

## **Rain Hampers Sailing on Lake Jindabyne**

The sailors gathered at Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club to compete in heat five of the 2021-22 Twilight series on the evening of Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. They were greeted with no wind on the lake followed by a massive thunderstorm and the race was cancelled.

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran heat five of the 2021-22 Point-score series on the overcast and cold afternoon of Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December. John Baird assisted by Lynne Burgess manned the start boat while Kerry McGaw and George Mohay manned the rescue boat. The start boat's engine refused to start. The rescue boat had to tow it to the start line at the Peninsular mark. Kerry and George also laid a mark near East Jindabyne for the race and assisted Thor Slater and Ross Tattersall to right their Capricorn F18 after a capsize a few minutes before the race.

The six Division 2 catamarans started first, though a bit late as John waited for the breeze to settle. They started their first triangle lap with a Windward work to the East Jindabyne buoy in a light and variable North Easterly of around 5 knots. The sailors took several different courses to this first mark while trying to find the best bit of breeze. The fleet then sailed to the Mountain mark and back to the Peninsular mark to complete their first triangle lap. This was followed by a windward / leeward lap and another triangle lap and a final windward work to the finish at the East Jindabyne mark. The start boat had to be towed to the finish line too.

The breeze picked up to around 12 to 12 knots and the cats enjoyed some fast rides while using their trapezes to good effect. Sam Bylett and Lucy Cross led the cat fleet to the finish line followed by Thor & Ross, Alan Davis, Tim Symons and Adam Robinson. Doug Paterson didn't complete the course. The smaller one-man cats stayed close to the two larger two-man cats throughout the race so that Alan took the Yardstick corrected times win followed by Tim, Adam, Sam & Lucy and Thor & Ross.

Division 1 consisted of three Laser full rigs and one Tasar. They sailed on the same course as the cats and completed a triangle lap and a windward / leeward lap followed by a windward leg to the finish line at the East Jindabyne mark.

Hamish Greenwood and Steve Osborne staged a close battle around the course on their Lasers. After sailing for over an hour Hamish finish first only 5 seconds ahead of Steve. Stephen French finished next followed by Rod & Duncan on their Tasar. The yardstick corrected times left the finishing places untouched with Hamish taking the win.

## Sailing in the Cold and Rain

The hardy sailors of Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club competed in heat six of the 2021-22 on the cold and rainy evening of Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Five boats competed in each of the two divisions. John Byrne manned the start boat and set a Port rounding course with a start line at the Club mark. Barry Dennis and Stephen French manned the rescue boat while the fleets made slow progress from the beach (grass) in the almost non-existent South-south Easterly breeze.

The five catamarans lined up on the start line for the Division 2 race with almost no wind to propel them off the line. They slowly made their way with Thor & Freya Slater on their Capricorn F18 slipping to the lead followed by Sam Bylett single handed on his Viper F16 and Nacra 16 squares of Tim Symons, Alan Davis and Adam Robinson. The cats sailed a triangle lap around the Quarry, Peninsular and Bay marks followed by a Windward / Leeward sausage lap to the Quarry mark and back to the finish line at the Bay mark.

After a very slow race in the extremely light breeze, Thor & Freya led the cats to the finish line followed by Sam, Tim, Alan and Adam. Tim took his first win of the season on handicap corrected times followed by Thor & Freya, Sam, Alan and Adam.

The five monohulls in Division 1 sailed the same two lap course as the cats. The four lasers battled with each other around the course while Rod Baillie slipped to the lead. Rod Miller and Duncan Higgs on the yellow Tasar didn't finish the course and returned to the beach after the triangle lap. Rod led the fleet to the finish followed by Mark Baker, Steve Osborne and Kerry McGaw. Rod took the Handicap corrected times win from Steve, Mark and Kerry.

A temporary improvement in the weather had the sailors smiling as they rigged their boats to compete in races three and four of the 2021-22 Trophy series on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December. John Byrne manned the start boat while Richard Churm and Rod Miller manned the rescue boat. After over half an hour's wait for the South Easterly breeze to settle, John sent the five catamarans off on race three into a 5 to 8 knot South Easterly breeze. Their first triangle lap was from the start line at the Peninsular mark, around the Cardinal and Mountain marks and back to the Peninsular mark. This was followed by a windward / leeward sausage lap from Peninsular to Cardinal and return, another triangle and another sausage lap with a finish at the Peninsular mark.

