

New Year's Day 2023 at Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club re-commenced the 2022-23 sailing season with the running of heat six of the Sunday Point-score series on 1st January 2023. A large fleet of seventeen boats rigged up to compete in the race. John Baird and Ross Lawley manned the start boat while Ross Tattersall, Matthew Mason and Alex Mason manned the rescue boat. The weather kept changing from sun to cloud to rain while the sailors rigged their boats. Before the race, the catamarans took to the lake only to be sent back to the beach by John as a thunderstorm was approaching. This delayed the start of the race by about 50 minutes.

John set a course on the main lake in the 6.5 knot South Easterly breeze with a start buoy between peninsular and mountain marks. The seven Division 2 catamarans started first and struggled to cross the line in the very light and shifty breeze. They set off towards the East Jindabyne mark on a downwind reach. Alan Davis on his Nacra led the fleet followed closely by new members John and Sasha Scott-Hamilton on their Hobie 16. They were followed by the Nacras of Adam Robinson, Doug Paterson and Tim Symons who battled with each other around the course. Andrew Kennedy and Andrew and Rebecca Rae also battled with each other on their Hobie cats.

The cats returned to the start buoy after rounding the east mark and returned to the east mark again. They completed 2 laps of this course returning to the finish line back at the start buoy. Alan finished first followed by John & Sasha. They were followed by a bunch of close finishes. Tim snuck ahead of the other two Nacras and finished next only 5 seconds in front of Adam and a fast-finishing Doug 2 seconds behind Adam. The Raes then finished 3 seconds in front of Andrew K. The yardstick corrected results gave John and Sasha the win from Alan, Tim, Adam, Doug, Andrew & Rebecca and Andrew K.

The ten Division 1 boats started 5 minutes after the cats. They sailed on the same course and only completed one lap. Sam, Tanya & Indigo sailing their RS 400 for the first time this season slipped to the front of the fleet by using their spinnaker and led the fleet around the course. They were followed by a bunch of Laser sailors, Steve Osborne, new member Martin Payne, Kerry McGaw and Hamish Greenwood. The fleet also included Duncan Higgs and Zoe White on their Tasar, John & Kim Kleven on their Flying Fifteen, Ian Ferguson on his Enterprise, the She Sails Ladies on the club's Corsair and Peter Baker on his Sabre.

Just as in the cats' race, there were battles between boats around the course and some close finishes. Team Bishop led the fleet to the finish line followed by Steve, Martin, Kerry and Hamish separated by 30 seconds. Next to finish were Duncan, John K, Ian, the She Sails Ladies and Peter Baker. Steve took the yardstick corrected times win from Martin, Kerry, Hamish, John K, Team Bishop, Ian, Duncan, Peter and the She Sails Ladies.

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club's sail training programme has continued during the summer holiday period. The club ran a She Sails 2 course on 10th and 11th December to progress the ladies who completed the previous introductory course. The ladies are now sailing regularly with the Green Fleet juniors on Sunday mornings and with the regular fleet on Sunday afternoons in the club's Corsair dinghy. Another She Sails Learn to Sail course will be held on 6th and 7th January.

A Tackers 2 course was run on 28th and 29th December to improve the juniors' sailing tricks and techniques. This course was run by Alexi and Lucy Cross with 5 participants sailing the club's fleet of Optimist Dinghies. All of the sailors had a great couple of days improving their skills and sailing fast in the windy conditions.

Sailing in Cloud and Sun

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran heat eight of the 2022-23 Twilight series on the cold and overcast evening of 4th January. Alan Davis manned the start boat while Nic Luntungan and two visitors, Hayden and Lachlan manned the rescue boat. Alan set a Starboard rounding course with the start line near Curiosity Bay in the 10 knot Southerly breeze.

The four catamarans started first with all choosing to start on Port tack. Tim Symons started near the start Buoy and led the small fleet away while chased by Adam Robinson, Andrew Kennedy and Andrew and Rebecca Rae. The breeze was strong enough for the cats to use their trapezes while zooming across the lake to the quarry mark. A short reach to the Club mark followed, then a long downwind leg to the mountain mark. Adam caught up to Tim and passed him to lead the fleet back to the quarry mark.

