

## **Sailors return to the Lake**

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club started the 2023-24 Sailing season with race one of the Point-score series on the afternoon of Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October. The weather was fine, though the light North Westerly breeze was shifting around to trick the sailors. Ross Lawley and Ruth Reed manned the start boat and set a Starboard rounding triangle lap course with a start buoy near the Quarry mark.

Three Divisions of boats lined up for the start. Three catamarans competed in Division 2 and started first. Doug Paterson started on Starboard tack near the start boat while Tim Symons started on Port tack near the start buoy. Martin and Eli Mulholland sailing their Hobie 16 in their first race with the club were a late leaving the beach and started a little late.

Doug managed to sail into a low wind patch near the shore while Tim found more wind in the middle. Tim reached the Club mark first and led the small fleet to the Peninsular mark on the first triangle lap. The cats sailed two triangle laps with a windward / leeward sausage lap in the middle. Doug chased Tim around the course and caught him on the second last leg. Doug finished first at the Club mark in a freshening breeze. He was followed by Tim and Martin and Eli. The yardstick corrected times didn't change the result.

Divisions 1 and 3 started together. The six monohulls of Division 1 completed a Triangle lap and a sausage lap while the two Division 3 boats completed a Triangle lap. Sam and Indigo Bishop on their RS400 battled with the four Lasers around the course. Stephen French was pleased to be back sailing with the club after a two-year break. Steve Osborne retired from the race. Hamish Greenwood managed to slip in front of Sam to finish first. Next to finish were Kerry McGaw, Dave Rubin and Stephen. The yardstick corrected times moved Sam to fifth and left the Lasers in finishing order.

In Division 3 Kate Whackett and Thor Slater sailed a club Corsair and battled with Hayden Slater on a club Laser 4.7. They had a close race with Hayden finishing just 5 seconds in front of Kate. The yardstick corrected times didn't change the result.

The sailors were all pleased to be back on the water after Winter despite the tricky wind conditions. The next race will be race one of the 2023-24 Twilight series on the evening of Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

## Plenty of Breeze for First Twilight Race

The first Twilight race of the 2023-24 sailing season was run by Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club on the fine evening of Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Eleven boats rigged up to compete in a steady 7 to 12 knot South-South Easterly breeze on Lake Jindabyne. Steve Osborne and Jo Wright manned the Start boat while John Baird and Duncan Higgs manned the Rescue boat. Steve and Jo set a Windward / Leeward course between the start line near Curiosity Bay and the quarry mark.

Three catamarans lined up to start the Division 2 race. Doug Paterson and Tim Symons on their Nacra 16 squares and Damian & Zarlle Goninan racing their Nacra 5.8 for the first time. Doug and Tim got of the start line together while Damian and Zarlle were a bit late for the start. They chased down the two smaller cats and eventually slipped to the lead. Doug and Tim had a great battle with the lead changing hands several times. They both managed to hit the quarry mark during the race and both had to do a penalty turn.

The cats completed 3 laps of the course plus an extra windward work to the finish line at the quarry mark. Damian and Zarlle finished first followed by Tim who snuck ahead of Doug on the last leg. The handicap corrected times gave Tim the win from Doug and Damian.

The eight monohulls of Division 1 started 5 minutes after the cats. They completed Two laps of the course plus the final windward work to the finish line. Sam, Tanya and Indigo Bishop sailed their RS400 to the front of the fleet with great use of their spinnaker on the downwind legs. Thor, Freya and Hayden Slater all sailed club Lasers with 4.7 rigs and had their own family battle around the course. New member Iain Wood sailed in his first race on his recently acquired Laser.

After an exciting race in a solid and steady breeze, the Bishop family finished first while Hayden won the Slater Family race within a race. Team Bishop were followed over the finish line by Dave Rubin, Hamish Greenwood, Karry McGaw, Hayden, Thor, Freya and Iain. The handicap corrected times gave the win to Hamish followed by Kerry, Dave, Hayden, Thor, Freya, Team Bishop and Iain.

Four Lake Jindabyne sailors took three Nacra catamarans to Sydney to compete in the Kurnell Catamaran Club's annual Top Gun Regatta over the weekend of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> November. This regatta also included the Nacra Catamarans NSW State championship. Alistair and Lucy Cross competed on their Nacra 5.8 "Baru" while Adam Robinson and Tim Symons sailed their one-man Nacra 16 squares, "Windabyne" and "Bean Counter" respectively.

Forty Catamarans of all shapes and sizes competed in the event which also included the Hobiecat NSW State Titles. A large number of F18 two-man catamarans added to the special with their colourful spinnakers. Four races were competed on each day in variable conditions from light shifty breezes to rain squalls and wind over 20 knots.

Adam won the Nacra 16 Square division with Tim second. All of the Jindabyne sailors enjoyed the event and the challenge of sailing on Botany Bay in a large fleet of fast and exciting catamarans.

