didn't cross the line early. Adam stayed in the lead around the course while being chased by the other Nacra sailors Alan, Doug Peterson, Tim Symons and Andrew Kennedy on his Hobie 17. The cats finished the race in that order. Adam took the handicap corrected times win from Doug, Tim, Alan and Andrew.

Eight monohulls started the Division 1 race 5 minutes after the cats. The six Lasers jostled for positions around the same triangle course as the cats. After the triangle lap, they sailed a windward leg to the finish line at the quarry mark. Duncan Higgs retired his Tasar from the race while Terry Lee & Lucas Blackmore-Lee on their 470 chased the Lasers.

The six Laser sailors finished the race as a group spread over 54 seconds. Dave Rubin crossed the finish line first followed by John Baird, Rod Baillie, Steve Osborne, Hamish Greenwood, Kerry McGaw and Terry & Lucas. The handicap corrected times mixed up the results with Terry & Lucas taking the win from Rod, Steve, Hamish, John, Kerry and Dave.

A final BBQ dinner was held at the clubhouse after the race as the sailors celebrated another successful sailing season at Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club. Some of the sailors have not had enough sailing this season and signed up to compete in the new Autumn series to be held on Sunday afternoons during April 2023.