Alan decided to shorten the next leg to the start mark rather than back to mountain and drove the start boat around the course to inform the sailors. Adam accidentally rounded the peninsular mark, then sailed back to the start mark to correct his error. This allowed Tim to catch up and pass Adam and lead the cats around the quarry mark and to the finish line at the club mark. Adam finished second and Andrew K third. The Raes didn't complete the course. The handicap corrected times didn't change the result.

The nine boat monohull fleet was bolstered this week with visitors. Thomas Stewart sailed Duncan Higg's Tasar while Duncan sailed a club Laser. Terry and Barley Stewart sailed a club Corsair. The monohull fleet started 5 minutes after the cats with a mixture of Port and Starboard tack starts. The usual pack of Laser sailors battled for the lead. John Baird slipped to the front and was chased by Damian Goninan, Kerry McGaw and Steve Osborne.

Peter Baker and Terry Stewart didn't complete the course. John led the fleet to the finish line at the Club mark. He was followed by Damian, Kerry, Steve, Terry Lee & Lucas Blackmore-Lee, Thomas Stewart and Duncan Higgs. Kerry took the handicap corrected times win from Terry & Lucas, Damian, Steve, John, Duncan and Thomas.

A sunny and hot day finally arrived on Sunday 8th January and Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran heat seven of the 2022-23 Point-score series. Tim Symons and Nic Luntungan manned the start boat while John Kleven, Matt Mason and Alex Mason manned the rescue boat. The South Easterly breeze was nearly non-existent at the start of the race. It picked up a bit at the end. A Port rounding course was set with a start line between peninsular and mountain marks.

Six catamarans competed in Division 2. They started first and slowly drifted away from the start line. Alan Davis and John & Sasha Scott-Hamilton fared the best in the 3 light breeze as they slipped away from the fleet and created a commanding lead. The fleet sailed to the Town and East Jindabyne marks, then back to the start. A sausage leg to Town and back to the finish at the start buoy followed.

The breeze picked up significantly for the sausage lap. Alan finished first followed by John & Sasha, Adam Robinson, Andrew Kennedy, Andrew & Rebecca Rae and Randy Wieman & Matthew O'Sullivan. The yardstick corrected times didn't change the results.

Nine monohulls competed in the Division 1 Race. They too battled the extremely light conditions after their start. Peter Baker broke his tiller soon after the start and was towed back to shore by the rescue boat. The 6 Lasers in the fleet stayed in a close bunch as they all completed a triangle lap. The boats slowly made their way to the finish line with Damian Goninan in the lead. He finished first followed by Hamish Greenwood, Steve Osborne, John Baird, Mal McLean, Kerry McGaw, Terry Lee & Lucas Blackmore-Lee and visitors Thomas & Barley Stewart. The yardstick corrected times left the results about the same.

Wild Wind and Waves on Lake Jindabyne

On the overcast evening with a storm threatening, sixteen boats rigged up to compete in heat nine of Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club's 2022-23 Twilight series. Phil Daley, Harriet Greville and Nick Kirshner manned the start boat and set a Port rounding triangle shaped course with a start buoy near the clubhouse. Duncan Higgs, Peter Baker and Matt Mason manned the rescue boat.

The eight catamarans started first in the very light breeze of about 1 knot. Alan Davis and Andrew Kennedy both made great starts on port tack while being chased by Tim Symons. The rest of the cat fleet struggled to cross the start line and set off in pursuit of the front three. Alan reached the quarry mark first and set off on a long downwind leg to the mountain mark.

John and Sasha Scott-Hamilton on their Hobie 16 and Jason Abbott and Sam Bishop on their Capricorn F18 caught up to the others on the long leg to the mountain mark. They were followed by the Hobie 16s of Andrew & Rebecca Rae and Randy Wieman & Matthew O'Sullivan and Wayne Ryan on his Nacra.

