

New Autumn Series Starts

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club started a new Autumn series on the afternoon of Sunday 2nd April. Steve Osborne and Dave Rubin manned the start boat and ran two races for three divisions. Ross Lawley assisted on the rescue boat and laid the start mark off the clubhouse and near the large yellow 4 knot zone buoy.

Six Division 2 catamarans started first in the 5 to 8 knot North-north Easterly breeze. They sailed two laps of the port rounding Windward / Leeward course out to the Mountain mark and back. Hayden & Thor Slater on their Capricorn F18 led the fleet around the course. They were chased by Nacra sailors Adam Robinson, Alistair Cross & Tobia Curto, Doug Paterson, Tim Symons and Wayne Ryan.

The cats jostled for positions within the fleet with Tim making a big move on the second windward work to catch and pass Alistair and Doug. Team Slater used their red spinnaker to good effect on the downwind legs of the course and finished first followed by Adam. Alistair and Doug chased Tim on the final downwind leg sneaking past on the finish line. Wayne completed the fleet. Adam took the yardstick corrected times win from Doug, Tim, Hayden, Alistair and Wayne.

Four monohulls raced in the Division 1 race over a shorter course to the Peninsular mark and back. They also completed two laps. Sam, Tanya Bishop and their 2 kids slipped to the lead on their RS 400 with the help of their white spinnaker. They were chased around the course by Laser sailors Mal McLean and Hamish Greenwood and Duncan Higgs sailing his Tasar solo.

After 2 laps Team Bishop crossed the finish line first followed by Mal, Hamish and Duncan. The yardstick corrected times mixed up the results with Mal taking the win from Hamish, Duncan and Team Bishop.

Two of the club's Corsairs skippered by Ruth reed and Kate Whackett joined in the racing in Division 3. They completed one lap of the same course as Division 1. Ruth led the way around the course and finished first followed by Kate.

A second race was run with the Division 1 boats completing the race before the cats had returned from their race one. Ruth Reed joined the Division 1 boats on the club Corsair making it a five boat fleet. They completed one lap to the peninsular mark and back. Sam sailed with his daughter Indigo and led the fleet around the course. Mal and Hamish battled for positions behind Sam sailing beside each other all the way around the course.

Sam & Indigo finished first followed by Mal 2 seconds in front of Hamish, Duncan and Ruth. Mal took the yardstick corrected times win followed by Hamish, Sam & Indigo, Duncan and Ruth.

The catamarans sailed a second one lap race on the shorter course to the peninsular mark and back. A tight group of four boats battled around the course and finished in a spread of around 1 minute. Team Slater finished first followed by Alistair & Tobia who slipped past Doug on the finish line, Adam, Tim and Wayne. Doug took the yardstick corrected times win from Adam, Alistair, Hayden, Tim and Wayne.

The sailors are all looking forward to the next race in the Autumn series will be after Easter on Sunday 16th April.

Sailors Brave the Autumn Cold

Six hardy sailors braved the rain and cold conditions to compete in races three and four of Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club's 2022-23 Autumn series on the afternoon of Sunday 16th April. John Baird and Lynne Burgess manned the start boat while Thor Slater, Hayden Slater and Duncan Higgs manned the rescue boat. They set an unusual start line between Lion and Cub Islands and a windward return course to the Club mark and back. Light rain was falling at the start of the race and the wind was 10 knots and more from the West South West.

Three Lasers competed in Division 1 starting the first race of the day and sped away up the windward first work while the catamarans were still making their way to the start line. The Lasers sailed three laps of the course and finished back at the start line. After a close battle, Hamish Greenwood crossed the line first followed by Steve Osborne and Kerry McGaw.

Three Nacra 16 squares catamarans competed in Division 2. They sailed the same three lap course as the Lasers. Adam Robinson started on port tack and raced away with Doug Paterson and Tim Symons in pursuit. After two laps, Doug caught up to Adam and snuck past to lead the small fleet around the final lap and to the finish line. He finished 6 seconds ahead of Adam with Tim about 3 minutes astern.

John moved the start line for the second race of the day drastically to the main lake side of Lion Island near the Peninsular mark as the wind had shifted to the South-south West. The three catamarans started first this time sailing a two lap windward return course again to the club mark and back with a final windward leg to the finish line at the club mark.

The wind dropped a lot in strength during this race and shifted in direction as well. Adam again started on port tack and zoomed away. Ultimately this proved a winning move as he led around the course and finished first. Doug chased Adam, but was caught and passed by Tim on the final windward work. Tim finished second and Doug third.

The three Lasers sailed a single windward return lap with a final windward leg on the same course as the cats. They reversed the results in a tricky race in the shifting breeze. Kerry finished first followed by Steve and Hamish. All of the sailors were happy to return to shore and warm up.

Zero Breeze Tests Sailors

The Lake Jindabyne sailing Club Sailors enjoyed a fine afternoon on the lake for the running of races five and six of the 2022-23 Autumn series on Sunday 23rd April. Unfortunately, the sailors had to endure two very light wind races. Tim Symons and Lynne Burgess manned the start boat and set a port rounding Windward / Return course in the very light Northerly breeze. Kerry McGaw and Ruth Reed manned the rescue boat and set the start buoy between the clubhouse and the Quarry mark.

The wind was promising at around 5 to 6 knots before the start, but decreased to around 2 knots at the start. The three Division 2 Nacra catamarans started first with Doug Paterson leading the way from Adam Robinson and Wayne Ryan. They slowly made their way to the Peninsular mark and back to the Start / Finish line. Doug finished first followed by Adam. Wayne didn't complete the course.

