

The Regular Race Series Reconnence at Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club.

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Six sailors rigged their boats to compete in the final race of the 2018 Sir William Hudson series on the afternoon of Saturday 20th January. Steve Osborne manned the start boat and set an interesting course around the islands and onto the main lake. The sailors set off in a light breeze which steadily built up during the race.

Barney Davis and Ian Foster on their Hobie 17 catamarans led the small fleet around the course and finished first. After over an hour and three quarters of racing, they were followed by Laser sailors Martin Van Weel, John Baird and Kerry McGaw who finished 5 seconds apart. Terry Lee and Lucas Blackmore Lee completed the fleet on their 470. Martin took the yardstick corrected time win followed by Kerry, John, Barney, Terry and Ian.

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club's 2017/18 Twilight series recommenced with heat 9 on the evening of Wednesday 24th January. Ten boats competed in this extremely light wind race. They started in about 4 knots of breeze and finished in less than 1 knot. John Byrne and Ian McCluggage manned the start boat and Mark Bieder the rescue boat. The catamaran fleet consisted of three Hobie 17s which ventured out to the Mountain mark. Tim Symons led Barney Davis and Ian Foster on the large triangle lap.

The seven mono-hulls sailed a triangle lap around the Peninsular mark. The cats joined the mono-hull sailors when they arrived back at Lion Island on their way to the Quarry mark. Tim's progress slowed as he sailed between Phil Daly and Nick Kirshner's Flying Fifteen and Lion Island while Barney sailed around both boats to lead the cats. Adam Bieder led the now combined fleet around the Quarry mark and onto the final windward work to the finish of the shortened course at the Bay mark. The wind dropped to almost nothing as the sailors struggled to keep their boats moving on the glassy lake.

In the Catamaran fleet, Barney reached the finish line first followed by Tim and Ian. Tim took the handicap corrected time win from Barney and Ian. Visiting junior sailor, Adam Bieder on his NS 14 led the mono-hull fleet to the finish line at the Bay mark. He was followed by Terry Lee & Lucas Blackmore-Lee, John Baird, Martin Van Weel, Kerry McGaw, Phil Daly, Gote Vikstrom, Steve Osborne, Suze Green and Hamish Greenwood. Adam took the win on handicap corrected times with Terry Lee next, the first local sailor. They were followed by Suze, Kerry, Martin, Gote, John, Steve, Phil and Hamish.

Seven boats competed in heat six of the 2017/18 Point-score series on the afternoon of Saturday 27th January. John Byrne started the race from Club mark into a medium strength breeze. The two catamarans of Alistair & Lucy Cross and Tim Symons zoomed off towards the far off Mountain mark. They miss calculated the position of the mark and sailed way past the mark before realising their mistake and heading back to the cardinal mark behind Cub Island. This mistake allowed most of the mono-hulls catch up to and pass the cats.

John Baird led the fleet around the triangle lap and windward / leeward lap between the Mountain and Peninsular marks. John shortened the course to a finish line at the Peninsular mark. John Baird finished first followed by Kerry McGaw, Terry Lee & Lucas Blackmore-Lee Alistair & Lucy, Tim, Steve Osborne and Hamish Greenwood. John took the yardstick corrected time win followed by Kerry, Steve, Terry, Hamish, Tim and Alistair.