The cats completed a large triangle lap and a windward / leeward lap and a smaller triangle lap around the peninsular mark with the finish line at the start mark. The wind disappeared completely while the cats sailed their sausage lap. It returned from the North West at about 4 or 5 knots at the end of the race. Jason & Sam, Randy & Matthew and Wayne didn't complete the course. Alan led the fleet all the way around the course and built up a commanding lead. Andrew K, Tim and John & Sasha battled away for the minor placings.

After over an hour and three quarters Alan finished first, followed by John & Sasha, Tim, Andrew K and the Raes. Andrew & Rebecca took their first ever win on handicap corrected times followed by Alan, Andrew, John & Sasha and Tim.

The six monohulls started after the cats and struggled in the same very light breeze. The four Lasers and the Flying Fifteen battled for the lead in the very challenging conditions. They completed two small triangles and a sausage lap.

Rod Baillie finished first followed by Damian Goninan, John & Kim Kleven, Kerry McGaw, Terry Lee & Lucas Blackmore-Lee and Mal McLean. The handicap corrected times mixed up the results with John & Kim taking the win from Terry & Lucas, Rod, Kerry, Mal and Damian.

The Lake Jindabyne sailors were met with totally different conditions on a hot and sunny Sunday 15th January when they gathered to compete in races 5 and 6 of the 2022-23 Trophy Race series. Ross Tattersall, Barry Dennis and Narissa Hamilton manned the start boat while Richard Churm, Mark Norling and Erin Slarke manned the rescue boat. The sailors all left the shore for the course on the main lake and sailed around for over an hour while the missing bungs for the start boat were replaced.

After the delay, race 5 of the Foundation Cup was started in a light to medium breeze of around 4 to 8 knots. Five catamarans started the race from the start buoy near the Colorado Point shore and headed to the town mark. They completed two laps of the windward / leeward course then a final windward leg to the finish line at the Town mark in over 50 minutes. Alan Davis led the fleet around the course and finished first followed by Adam Robinson, John & Sasha Scott-Hamilton, Tim Symons and Andrew & Rebecca Rae.

The wind and weather changed dramatically after the start of race six with a squally Easterly of over 15 knots taking over and sending the cats zooming around the course. They sailed 3 laps of the same course and finished at town in around 40 minutes. Adam and Alan had a great tussle for the lead in the tough windy and wavy conditions. Randy Wieman & Matthew O'Sullivan joined the fleet for race six, but didn't complete the course. Andrew and Rebecca capsized their Hobie 16 and returned to the shore after righting it. Adam led the fleet to the finish line followed by Alan, John & Sasha and Tim.

Seven monohulls raced in race 5 of the Sir William Hudson series in the light to medium Southerly. They completed one lap of the course plus a windward leg to the finish line at the town mark. After over an hour's close racing, John Baird finished first. He was followed by Dave Rubin, John & Kim

Kleven, Sam & Tanya Bishop, Martin Payne and Kerry McGaw. Peter Baker didn't complete the course.

Six boats competed in the tough conditions of race six as Sam & Tanya had returned to shore. They sailed two laps and finished at the town mark in around 40 minutes. John B led the fleet around the course and to the finish line. He was followed closely by Dave, Martin, Kerry and John & Kim. Peter Baker didn't complete the course.

Lake Jindabyne Sailors Sail in any Weather

Despite the overcast cold and rainy conditions, the Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club sailors rigged ten boats to compete in heat ten of the 2022-23 Twilight series on the evening of Wednesday 18th January. Kerry McGaw and Lynne Burgess manned the start boat while Peter Baker and Richard Churm manned the rescue boat. The wind was very light at less than 4 knots and shifting around. Kerry moved the start boat to three different positions to set a start line. He finally selected a spot off Lion Island to set the port rounding course in the light South Easterly breeze.

