

## **The Sailors sail a race with two parts**

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Heat five of Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club's 2017/18 Twilight series was held on the warm evening of Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Ross Lawley manned the start boat and was assisted by Peter and May Baker in the rescue boat. Six of the eight catamarans started the race at the bay mark in an extremely light Nor-nor Easterly breeze of the first part of the race. Alex and Dan, Fearnie & Louise and Barry headed to the right side of the first long windward work to the Mountain mark. Barney, Andrew & Jake and Randy & Ross headed to the left side where they found a light Westerly breeze which gave them an advantage, but petered out before reaching the mark. The two missing cats of Tim and Adam & James started over five minutes late and followed the three boats on the right side of the course.

Meanwhile the twelve boat mono-hull fleet started five minutes after the cats and headed towards the Peninsular mark. Everyone made painfully slow progress in the extremely light breeze windward work while trying to minimise movement in their boats and the number of tacks. Tim and Adam & James eventually crossed the start line on the Hobie cats and set off to chase down the rest of the fleet. They chose the right side of the course and managed to catch up to the others. Alex and Dan rounded the mountain mark first, closely followed by Fearnie & Louise and Tim. Alex cleverly steered his Hobie 20 out of the large hole in the breeze which slowed down the progress of the rest of the fleet. This move gave him a great lead around the rest of the starboard rounding triangle, sausage triangle three lap course.

The Laser full rig sailors of Jason, Sam and John led the mono-hull fleet on the long slow windward work to the Peninsular mark. After both fleets had completed the first triangle lap, the wind picked up to 12 to 15 knots allowing the sailors to zoom around the second part of the race. The windy conditions now allowed the cat sailors used their trapezes to great effect as did Lucas on his dad's 470 dinghy. After a lot of close and tactical racing, Ross shortened the mono-hulls race to two laps and finished the race at the Bay mark. John Baird finished first followed by Jason Abbott, Sam Bishop, Phil Daly & Nick Kirshner, Kerry McGaw, Martin Van Weel, Terry Lee & Lucas Blackmore-Lee, Steve Osborne, Sam Bylett, Nathan & Tayla Gorringer, Nic Luntungan & Karen Green and Hamish Greenwood. Kerry was awarded his first win of the season on handicap corrected times followed by Steve and Jason.

The catamaran sailors enjoyed the windy second part of the race as they completed two extra laps around the Peninsular mark. The course still set challenges for the sailors with several joining Randy and Ross stuck in the lee of Lion Island on their way to the Quarry mark. Alex and Dan increased their lead as they led the fleet around the course. Tim tried to catch the bigger cats and passed Fearnie & Louise when they rounded the peninsular mark from the wrong side and had to re-round the mark. Alex Machin & Dan Kroenert finished the race at the Bay mark first. They were followed by Tim Symons, Michael Fearnside & Louise, Alan Davis, Adam Robinson & James, Barry Dennis, Andrew & Jake Kennedy and Randy Wieman & Ross Tattersall. The Handicap corrected times mixed up the results with Adam & James taking the win from Alex & Dan and Tim.

After a mainly rainy weekend, race four of Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club's 2017/18 Point-score series was run on the afternoon of Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Ross Lawley manned the start boat with Tim Symons on the rescue boat. The rain cleared up and the sun shone occasionally while the six mono-hull fleet completed a starboard rounding course in the 12 to 15 knot variable South Westerly breeze. The boats all zoomed around the course planning at every opportunity with lots of hiking required to keep the boats upright. Terry's 47 had the added bonus of Lucas on trapeze.

John Baird took to the lead and the other jostled for positions. Steve Osborne battled with Kerry McGaw and Terry and Lucas Lee while chasing John. Young guns Sam Bylett and Hamish Greenwood completed the fleet on two of the club's lasers. After a long five lap race John led the fleet to the finish line at the Club mark. Steve finished next followed by Terry & Lucas, Kerry, Sam and Hamish. John took a close win on yardstick corrected times from Steve, Kerry, Terry, Sam and Hamish.