Four boats contested the Division 1 race and started after the cats. They completed the same one lap course. Hamish Greenwood on his Laser led the fleet to the peninsular mark and back. He was chased by Duncan Higgs on his Tasar, Hayden Slater on a Laser 4.7 and Elizabeth Slater and Kate Whackett on a club Corsair.

After a slow race of about an hour, Hamish finished first followed by Duncan, Hayden and Elizabeth & Kate. Hamish took the yardstick corrected times win from Hayden, Duncan and Elizabeth & Kate.

As the wind looked like it was going to fill in, a second race was set. The wind steadily decreased from around 2 knots to zero as the boats struggled around the same course as in the previous race. Two catamarans started the second Division 2 race. Again, Doug slipped ahead of Adam and built a

large lead. After around an hour and a half of slow sailing and drifting, Doug finished first ahead of Adam.

The four monohulls also battled the extremely light and frustrating conditions around the course. Hayden decided to paddle back to the club and not complete the race. Hamish eventually finished first followed by Duncan and Elizabeth & Kate closely behind. Hamish took the yardstick corrected times win by 20 seconds from Elizabeth & Kate and Duncan.

The sailors are hoping for fine weather and a decent breeze for the last races of the season on Sunday 30th April.

2022-23 Sailing Season Finally Ends with an Anti-climax

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club planned to hold races seven and eight of the 2022-23 Autumn series on the afternoon of 30th April. After a week of fabulous and warm Autumn weather, Sunday 30th April dawned cold and rainy. Officer of the Day, Adam Robinson, decided that no-one would want to sail in about 8 degrees in the rain and little wind, so the final two races of the series were abandoned.

This left six races and two drops for four results to count for the series. The sailors were disappointed with the anti-climax finish to the 2022-23 Sailing Season, while being glad not to sail in such rotten conditions.

Sailors Celebrate a Successful Season

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club celebrated a successful 2022-23 sailing season with its annual presentation night on Saturday 6th May. Around 40 sailors and family members attended the presentation event at the club's clubhouse. They enjoyed telling and re-telling stories from a successful season of variable and stormy weather on Lake Jindabyne.

The club splits the sailors into two main divisions 1 and 2 for monohulls and catamarans, respectively, with an extra Division 3 joining in on occasion. Races were held on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons during November 22 to April 23. The various awards and trophies were handed out by Commodore, John Baird and Club Secretary, Ross Lawley. Some new perpetual trophies which were handmade by Kerry McGaw were awarded this year.

The Division 1 results are:

Wednesday Twilight series – First, Kerry McGaw, Second John Baird, Third, Steve Osborne.
Sunday Point-score series – First, John Baird, Second, Steve Osborne, Third, Kerry McGaw.
Sir William Hudson Trophy – First, John Baird, Second, Kerry McGaw, Third, Dave Rubin.
Sunday Autumn series – First, Hamish Greenwood, Second, Duncan Higgs, Third, Mal McLean.

The Division 2 results are:

Wednesday Twilight series – First, Adam Robinson, Second Alan Davis, Third, Tim Symons.
Sunday Point-score series – First, Alan Davis, Second, Tim Symons, Third, Doug Paterson.
Foundation Cup Trophy – First, Alan Davis, Second, Adam Robinson, Third, Tim Symons.
Sunday Autumn series – First, Doug Paterson, Second, Adam Robinson, Third, Tim Symons.

Club Champion:

The overall club Championship is calculated over all divisions and race series on a Yardstick corrected times basis. The 2022-23 Club Champion is Alan Davis with John Baird and Tim Symons in Second and Third.

Full results can be found on the club's website at: www.lakejindabynesailingclub.com.

Other awards include:

Lady Sailor of the year – Elizabeth Slater.
Encouragement award – Andrew and Rebecca Rae.
Youth Sailor of the year – Hamish Greenwood.
Junior Sailor of the Year – Hayden Slater.

Thor Slater reported on the season's sailing and improvement by the club's Junior Green Fleet Sailors and awarded Byron and Indigo with certificates. Elizabeth Slater and Kate Whackett reported to the members on the She Sails programmes completed during the season including a trip to Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club. They also received prizes from John Baird.

After the presentations at the clubhouse, the members and their families gathered at the Banjo Paterson Inn for dinner and more celebration. The Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club will cease activities during Winter and will resume sailing in November. The club welcomes new members to enjoy the great sport of sailing every season.

A Well Deserved Life Membership

By Robin Daley

At the recent Lake Jindabyne sailing Club's annual end of season Presentation evening, Tim Symons, Treasurer of the lake Jindabyne Sailing Club for nearly 20 years was presented with a Life3 Membership of the club.

For 20 years Tim has been the treasurer and Tim has also the task of collating the race results after each Sunday afternoon races and each Wednesday evenings twilight races. It is a very difficult job as each sailors' handicap is different and after each race Tim has to adjust the new handicap based on the position the sailor achieved in that race.

Tim is a keen and active sailor in his current boat a nacre 16 square named "Bean Counter". "I've had it for four seasons. Before that I had a Hobie 17 named "Hah" for about 13 seasons," Tim said.

Tim is a capable treasurer and looks after the club's finance4s in a professional manner. Not only is Tim the Treasurer but every week Tim slaves away writing for the Monaro Post newspaper a briefing on the sailing races, telling readers who managed to better his and hers' race sailing handicap.