

## **New Members Score Wins on Lake Jindabyne**

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran heat twelve of the 2023/24 Twilight series on the cloudy and cool evening of Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. Phil Daley and Harriett Greville manned the start boat while the rescue boat was unavailable. They set a Starboard rounding triangle course in the light to medium strength Southerly breeze of around 8 to 10 knots.

Six catamarans competed in the Division 2 race and started first. The start line was set near the Peninsular mark and the triangle lap took the boats around the quarry and club marks. The cats followed the triangle lap with a windward / leeward sausage lap, another triangle lap and a windward work to the finish line at the quarry mark.

Thor and Freya Slater sailing their Capricorn F18 sped away from the fleet and led around the course. They were chased by Alan Davis, Adam Robinson and Tim Symons on their Nacra 16 squares. Damian & Rene Goninan and Alistair Cross & Gavin Fuller on their Nacra 5.8s joined in the chase.

After nearly an hour's racing, Team Slater finished first followed by Alan, Damian & Rene 1 second ahead of Adam, Alistair & Gavin and Tim. Team Slater took the handicap corrected times win from Adam, Alan, Alistair, Tim and Damian.

Eight monohulls competed in the Division 1 race. The monohulls completed a triangle lap, a sausage lap and a windward work to the finish line. Terry Lee and new crew Shannon Mowday led the fleet on their 470 around the course. They were followed by the Laser full rigs of Steve Osborne, Kerry McGaw, Iain Wood and Stephen French. Jason and Byron Abbott on their NS 14, Peter Baker on his Sabre and Duncan Higgs on his Tasar made up the fleet.

Terry & Shannon finished first followed by Steve O, Kerry, Iain, Stephen F, Jason & Byron and Peter. Duncan didn't complete the course. Iain took the handicap corrected times win for his first win at Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club. He was followed by Terry & Shannon, Steve O, Kerry, Stephen F, Jason and Peter.

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran heat nine of the 2023-24 Point-score series on the sunny and warm afternoon of Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Rod Baillie and Lynne Burgess manned the start boat while Jason and Byron Abbott manned the rescue boat. They set a triangle lap Port rounding course with a start line near the peninsular. The sailors waited for the wind to arrive and started in about a 1 to 3 knot Southerly.

Eight catamarans competed in the Division 2 race. Many of the boats struggled to cross the start line in the extremely light breeze. They sailed a triangle lap around the club and quarry marks and back to the start. The wind finally arrived at this point and the cats completed a windward / return sausage lap in around 8 to 10 knots.

They zoomed around the second lap using their trapezes to good effect. Damian & Rene capsized in a gust and didn't complete the course. Matt Mason sailed his recently purchased Nacra 5.8 with the club for the first time. Alan slipped to the lead and took advantage of the new breeze when it arrived. He finished first and was followed by John Scott-Hamilton on his Viper, Doug Paterson, Adam, Tim, Matt and Martin & Eli Mulholland on their Hobie 16. Alan took the yardstick corrected times win from Doug, Adam, Tim, Martin & Eli, John and Matt.

Eight monohulls competed in the Division 1 race. They were joined by new member Maja Sormann who sailed a club Laser 4.7 with the club for the first time. The Laser full rigs conducted their usual battle for the lead as the fleet sailed a triangle lap and windward work to the finish line.

Three sailors, Kerry McGaw, Stephen French and Maja finished together within a 1 second spread. They were followed by Iain Wood, Terry Lee & Richard Churm, Duncan Higgs, Ross Lawley and Peter Baker. Maja took the yardstick corrected time win in her first race with the club, followed by Kerry, Stephen, Iain, Ross, Peter, Duncan and Terry.

## **Lots of sailors on Lake Jindabyne**

Seventeen boats rigged up to sail in heat thirteen of Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club's 2023-24 Twilight series on the cloudy evening of Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. John Baird manned the start boat while Duncan Higgs manned the rescue boat. John set a Port rounding triangle course with the Club mark as the start mark in the light 4 to 5 knot South easterly breeze.

The seven Division 2 catamarans lined up for a start with most at the Port end of the start line while Alan Davis and Damian & Rene Gonninan chose the starboard and boat end of the line. Just before the start, the wind dropped and shifted all over the place making all of the boats struggle to cross the line. When the wind returned the two boats at the starboard end were favoured and took off while the others remained stuck on the start line.