Elizabeth Slater reports that the first Wednesday twilight series also saw the club launch the three new laser training rigs for beginners. The club received a donation from Snowy Monaro Regional Council in June as part of their Donations and Sponsorship grant. SMRC granted \$1,000 toward new laser equipment. The club added an additional amount to purchase new mast sections and three smaller 4.7m<sup>2</sup> sails for our current club laser boats. These were delivered in September and got their first outing this week. Hayden Slater, Freya Slater and Thor Slater took the new rigs out in the twilight race Division 1 on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November and raced well.

These smaller sail area laser rigs will be perfect for our taller juniors, teenagers and those starting sailing as they will allow sailing in a laser, without being overpowered by a large sail. They will be available to all current and new club members to borrow during Sunday and Wednesday races.

LJSC thanks Snowy Monaro Regional Council for the donation to the club to allow the purchase of the new training sails.

## **Windless One Day - Blowy the Next**

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran heat two of the 2023-24 Point-score series on the cloudy afternoon of Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November. John Baird manned the start boat and was assisted by Elizabeth Slater who transferred to the rescue boat after the start to assist Thor Slater. John set a triangle course on the main lake with the start line near Lion Island. A major shift in the wind direction changed the first mark from Town to East Jindabyne.

The four catamaran Division 2 fleet started first in the very light breeze of zero to 5 knots. Alan Davis led the fleet on its slow progression to the East mark. He was followed by Doug Paterson, Damian & Zarli Goninan and Andrew & Rebecca Rae. The wind died out to nearly nothing as the sailors tried desperately to sail around the course. John decided to shorten the course to just two legs and set a finish line at the Mountain mark. After around an hour's sailing, Alan finished first, followed by Damian, Doug and Andrew. The yardstick corrected times gave Alan the win from Doug, Damian and Andrew.

Seven monohulls started the Division 1 race and struggled to slowly sail around the course. Sam Bishop and his family on their RS400 slipped to the lead and steadily moved away from the following six Lasers. After nearly an hour and a half of slow sailing, Team Bishop finished first at the Mountain mark. They were followed by Hamish Greenwood, Stephen French, Dave Rubin, Hayden Slater, Kerry McGaw and Freya Slater. Team Bishop took their first win of the season on yardstick corrected times. They were followed by Hayden on a Laser Radial, the Laser full rigs of Hamish, Stephen, Dave, Freya on a Radial rigged Laser and Kerry on another full rig.

The sailors gathered at Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club on the evening of Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November for the running of heat two of the 2023-24 Twilight series. This race was abandoned by the Race Officer, Phil Daley, as a nasty rain storm hit the lake at around 5:45 pm.

A very windy and gusty afternoon greeted the sailors at Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club on the afternoon of Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Only three Lasers decided to sail in race three of the 2023-24 point-score series. Rod Baillie and Erin Slarke manned the start boat while John and Kim Kleven manned the rescue boat.

The windy and gusty conditions kept the catamarans on the beach. Kerry McGaw, Hamish Greenwood and Stephen French braved the wild conditions and sailed their Laser full rigs from the club to the main lake for the race start line near the East Jindabyne mark. Iain Wood, Hayden and Freya Slater sailed their lasers but didn't start the race.

The three lasers found better conditions on the main lake with a strong South Westerly of 8 to 18 knots and gusts over 20 knots. It was windier on the beach. They sailed a triangle course around the Peninsular and town marks followed by a windward / return leg and a final windward leg to the finish line at the Peninsular mark. Hamish finished first followed by Stephen and Kerry. The yardstick corrected times didn't change the result.

## **Fine Weather for Sailing**

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran heat three of the 2023-24 Twilight series on the fine evening of Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. John Baird manned the start boat and set a starboard rounding triangle lap course with a start line off the Clay Pits swimming area. Richard Churm and Nic Luntungan manned the rescue boat and assisted John with the start line. At the start the medium strength Westerly breeze was around 12 knots. This allowed the boats to zoom round the course and for the catamarans to use their trapezes to good effect. The breeze did drop during the race to around 5 knots at the finish.

Five Division 2 catamarans lined up at the start line and started first. Adam Robins led the fleet off the start line closely followed by Thor & Freya Slater and Doug Paterson. A port / starboard altercation between these boats slowed them up on the way to the first, Club, mark. Tim Symons caught up at this mark and Andrew & Rebecca Rae followed. The small fleet headed out to the far-off Mountain mark for the first time this season. They all had difficulty finding it.

Team Slater led the fleet back to the start mark and around the course followed by Adam, Tim, Doug and Team Rae. The cats sailed two large triangle laps with a windward / return lap in between. After over an hour, Team Slater led the fleet to the finish line at the Club mark. Next came the single-handed cats of Adam, Tim and Doug with Team Rae a bit behind. The handicap corrected times didn't change this result.

Seven monohulls competed in the Division 1 race. All were sailed solo including Duncan Higg's Tasar. They started 5 minutes after the cats and completed a triangle lap and a windward return lap. They sailed a smaller triangle than the cats using Club, Peninsular and start marks. The five Laser full rigs battled for the lead around the course.

Duncan capsized in a gust and was assisted by Richard & Nic on the rescue boat. He then retired from the race. Peter Baker also retired from the race. After over half an hour's racing, Rod Baillie led the five Lasers to the finish line at the club mark. He was followed by Hamish Greenwood, Steve Osborne, Kerry McGaw and Iain Wood. The handicap corrected times didn't change the result.