After many light wind races this season, the cat sailors enjoyed the medium strength breeze which allowed them to use their trapezes while they zoomed around the course. Sam Bylett & Lucy Cross slipped to the front of the fleet, while Alistair & Alexi Cross and Alan Davis battled with each other around the course. Tim Symons and Doug Paterson completed the fleet. Doug didn't complete the course. Sam & Lucy finished first followed by Alan only 15 seconds in front of Alistair & Alexi and Tim. Alan took the yardstick corrected times win from Tim, Sam & Lucy and Alistair & Alexi.

The six monohulls fleet which started race three included three Laser full rigs, two Laser radials and an International Finn. The monohulls sailed the same course as the cats, but only completed one triangle and one windward / lead sausage lap. Nic Kennedy and John Baird battled for the lead at the front of the fleet with Nic finishing first. He was followed by John, Stephen French, Mark Baker, Kerry McGaw and Gote Vikstrom. Nic took the yardstick corrected times win from John, Mark, Stephen, Kerry & Gote.

John set a new course for race four with Richard and Rod laying two marks to Windward of the Peninsular mark start line. Both fleets rounded both marks using the left hand one as an offset mark while they completed two laps of the Windward / Leeward course. Thor, Freya & Hayden Slater joined the cat fleet on their Capricorn F18 for race four.

The bigger two-man cats led the cat fleet around the course with Sam & Lucy finishing first only 7 seconds in front of Team Slater. Alistair & Alexi finished next only 18 seconds in front of Alan, Tim and Doug. Alan took his second yardstick corrected times win for the day followed by Tim, Sam & Lucy, Alistair & Alexi, Team Slater and Doug.

Five Lasers lined up for race four as Nic Kennedy returned to the club. They completed the same two lap windward / leeward course as the cats. John led the fleet to the finish line followed by Mark, Kerry,

Stephen and Gote. The yardstick corrected times results didn't change much with John taking the win from Mark, Kerry, Gote and Stephen.

### **Sailing in the Rain yet again.**

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran heat seven of the 2021/22 Twilight series on the rainy evening of 15<sup>th</sup> December. Fifteen boats competed in the race with John Byrne manning the start boat and Steve Osborne and George Mohay manning the rescue boat. After a short wait for the breeze to settle, John sent the cats off from the start line at the Club mark into a 3 to 4 knot South Westerly breeze. The breeze increased to around 9 knots during the Port rounding course allowing the sailors to enjoy some speedy sailing.

The Seven catamarans of Division 2 started first with Sam Bylett & Lucy Cross slipping to the lead on the first Windward work to the Quarry mark. A square run to the Peninsular mark followed with the cats taking various routes as they gybed their way down the course. Single tack works back to the Bay and Quarry marks completed the first triangle lap. This was followed by a sausage lap and another triangle lap.

Sam & Lucy led the fleet to the finish line followed by Thor, Freya & Hayden Slater, Alan Davis only 7 seconds ahead of Alistair & Alexi Cross who were only 15 seconds ahead of Adam Robinson. Tim Symons and Sinead Stone & Todd Rosevear completed the fleet. Adam took his first Handicap corrected times win of the season from Alan, Tim, Sam & Lucy, Alistair & Alexi, Team Slater and Sinead & Todd.

Nic and Jenny Kennedy sailed their newly purchased Elliott 780 Trailable Yacht for the first time before the race start. Jason Abbott and Ross Tattersall joined them on the boat for the mono-hull race which started 5 minutes after the catamarans. The monohulls sailed the same course as the cats, but only completed one triangle lap and one sausage lap. Nic led the other eight boats to the finish line, but didn't receive a score as yet as he doesn't have a handicap adjustment factor for the boat.

John Baird led the eight monohulls to the finish line followed by Rod Baillie, new member Dave Rubin, Mal McLean, Mark Baker, Terry Lee & Lucas Blackmore-Lee, Kerry McGaw and Ian Ferguson. The Handicap corrected times mixed up the results giving Terry & Lucas their first win of the season. They were followed by Ian, Mal, John, Kerry, Rod, Mark and Dave.

The sailors gathered in the rain yet again at Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club on the afternoon of 19<sup>th</sup> December only to be disappointed. It was decided not to run heat 6 of the 2021-22 point-score series as the weather on the lake was far too wild and dangerous.

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club has now completed its racing programme for 2021 with the next race scheduled for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022.