The cat fleet slowly made their way to the Quarry mark then headed out on a long leg to the Mountain mark. Alan led the fleet by a great margin followed by the Nacra 5.8s of Damian and Alistair & Alexi Cross. The rest of the Nacra 16 squares followed, Adam Robinson, Doug Paterson, Andrew Kennedy and Tim Symons. The wind picked up to around 15 knots and greater in the gusts to bring the cats zooming back to the club mark.

A sausage lap and another large triangle lap followed with the cats using their trapezes to zoom across the lake. After about an hour's exhilarating sailing, Alan finished first followed by Team Gonninan and a gap back to Team Cross. Adam led the rest of the single-handed cats followed by Doug, Tim and Andrew only 7 seconds behind. Alan took the well-earned handicap win from Team Cross, Doug, Team Gonninan, Tim, Andrew and Adam.

Ten monohulls lined up to start the Division 1 race. They all watched the cats struggle to start and picked the best position to start their race. The Laser full riggs of Kerry McGaw, Stephen French, Steve Osborne and Ian Wood battled for the lead while being split by Terry Lee and Richard Churm on the 470. They were joined by Jason & Byron Abbott on their NS14, Ross Lawley on his Impulse, Peter Baker on his Sabre, Hayden Slater on a club Laser 4.7 and Elizabeth Slater & Kate Whackett on a club Corsair.

The monohulls sailed two triangle laps around the club, quarry and peninsular marks separated by a sausage lap between club and quarry marks. Elizabeth and Kate returned to the club after completing two laps of the course. After around 50 minutes of close racing, Kerry finished first followed by Stephen F, Terry, Steve O, Iain, Jason & Byron, Hayden, Ross and Peter. Stephen F. took the handicap corrected times win from Kerry, Iain, Terry, Peter, Steve O, Ross, Jason & Byron and Hayden.

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran race 10 of the 2023-24 Point-score series on the sunny and hot afternoon of 11th February 2024. Fifteen boats rigged up to compete while Alan Davis manned the start boat and Richard Churm and John Baird manned the rescue boat. Alan set a windward / leeward course between a start mark near the peninsular mark and the town mark. The Division 1 monohulls and Division 2 catamarans completed two laps of this course while the Division 3 boats completed one.

The six catamarans started first with all opting for a port tack start. The extremely light breeze shifted around as they made their way up the first leg of the course. Thor Slater sailed his F18 single handed and reached the town mark first. He was followed by Nacra sailors Tim Symons, Doug Paterson, Adam Robinson and Matt & Alex Mason plus Andrew & Rebecca Rae on their Hobie 16.

The cats followed Thor back to the start mark. Thor rounded the Peninsular mark in error which was not a mark of the course. He corrected this mistake and rounded the Start mark with Tim close behind. Thor and Tim increased their lead over the rest of the fleet up the next windward work. The wind dropped to almost nothing as they rounded the town mark and started the final downwind leg to the finish at the start mark.

Eventually a new Easterly breeze arrived and pushed the tail of the cat fleet down the course towards the two leaders. Thor hung on to finish first. Doug passed Tim and finished next followed by Tim only 1 second ahead of Adam. They were followed by Matt & Alex and Andrew & Rebecca. Doug took the yardstick corrected times win from Tim, Adam and Andrew tied on the same corrected time, Thor and Matt & Alex.

Division 3 started with Division 1 and the nine boats followed the cats up the course to the Town mark. The Division 1 sailors struggled around the same two lap course as the cats while Division 3 sailed a single lap course. Sam & Tanya Bishop on their RS400 slipped to the front of the fleet with good use of their spinnaker and were chased by the Laser full rig sailors, Rod Baillie, Kerry McGaw, Steve Osborne, Stephen French and John & Kim Kleven on their Flying Fifteen. Division 1 finished in that order. Rod took the yardstick corrected times win from Kerry, Sam, Steve O, Stephen F and John.

Ross Lawley on his Impulse led the Division 3 fleet to the finish line followed by Duncan Higgs on his Tasar and Kate Whackett & Narissa Hamilton on a club Corsair. The yardstick corrected times didn't change this result.