A fine and windy afternoon greeted the sailors for the running of the first two Trophy races of the season on the afternoon of Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Tim Symons and Peter Baker manned the start boat with Richard Churm, Mark Norling and Dudley in the rescue boat. A strong West South Westerly of 14 to 18 knots was blowing across the lake when Tim and Peter set a start line near the Town mark. They had some difficulty getting the Start boat's anchor to hold, drifting away and creating a much longer start line than planned.

As there were only 3 Laser full rigs and two Nacra 16 squares at the start line, Tim sent both divisions off together. They zoomed away in the strong breeze. Catamaran sailor Alan Davis slipped ahead of Doug Paterson and led around the three lap windward / leeward course between the start and peninsular marks. Alan finished first back at the start mark followed by Doug.

Iain Wood started the race on a club Laser, but after a few capsizes and a bent tiller had to retire from the race. That left Laser sailors Steve Osborne and Hamish Greenwood in the Division 1 race. After two laps of the same course as the cats, Steve led Hamish to the finish line at the start mark, despite capsizing on the last leg.

Tim and Peter repositioned the start boat for a second race soon after all the sailors had finished. Again, they sent the two divisions off together on the same course. The wind varied dramatically during the race from 5 to 18 knots during the race. In the Division 2 race, Doug took off from the start line to the right side of the course while Alan stuck to the middle. Doug gained and maintained a lead on Alan around the two and a half leg course. Tim and Peter moved the start boat to a finish line at the peninsular mark. Doug finished first followed by Alan.

The two Division 1 Laser sailors sailed the same two and half lap course as the cats. They had to recover from some capsizes in the gusty conditions. Hamish led Steve around the course and finished first, followed by Steve. The yardstick corrected time didn't change the results for both divisions and both races.

## **Team Rae Takes a Win**

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran heat four of the 2023-24 Twilight series on the cloudy evening of Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Phil Daley and Harriet Greville manned the start boat and set a start line in the bay off Snowline Caravan Park. Sam Bishop and his family, Tanya, Indigo and Tasman manned the rescue boat. A steady 5 knot Easterly breeze greeted the sailors as they made their way to the start line.

Five catamarans lined up to start the Division 2 race. They headed off on the first work to the Quarry mark using their trapezes to good effect. Thor & Freya Slater reached the mark first followed by Alan Davis, Andrew & Rebecca Rae, Tim Symons and Doug Paterson. Doug completed a penalty turn after hitting the mark during his rounding.

The cat fleet headed out to the Peninsular mark on the Port rounding triangle lap course. Team Slater led the fleet around the three triangle laps separated by two windward / leeward (sausage) laps. Alan chased the Slaters, while Tim and Doug passed the Raes.

After over an hour's exhilarating racing, Team Slater finished first back at the Start mark followed by Alan. Tim and Doug battled closely around the course with Doug finishing next only 2 seconds in front of Tim. The Raes completed the fleet. The handicap corrected times mixed up the results with Team Rae taking the win from Team Slater, Tim, Alan and Doug.

Eight monohulls started the Division 1 race 5 minutes after the cats. The fleet contained five Lasers which battled hard around the course. Kerry McGaw led the way for a large part of the race. Visitor, Lindsay Whitton joined in on his Laser Radial.

Ruth Reed and Karen Green sailed their Flying Fifteen and battled with Duncan Higgs sailing solo on his Tasar. Peter Baker slipped off the pace on his Sabre and retired from the race.

The monohulls sailed two triangle laps separated by a sausage lap. After about an hour's close racing, Mal McLean finished first followed by Rod Baillie. Then came Kerry, Steve Osborne, Lindsay, Ruth and Karen and Duncan. Kerry took the win on handicap corrected times from Mal, Duncan, Steve, Lindsay, Rod and Ruth.

Heat four of the 2023-24 Point-score series was held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November. The afternoon started out cloudy and became sunny as it progressed. Tim Symons and Kate Whackett manned the start boat while Wayne Ryan manned the rescue boat.

The sailors were blessed with great sailing conditions with a steady South Westerly breeze blowing at 5 to 10 knots with occasional gusts over 13 knots. Tim and Kate set a Windward / Leeward course to and from the Peninsular mark with a start line between the Town and East Jindabyne marks.

Two catamarans started the Division 2 race and sailed four laps of the course plus a windward work to the finish line at the Peninsular mark. Hayden Slater skippered the Capricorn F18 with Thor and Freya Slater as crew. Doug Paterson on his Nacra 16 square kept in close pursuit around the course.

Team Slater finished first with Doug close behind. The yardstick corrected times reversed this result giving Doug the win.

Three Laser full rigs sailed in the Division 1 race. Mal McLean, Steve Osborne and Kerry McGaw battled closely around the course. After three laps and a windward work to the finish, Mal finished first. Steve finished next only 4 seconds in front of a fast-finishing Kerry. The yardstick corrected times didn't change the result.

John and Kim Kleven sailed their Flying Fifteen, Finigan, around the lake for the first time this season, but didn't sail in the race.