Seven catamarans competed in the Division 2 race and headed off towards the club mark. They either started on port tack or quickly changed to port for this leg. Alan Davis led the fleet around the club mark and on to quarry, then returning to the start for the first triangle lap. A sausage, windward / leeward lap and another triangle lap followed.

Alan built up a commanding lead while Doug Paterson, Adam Robinson and Tim Symons battled away behind him. Andrew Kennedy and Andrew & Rebecca Rae had a close battle too while Randy Wieman & Matthew O'Sullivan completed the fleet. Alan led the fleet to the finish line at the club mark followed by Doug, Adam, Tim, Andrew K, 4 seconds in front of Team Rae and Randy and Matthew. Alan took the handicap corrected times win from Team Rae, Doug, Andrew K, Tim, Randy and Adam.

Three boats lined up for the Division 1 race. They sailed on the same course as the cats, but completed one triangle lap and the sausage lap. John Baird sailing the lone Laser led the fleet around the course. He was chased by Duncan Higgs sailing his Tasar single handed and Ross Lawley sailing his Impulse with a new sail.

John finished first followed by Duncan and Ross. Duncan took the handicap corrected times win from John and Ross.

Sixteen boats were rigged up to compete in heat eight of Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club's 2022-23 Point-score series on the Sunny afternoon of Sunday 22nd January. The wind was very light and shifty as the boats struggled to sail from the club to the course on the main lake. Alan Davis and Lynne Burgess manned the start boat and set a port rounding triangle shaped course. Matt Mason and Alex Mason manned the rescue boat and laid the start buoy between the peninsular and mountain marks.

The six catamarans in the Division 2 fleet started first in the extremely light East south easterly breeze of less than 4 knots. While they slowly made their way towards the town mark, they split into two groups with the leading three boats of Doug Paterson, Tim Symons and Alistair & Lucy Cross finding a bit of breeze while Adam Robinson, Wayne Ryan and Andrew & Rebecca Rae remained stuck in zero breeze.

The three leading cats built up a commanding lead over the remaining cats as they sailed around the first triangle lap. The wind started to pick up to around 10 to 12 knots for the following sausage lap. A massive storm hit the fleet during the second triangle lap with rain, hail and wind over 20 knots. After over an hour's racing, the three leaders managed to complete the race all finishing within 7 seconds of each other. Alistair and Lucy finished first followed by Doug and Tim. Doug took the yardstick corrected times win followed by Tim and Alistair. The other cats didn't complete the course due to the storm, but all returned safely to the shore while having some wild rides.

Ten monohulls competed in the Division 1 race. The four Lasers of John Baird, Rod Baillie, Kerry McGaw and Damian Goninan battled for positions at the front of the fleet. They were chased by

Duncan Higgs on his Tasar, Ross Lawley on his Impulse, John & Kim Kleven on their Flying Fifteen, Sam and Tanya Bishop and two kids in their RS400, Terry Lee & Lucas Blackmore-Lee on their 470 and the She Sails Ladies on a club Corsair.

John and Rod managed to complete the triangle and sausage laps to finish the race in that order. The rest of the fleet were slammed by the storm and didn't finish the course. Some of the Lasers capsized and recovered and all of the boats made it safely back to shore while the start and rescue boats assisted as required.

Lots of Races at lake Jindabyne Sailing Club

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran heat eleven of the 2022-23 Twilight series on the evening of 25th January. Phil Daley and Harriet Greville manned the start boat while Andrew Kennedy manned the rescue boat. They set a starboard rounding course with a start line near Lion Island in the light to medium strength South Westerly breeze.

Five catamarans lined up to compete in the Division 2 race. They headed off to the Club mark and then the mountain mark on their first triangle lap. This lap was followed by a sausage lap, another triangle, another sausage and a final windward work to the finish line at the club mark. Alan Davis led the fleet around the course being chased by Doug Paterson, Adam Robinson, Tim Symons and Wayne Ryan.

Alan built up a commanding lead while Adam battled with Tim and Doug as he chased Alan. Wayne didn't complete the course. Alan finished first followed by Adam, Doug and Tim. Alan took the handicap corrected times win from Doug, Adam and Tim.

