

## **The 2017/18 Sailing Season Commences at Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club.**

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The 2017/18 Sailing Season started with a bang at Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club on the evening of Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017. Twelve boats competed in Heat One of the 2017/18 Twilight series. Suzie and Karen Green manned the rescue boat while John Byrne started the five catamarans first from the start line at the Peninsular mark from the club's new start boat.

All of the boats started on port tack in the light 10 knot South Westerly breeze. Barney Davis sailing a Hobie 17 this season made a great start and led the fleet to the Club mark for the first time. The seven mono-hulls started five minutes after the cats and headed off towards the Club mark too. The two divisions completed a triangle, sausage, triangle 3 lap course with the mono-hulls using the Peninsular mark and the catamarans the far off Mountain mark.

Michael Fearnside and Louise, sailing their Hobie 18, snuck past Barney on the last leg and was the first cat to cross the finish line. Barney finished next followed by Tim Symons on his Hobie 17. Next to finish were Hobie 16 sailors Andrew & Jake Kennedy and Randy Wieman & Ross Tattersall. Barney took the corrected time win followed by Tim, Michael, Andrew and Randy.

After a closely fought mono-hulls race between Laser Full rig sailors John Baird led Jason Abbott to the finish line at the Club mark. The Laser Radials enjoyed a close race too with Kerry McGaw on his new boat leading Martin Van Weel over the finish line with Rod Baillie on his Laser Full rig finishing in between them. Next to finish was Terry and Lucas Lee on their 470 Dinghy and Thomas Davis on his Laser Radial. The finish order remained almost the same on corrected times with John Baird recording his first win of the season.

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club commenced its 2017/18 Point-score series on the sunny, though chilly, afternoon of Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November with a small fleet of five boats. John Baird started the five boat fleet from the Bay mark into an almost non-existent South Easterly breeze. Peter Baker watched from the rescue boat as the small fleet slowly drifted across the start line. Eventually the breeze filled in to up to 8 knots which allowed steady progress around the triangle, sausage, triangle lap course.

Tim Symons led the fleet around the course followed by Alistair Cross on his Hydra 16 cat. John Baird and Rod Baillie raced closely on their Laser Full rigs with Terry and Lucas Lee on their 470 also in the mix. After over an hour's racing, John shortened the course at the Bay mark and Tim finished first followed by Alistair, John, Rod and Terry. The yardstick corrected times mixed up the results with John taking the win from Rod, Terry, Tim and Alistair.

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club is looking forward to a great 2017/18 sailing season of close racing. So, get that boat out of the shed and come down to the Lake Jindabyne to join in the fun on Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons.