

Light Wind Racing on Lake Jindabyne

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran heat sixteen of the 2023-24 Twilight series on the sunny and warm evening of Wednesday 28th February. Phil Daley and Elizabeth Slater manned the start boat and set a regular Starboard rounding, triangle shaped course in the very light Westerly breeze of maybe 3 knots. Andrew Kennedy and John Baird manned the rescue boat and set the start mark near the quarry mark.

Seven catamarans started first in the Division 2 race. They completed their first triangle lap around club and mountain marks and back to the start. A sausage lap to the club mark and back followed plus another triangle lap around club and peninsular marks. A final windward leg to the finish line at the club mark completed the race.

Thor and Hayden Slater used the spinnaker on their F18 to good effect to finish first nearly 10 minutes in front of Alan Davis. Alan was closely followed by Doug Paterson only 3 seconds in front of Alistair Cross & Gavin Fuller. Tim Symons finished a bit later closely followed by Damian & Rene Goninan. Matt and Alex Mason didn't complete the course.

Alistair & Gavin took the handicap corrected times win from Thor & Hayden, Doug, Alan, Tim and Damian & Rene.

Seven Division 1 monohulls were joined on the start line by two Division 3 boats. Division 1 sailed two triangle laps around start, club and peninsular marks separated by a sausage lap between start and club marks. A final windward leg took them to the finish line at the club mark.

Six Laser full rigs were joined by Terry Lee & Shannon Mowday on their 470. They all battled for positions around the course in the light and tricky conditions. Rod Baillie finished first followed by Steve Osborne, Kerry McGaw, separated by 2 seconds, Stephen French, Terry & Shannon and Iain Wood.

Kerry took the handicap corrected times win from Rod, Steve O, Stephen F, Terry & Shannon and Iain.

Two boats made up Division 3, new member Lincoln Pike, Ralph Cress & Alicia Avery sailing a club Corsair were joined by Eli and Martin Mulholland sailing their Flying 11. They sailed the same triangle lap as Division 1 plus a sausage lap and windward leg to the finish line. Lincoln & co finished first followed by Eli & Martin. The yardstick corrected times didn't change the results.

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran race eleven of the 2023-24 Point-score series on the sunny and warm afternoon of Sunday 3rd March. John Baird, Lynne Burgess and Pippa manned the start boat while Richard Churm, Mark Norling & Dudley manned the rescue boat. They set a triangle shaped course on the main lake in a medium strength South Westerly breeze of around 10 knots with stronger gusts and lesser lulls.

Seven catamarans competed in the Division 2 race. Andrew & Rebecca Rae on their Hobie 16 didn't complete the course while Matt & Alex Mason on their Nacra 5.8 had to retire with a broken jib halyard.

This left five Nacra 16 squares to complete the race. They sailed two triangle laps between the start near the mountain mark, peninsular and town marks. These were separated by a sausage lap between start and peninsular marks, another sausage lap at the end plus a windward work to the finish line at the peninsular mark.

Alan Davis led the fleet around the course while various battles for positions happened behind him and he finished first. Doug Paterson chased Adam Robinson around the course and after an hour's tight racing finished 2 seconds in front of Adam. Tim Symons finished next followed by Andrew Kennedy. The yardstick corrected times didn't change the results.

Eight boats started the Division 1 race on the same course as the cats. They completed a triangle lap and a sausage lap plus a windward work to the finish. Matt Warner and Ross Lawley didn't complete the course.

Rod Baillie on his Laser finished first followed by Sam, Tanya & Indigo Bishop on their R 400. A bunch of Lasers finished next, Steve Osborne, Iain Wood, Stephen French and Kerry McGaw. Rod took the yardstick corrected times win from Steve O, Iain, Stephen F, Kerry and team Bishop.

Sailors go to Wallagoot Lake Boat Club Regatta

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran yet another light wind race on the evening of Wednesday 6th March. Rod Baillie and John Baird manned the start boat and set a windward / return course in the West North westerly breeze which varied from around 2 to 5 knots. Mark Baker and Iain Wood manned the rescue boat and laid the start mark to the East of the quarry mark, off the Holiday park.

Six catamarans lined up to start the Division 2 race. Alan Davis made a great start near the start boat and led the fleet away. He was soon caught and passed by Thor & Hayden on their F18 on the way to the club mark. Tim Symons, Doug Paterson, Alistair Cross & Gavin Fuller and Andrew & Rebecca Rae made up the fleet.

The cats rounded the club mark and headed back to the start mark. They rounded that and headed back to the finish line at the club mark. Team Slater led the way and finished first, followed by Alan and a fast-finishing Alistair who snuck past Tim and Doug. Andrew & Rebecca didn't complete the race. Tim took the handicap corrected win from Team Slater, Alan and Alistair tied for third and Doug finished fifth.

Four Division 1 monohulls were joined on the start line by three Division 3 boats. The Division 1 boats completed the same three leg course as the cats while Division 3 sailed the single windward leg to the club mark.

John & Kim Kleven sailed their Flyng fifteen and used the spinnaker to good effect to lead the three Lasers around the course. They finished first, closely followed by Kerry McGaw, Stephen French and Steve Osborne. Kerry took the handicap corrected times win from John & Kim, Stephen F and Steve O.

Two of the club's Corsairs skippered by Tanya Bishop and new member Lincoln Pike sailed the Division 3 race along with Ross Lawley on his Impulse. Lincoln finished first followed by Ross and Tanya, Elizabeth Slater & Therese Linton. The yardstick corrected times didn't change this result.

Twelve sailors packed up their boats onto trailers to travel to Wallagoot Lake for the Boat Club's annual regatta on the weekend of 9th and 10th March. Laser sailors Rod Baillie, Steve Osborne and Kerry McGaw were joined by Iain Wood who joined LJSC this season and sailed the club boat Legend Gote in his first regatta.

The catamaran division was represented by Alan Davis, Adam Robinson and Tim Symons on their Nacra 16 squares, Thor Slater on his Maricat 4.3, Alistair Cross & Gavin Fuller on their Nacra 5.8 and Andrew & Rebecca on their Hobie 16.

Five races were run over two days for 35 participating boats. The wind blew at around 20 to 25 knots on Saturday afternoon and a race was abandoned. Therefore, an extra race was run on Sunday. The sailors had to wait a couple of hours for the wind to arrive on Sunday, but it did, building to 20 knots plus for the last race of the regatta.

The Jindabyne sailors faced some tough competition and conditions and enjoyed the regatta enormously. Rod scored 5th place in the fast monohulls division followed by Kerry, Steve and Iain.

Alan and Adam battled with local Sailor Todd Henton for line honours in all of the races. Alan finished in third place followed by Todd, Adam, Tim, Thor, Alistair & Gavin and Andrew & Rebecca. All of the sailors enjoyed the regatta and promised to return next year.

Team Rae grabs a win

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran heat eighteen of the 2023-24 Twilight series on the cloudy evening of Wednesday 13th March. John Baird manned the start boat while Dae and Sarah Rubin manned the rescue boat. They set a simple Windward / Return course in the very light Northerly breeze of round 1 to 2 knots.

The start line was near the quarry mark and the course took the sailors to the peninsular mark and back. The finish line was set in the same spot as the start. Many of the sailors were backing up after a busy weekend at the Wallagoot Lake Boat Club's annual regatta.

Six catamarans Started the Division 2 race and slowly worked to the peninsular mark. They all jostled for positions in the very light and tricky breeze. Alan Davis slipped to the front of the fleet and finished first, followed by Andrew Kennedy, Matt Mason, Thor & Elizabeth Slater, Doug Paterson and Andrew & Rebecca Rae. Team Rae took the win on handicap corrected times followed by Andrew K, Alan, Doug, Matt and Thor & Elizabeth.

Six Division 1 monohulls started 5 minutes after the cats and caught them up in the extremely light breeze. Ross Lawley retired from the race, leaving four Lasers and John & Kim Kleven on their Flying Fifteen to battle for the lead.

Kerry McGaw slipped to the front and finished first closely followed by John & Kim. Next to finish were Rod Baillie, Iain Wood and Steve Osborne. Iain Wood took the win on handicap corrected times followed by Steve, Kerry, Rodd and John & Kim.

Sailors Complete Final Trophy and Pontscore Races

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran the final two trophy races for the 2023-24 sailing season on the afternoon of Sunday 17th March. Michael Fearnside and Ross Lawley manned the start boat while John Russell manned the rescue boat. They set a Port rounding triangle shaped course on the main lake in the light North Westerly breeze of up to 5 knots.

Three catamarans lined up for race nine of the Foundation Cup series. They started from near the town mark and headed to the mountain mark, then peninsular and back to start mark on the triangle lap. A windward return lap to mountain and return was followed by a windward leg to the finish line at the mountain mark.

Alan Davis led the cats around the course followed by Adam Robinson and Andrew & Rebecca Rae. They finished in that order. Alan took the win on yardstick corrected times with Team Rae second and Adam third.

After the first race, the wind changed dramatically to the North East and quickly built to around 25 knots. The cat sailors decided not to compete in the planned Race ten of the series and returned to the club.

Eight monohulls competed in race nine of the Sir William Hudson Trophy series. The breeze remained light throughout the race until near the end when it started to build up from the North East. Mal Mclean led the fleet around the course having found the best breeze in the early light conditions. He was followed by Sam & Tanya Bishop on their RS400. They finished in that order.

A bunch of Lasers followed with Iain Wood passing lots of boats on the new breeze. He finished next followed by John & Kim Kleven on their Flying Fifteen by 1 second, Rod Baillie, by 1 second and Kerry McGaw by 1 second. After that bunch came Stephen French and Elizabeth Slater & Narissa Hamilton on a club Corsair.

Mal took the win on yardstick corrected times followed by Iain, Rod, Kerry, Stephen, Elizabeth & Narissa, John & Kim, and Sam & Tanya.

Only three Lasers remained to compete in race 10 in the strong North Easterly breeze of around 25 knots. After sailing a two-lap windward return course from a start near Peninsular to East Jindabyne and return, they finished at the start mark.

Rod finished first followed by Kerry and Stephen. The yardstick corrected times didn't change the result.

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran the second last Twilight race nineteen for the season on the evening of 20th March. John Baird & Lynne Burgess manned the start boat while Alistair Cross manned the rescue boat. They set a Starboard rounding triangle lap course in the medium strength South westerly breeze of around 12 knots.

Three catamarans competed in the Division 2 race. Alan Davis led the small fleet around three triangle laps separated by two sausage laps from a start near Curiosity Bay. After nearly an hour's racing, Alan finished first at the club mark followed by Thor & Hayden Slater and Tim Symons. Alan took the handicap corrected times win from Tim and Team Slater.

Nine monohulls started the Division 1 race. They sailed on the same course as the cats and completed two triangle laps separated by one sausage lap. Duncan Higgs and Ross Lawley didn't complete the course. The remaining seven Laser sailors battled around the course for around 45 minutes.

Dave Rubin finished first followed by Stephen French, Iain Wood, Kerry McGaw, Steve Osborne, Rod Baillie and Mal McLean. Iain took the handicap corrected times win from Stephen F, Dave, Steve O, Kerry, Rod and Mal.

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran the final Point-score race for the 2023-24 season on the sunny afternoon of Sunday 24th March. John Baird and Lynne Burgess manned the start boat while Mark Baker and Paul assisted on the rescue boat.

John set a windward return course between a start mark near the Town mark and the Peninsular mark. All of the sailors sailed two laps of this course plus a windward leg to the finish line at the peninsular mark. The start was delayed by around 20 minutes while the sailors waited for the breeze to pick up and for some boats to arrive at the start line.

Five Division 1 Lasers started the race first along with four Division 3 boats. The breeze was very light at around 1 to 2 knots at the start, but built to around 5 knots during the race.

Rod Baillie slipped to the lead of the Laser fleet followed by Kerry McGaw, Stephen French, Matt Warner and Iain Wood. They finished in that order and the yardstick corrected times didn't change the result.

Lincoln Pike steered a club Corsair to be the first Division 3 boat to finish. He was followed by Duncan Higgs on his Tasar and Ross Lawley on his Impulse. Peter Baker didn't complete the course on his Sabre. Lincoln took the yardstick corrected times win from Ross and Duncan.

Six catamarans competed in the Division 2 race. The lead changed hands a several times throughout the race as the sailors tried to find patches of wind around the course. Alan Davis led on the first leg, was passed on the second and caught back up on the third leg.

Alan finished first closely followed by Doug Paterson, Tim Symons, Matt & Alex Mason, Adam Robinson and Andrew & Rebecca Rae. Alan took the yardstick corrected times win from Doug, Tim, Adam, Andrew & Rebecca and Matt & Alex.

Final Twilight Race for the Sailing Season

As the 2023-24 Sailing season comes to a close, Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran the final Twilight Race 20 on the fine evening of Wednesday 27th March. John Baird manned the start boat and was assisted by Terry Lee and Tanya Bishop on the rescue boat.

John set a regular Starboard, clockwise rounding triangle lap course with a start line near the Quarry mark. The West North Westerly breeze was blowing at around 5 to 8 knots, but was expected to drop during the race.

Four Nacra 16 square catamarans lined up for the Division 2 start. They jostled for position at the start and on the first triangle lap with positions changing several times. The triangle took them to the club and peninsular marks and back to the start

They sailed two triangle laps separated by two windward / return sausage laps plus a final windward leg to the finish line at the club mark. Alan Davis slipped to the lead while being chased by Doug Paterson, Andrew Kennedy and Tim Symons battling with each other.

On the last lap, Doug stalled his boat rounding the start mark and Andrew ran aground near the Clay Pits. This allowed Tim to pass them both and chase Alan to the finish line. Alan finished first followed by Tim, Andrew and Doug only 2 seconds apart. Tim took the handicap corrected times win from Alan, Doug and Andrew.

Nine monohulls competed in the Division 1 race and started 5 minutes after the cats. Nic Kennedy joined the fleet for the first time this season on his Elliott 780 trailable yacht Myee with Ross Tattersall and Barry Dennis as crew.

The monohulls sailed the same course as the cats, but sailed one less sausage lap. Duncan Higgs and Peter Baker sailed the Tasar, but didn't complete the course as the breeze reduced to nearly nothing at the end.

Sam Bishop sailed his RS 400 with his crew Indigo and Tasman. They challenged the much bigger Myee and slipped to the lead with clever use of their spinnaker. They were followed by a bunch of six Lasers who battled with each other.

After over 50 minutes of tight racing, Team Bishop finished first followed by Nic, Rod Baillie, Mal McLean 2 seconds behind, Dave Rubin, Steve Osborne, Iain Wood and Matt Warner. Nic took the handicap corrected times win from Team Bishop, Rod, Mal, Steve, Dave, Matt and Iain.

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club will hold its Autumn series over the four Sundays of April with a start time of 2pm. The first race on 7th April will include the annual Marathon race.