Ten monohulls sailed in the Division 1 race. They sailed the same number of laps as the cats, but on a smaller triangle lap around the Peninsular mark. The three Lasers sailors, Mal McLean, Damian Goninan and Kerry McGaw battled for the lead with Duncan Higgs sailing solo on his Tasar, John & Shelly Kleven on their Flying Fifteen and Terry Lee & Lucas Blackmore-Lee on their 470. Ian Furguson capsized his blue sailed Enterprise and retired from the race. Ross Lawley, Sam & Tanya Bishop and Suzie Green also retired from the race.

Mal finished first followed by Damian, John & Shelly, Duncan, Kerry and Terry & Lucas. Duncan took the handicap corrected times win from Mal, John & Shelly, Damian, Kerry and Terry & Lucas.

The next day, 26th January, Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran three catch up races to fill in for races missed earlier in the season due to bad weather. Michael Fearnside and Jo Wright manned the start boat and set a Windward / Leeward port rounding course between a start mark near the town mark and the peninsular mark. Richard Churm, Mark Norling and Dudley manned the rescue boat.

Four catamarans lined up for the two Foundation Cup Trophy races. Alan Davis led the small fleet from the start in the 10 to 15 knot Westerly breeze. The wind picked up during the race. Doug Paterson and Trim Symons chased Alan around the course.

Tim caught and passed Doug when he suffered difficulties with his mainsheet. Wayne Ryan made up the fleet but didn't complete the course. After sailing two laps and a windward leg to the finish at the peninsular mark, Alan finished first followed by Tim and Doug.

Five monohulls sailed in the Sir William Hudson Trophy races on the same course as the cats. They completed one lap plus a windward leg to the finish. John Baird led the fleet around the course and finished first. He was followed by Mal McLean, Kerry McGaw, John & Kim Kleven and Terry Lee & Erin Slarke.

The wind picked up for race two with string gusts of over 20 knots during the race. The four cats took off from the start with Alan & Doug on port tack and Tim on Starboard tack. Tim reached the peninsular mark first. Then a massive squall with huge winds hit the fleet. Doug capsized and Tim was blown off course towards Lion Island rather than the start mark. Barney overtook Tim but broke 3

batons in his sail when he gybed, then also capsized. This put Tim back into the lead. After another two laps plus a windward leg, Tim finished first and Doug second. Wayne didn't complete the course after a capsize.

The five boat mono-hull fleet also suffered huge wind in race two. Some of the boats capsized including Terry and Erin in the 470 who then returned to shore. Again, John B led the fleet around the course and finished first, followed by John K & Kim, Kerry and Mal.

The third catch up race of the day was a replacement for the first Twilight race of the season. The remaining two cats lined up to start this race. Doug led Tim around the single lap plus a windward leg course. Doug finished first followed by Tim. They were glad to head back to the shore after three hectic races.

Five monohulls sailed in the catch-up Twilight series race. They sailed a short one leg windward race from the start to the peninsular mark. John K & Kim didn't complete the course. John B led the other Lasers to the finish line followed by Mal and Kerry.

A few sailors gathered at Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club on the afternoon of Sunday 29th January to compete in the club's annual Marathon race. Ross Lawley, the race officer for the day decided to postpone the race to another day due to the rain, lack of wind and predicted storms. Five hardy catamarans decided to sail anyway on a short, inside course. Ross started the race from the club's flagpole while Kerry McGaw and Hamish Greenwood manned the start boat and set a wing mark near Lion Island.

Doug Paterson led the fleet off the start line in the light rain and extremely light breeze of around 1 knot. He was chased on his way to the Quarry mark by Alan Davis, Tim Symons, Adam Robinson and Alistair & Lucy Cross. Adam decided to return to shore while Alan slowly caught and passed Doug. After a very slow race of about an hour and a quarter, Alan crossed the finish line at the club mark first followed by Doug, Tim and Alistair & Lucy.