

Sailors Enjoy Warm Conditions on Lake Jindabyne

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Heat 11 of Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club's 2017/18 Twilight series was held on the warm evening of Wednesday 7th February. John Byrne started the race from the Quarry mark into a gusty Westerly breeze while Steve Osborne manned the rescue boat.

The seven catamarans started first and made good use of the 15 to 20 knot breeze on the first leg to the Bay mark on a large triangle lap around the far off Mountain mark. Alex Machin and Dan Kroenert led the cat fleet. Adam Robinson and Rod Baillie came next and were chased by Barney Davis, Tim Symons, Andrew Kennedy & Louise, Barry Dennis and Peter & Tom Brulisauer.

The twelve mono-hulls started five minutes after the cats and the usual battle between the Laser and Flying Fifteen sailors ensued. All the sailors enjoyed some fast and exciting rides in the gusty breeze with some of the sailors recovering from or avoiding capsizes. The mono-hull sailors used the Peninsular mark for their triangle laps.

At the completion of the first triangle lap, Barney caught up to and passed Adam and Rod and set off after Alex and Dan. After two triangle laps and two sausage laps, John shortened the course and set a finish line just past the Bay mark so that the fast finishing cats could finish without hindering the still sailing mono-hulls. As the breeze was dropping Alex & Dan led the cats to the finish followed by Barney, Tim, Adam & Rod, Andrew & Louise, Barry and Peter & Tom. Alex & Dan kept the win on Handicap corrected times followed by Adam & Rod, Barney, Andrew & Louise, Tim, Barry and Peter & Tom.

Meanwhile in the mono-hulls race, Phil Daly & Nick Kirshner couldn't quite catch John Baird and his red Laser despite using their spinnaker on the down-wind legs. Nick Luntungan and Karen Green took their Flying Fifteen back to the beach early. John led the mono-hull to the finish line in the ever decreasing breeze followed by Phil & Nick, Jason Abbott, Martin Van Weel, Gote Vikstrom, Kerry McGaw, Hamish Greenwood, Sam Bylett, Ian McCluggage, Nathan Giringe and Ross Lawley. The Handicap corrected times mixed up the results with Phil and Nick taking the win from John, Gote, Jason, Martin, Kerry, Hamish, Sam, Nathan, Ian and Ross.

Twelve boats competed in Heat seven of Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club's 2017/18 Point-score series on the warm afternoon of Saturday 10th February. John Byrne manned the start boat while Adam Robinson and Andrew Kennedy manned the rescue boat. The fleet started at the Club mark into a very light and shifting South Westerly breeze. Everyone struggled to reach & round the Bay mark then headed off to the Mountain mark. Barney Davis and John Baird slipped to the front of the fleet. While the others searched for the breeze. Barney and John mysteriously found plenty of wind and sped off as the others jealously watched on. Tim Symons chased Barney and John and only caught up to John after a full triangle lap around the Mountain, Cardinal and Peninsular marks.

The sailors all enjoyed some fast rides at the start of the race, while the shifty breeze steadily dropped during the afternoon. Barney kept increasing his lead over the large two triangles and two sausage laps course. Ian Foster tried to sail with an injured toe and had to return to the beach early. Martin Bannister sailed his cat rigged Hobie 16 single handed and Hamish Greenwood missed the finish cut off time in the softening breeze.

John set a finish line near the Peninsular mark which Barney reached first by a large margin. Tim was next to finish followed by Alistair & Lucy Cross, John, Martin B, Kerry McGaw, Rod Baillie, Steve Osborne, Martin Van Weel and Sam Bylett. Barney took a well-deserved win on corrected time followed by John, Kerry, Rod, Steve, Tim, Martin VW, Sam, Alistair & Lucy, and Martin B.