### **Sailing Club Ladies Improve Skills**

On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February four of the Jindabyne female sailing crew attended the SheSails regatta at Canberra Yacht Club (CYC). The team spent the morning training and learning alongside a group from the Royal Air Force. CYC lent the Jindabyne crew an RS Quest, which was a wonderful boat to sail.

The afternoon was an open race with six divisions with members of CYC volunteering their boats to host a try sailing session within the regatta. Ladies who wanted to try sailing were paired up with experienced sailors, and any boat helmed by a female, or with a 50% female crew was eligible to be competitive in the race.

The Jindabyne Crew sailed a RS Quest for the race, completing a single lap of the round the lake course, which was well planned to showcase Lake Burley Griffin. The team consisting of Elizabeth, Freya, Jo and Kate finished eighth in their division.

Many thanks to Canberra Yacht Club for hosting our Jindabyne Team and lending them a boat to sail.

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran heat fourteen of the 2023-24 Twilight series on the evening of Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. A steady 11 knot South Easterly was blowing under a sky of broken cloud. Phil Daley manned the start boat and set a starboard rounding triangle lap course with a start line near Curiosity Bay. The Slater family, Alan, Thor and Elizabeth manned the rescue boat.

The six catamarans of division 2 started first. Some gathered near the start line while Alan Davis started further back, crossing the line at full speed, on the trapeze and flying a hull. The four Nacra 16 squares sailed in a close bunch battling for position around the first triangle lap around quarry and club marks. They split up into pairs on the next sausage lap while being chased by Matt & Alex Mason on their Nacra 5.8 and Andrew & Rebecca Rae on their Hobie 16.

The cats zoomed around the lake with all using their trapezes to good effect. They completed two triangle laps and two sausage laps plus a windward leg to the finish line at the quarry mark. Alan led the fleet to the finish line followed by Adam Robinson, Tim Symons, Matt & Alex, Doug Paterson and Team Rae. Adam took the handicap corrected times win from Tim, Alan, Doug, Team Rae and Team Mason.

Eight monohulls started the Division 1 race 5 minutes after the cats. Sam & Tanya Bishop on their RS 400 and Terry Lee & Shannon Mowday on their 470 broke up the usual dominance of the Laser full riggs of Rod Baillie, Kerry McGaw and Steven French. Duncan Higgs, Peter Baker and Ross Lawley completed the fleet.

Sam & Tanya used their spinnaker to good effect and slipped to the lead. The Division 1 fleet sailed two triangle laps separated by a sausage lap plus a windward leg to the finish at the quarry mark. Peter & Ross retired from the race. Sam & Tanya finished first followed by Rod, Kerry, Terry, Stephen and Duncan. Sam & Tanya took the handicap corrected times win from Rod, Terry, Stephen, Duncan and Kerry.

Two trophy races were run by Lake Jindabyne sailing Club on the sunny and hot afternoon of 18<sup>th</sup> February. Michael Fearnside and Ross manned the start boat while Richard Churm, Mark Norling and Dudley manned the rescue boat. Michael set a windward return course between a start mark near the town mark and the peninsular mark in the shifting Westerly breeze of up to 9 knots. Thor Slater and his dad, Alan who is visiting from the UK sailed their F18 but didn't compete in the races.

Six catamarans competed in the Division 2 Foundation Cup race seven. The cats battled away around the course in the tricky conditions with places changing several times throughout the race. After 4 laps and a windward work to the finish Adam Robinson led the fleet to the finish line followed by Alan Davis, Doug Paterson, Tim Symons, Andrew Kennedy, Andrew & Rebecca Rae. The yardstick corrected times didn't change the result.

Four monohulls started Race 7 for the 2023-24 Sir William Hudson Trophy. Elizabeth Slater and Kate Whackett sailed a club Laser, but didn't start the race. Craig and Joshua Rowe missed the start on their MG 14, but sailed around on the course. Sam and Tanya Bishop chased down the Laser full rigs of Rod Baillie and Kerry McGaw to finish first after two laps and a windward work to the finish at the peninsular mark. Rod finished second followed Kerry. New member, Matt Warner sailed a club Laser, but after a few capsizes didn't finish the race. Rod took the yardstick corrected times win from Kerry and Sam.

Richard and Mark moved the start mark closer to East Jindabyne for the second race of the day due to the wind shifting to the South West. The same six catamarans started race eight of the Foundation Cup series. The wind varied hugely between zero and 8 knots. Some boats were advantaged and some disadvantaged.

After 3 laps plus a windward work to the finish and over an hour's racing Alan led the fleet the finish line followed by Adam, Doug, Andrew, Tim and Team Rae. The yardstick corrected times didn't change the results.

Four monohulls competed in race 8 of the Sir William Hudon Trophy series. After two laps and a windward leg Rod led the fleet to the finish line at the peninsular mark followed by Kerry. Craig & Joshua and Matt. The yardstick corrected times didn't change the results.

## **Big Fleets at Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club**

Nineteen boats rigged up to compete in heat fifteen of Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club's 2023-24 Twilight series on the evening of Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Adam Robinson and Lynne Burgess manned the start boat while Sam & Tanya, Indigo and Tasman Bishop manned the rescue boat. A medium strength North Easterly of around 5 to 8 knots was blowing under an overcast sky. Adam set a windward return, Port rounding course with a start line just in front of the clubhouse.

Eight catamarans competed in the Division 2 race and started first. A mix up with the flags caused the sailors to be recalled for a new start after the monohulls. So, the eleven monohulls in the Division 1 fleet started first. They completed 2 laps of the course out to the peninsular mark and back.

John & Kim Kleven made good use of their spinnaker on their Flying fifteen to slip to the front of the fleet. After one lap, Jason and Byron Abbott retired from the race due to gear problems on their MG 14. Hayden Slater skippered a club Corsair with his grandfather Alan.

After two laps, John and Kim finished first. They were followed by the four Lasers of Rod Baillie, Steve Osborne, Kerry McGaw and Stephen French., Duncan Higgs, Iain Wood, Matt Warner, Hayden & Alan and Ross Lawley. The handicap corrected times mixed up the results with Duncan taking the win from Ross, Hayden & Alan, Steve O and Iain tied for fourth, John & Kim, Kerry, Stephen F, Rod and Matt.

After the catamarans restarted the race, they headed out on their first lap out to the mountain mark and back. This was followed by a second lap to the peninsular mark and back to the finish at the start mark.

Places changed around as the cats made their way around the course with lots of tacking both upwind and downwind. After over 50 minutes of racing, Alan Davis led the fleet to the finish line, closely followed by Doug Paterson, Matt Mason & Wayne Ryan, Andrew Kenedy, Alistair Cross & Gavin Fuller, Tim Symons, Andrew & Rebecca Rae and Martin & Eli Mulholland. Doug took a well-earned win on handicap corrected times followed by Andrew & Rebecca, Andrew K, Tim, Alan, Alistair & Gavin, Matt & Wayne and Martin & Eli.

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran its annual Stern Chaser race on the warm and sunny afternoon of Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February. This is a fun race which involves a handicap timed start with the smaller, slower boats starting first followed the bigger faster boats. John Baird manned the start boat and set a Windward / Return, Port rounding course with a start line off the clubhouse. Roger and Suzie Green manned the rescue boat and watched over the mixed fleet in the light North Easterly breeze.

Thirteen boats started the race in a mixed start. Ross Lawley on his Impulse started the Division 1 fleet of seven monohulls sailing to the peninsular mark and back. Andrew & Rebecca Rae started the Division 2 fleet of six catamarans sailing to the mountain mark and back.

The fleet sailed for a fixed time of one hour sailing up and down the course until John said stop. The faster boats who had to wait their turn to start chased the boats in their division who started earlier. who tried not to be overtaken by the faster boats.

After a great deal of fun chasing each other around the course, John had to work out who was in front of who when he stopped the race. Thor and Hayden Slater on their F18 were the first cat at the finish followed by Alan Davis on his Nacra 16 square and Matt & Alex Mason on their Nacra 5.8. The Laser full rigs dominated the Division 1 race with Steve Osborne finishing first followed by Dave Rubin and Kerry McGaw.