

Sailors Enjoy Medium Strength Breezes

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A good turnout of sailors competed in heat five of Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club's 2019/20 Twilight series on the evening of Wednesday 27th November. The Officer of the day was Kerry McGaw who was assisted on the start boat by Alan Davis and Lynne Burgess. Adam Robinson and Mars manned the rescue boat. The two divisions started in a medium strength Westerly breeze which promised a fast and exciting race

The six catamarans started first from the Club mark start line. Andrew Kennedy on his Hobie 17 made a great start with the fleet all starting on Starboard tack. He was soon overtaken by the larger two-man cats on their way to the Bay Mark. A long shy reach to the far off Mountain mark followed in an increasing breeze. The F18s flew their spinnakers while all of the cats zoomed to the Mountain mark, then back to the Quarry mark.

The eight boat mono-hull fleet started five minutes after the cats and headed off on their first triangle lap. The larger boats slipped to the lead and all enjoyed some exciting rides in the medium to strong breeze. Ian McCluggage capsized his laser radial and was assisted by Adam and Mars on the rescue boat and towed back to the beach.

In the cats' race, Michael Fearnside and Ross Tattersall on their Hobie Wild Cat F18 battled for the lead with Alistair Cross & Gavin Fuller on their Nacra 5.8. Jason Abbott & Sam Bishop on their Capricorn F18 chased the leading pair while being pursued by the one-man cats of Tim Symons, Andrew Kennedy and Thor Slater. The cats completed a full 5 lap course though the wind decreased towards the finish of the race. Michael and Ross built up a commanding lead over the full five lap course and they finished first after less than 47 and a half minutes. Michael & Ross kept the win on handicap corrected times followed by Alistair & Gavin and Thor 3 second ahead of Tim, Jason & Sam and Andrew.

In the mono-hulls' race over the five lap smaller course, Nic Kennedy led the fleet to the finish line followed by John Baird, Hamish Greenwood, Steve Osborne, Phil Daley & Nick Kirshner, Rod Baillie and Alex Machin. On Handicap corrected times Steve took the win from Nic, John, Phil, Hamish, Rod and Alex.

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran heat four of the 2019/20 Point-score series on the cold afternoon of Sunday 1st December. Only four sailors decided to brave the conditions. Ross Lawley manned the start boat with Kerry McGaw on the rescue boat. The three boat mono-hull fleet and the one catamaran started from the Club mark and headed to the Bay mark. The medium strength breeze shifted around between North Westerly and South Westerly during the race and softened towards the end.

Tim Symons on his Nacra 16 square slipped to the front of the small fleet and led them around the triangle, Sausage, triangle lap course. Ross shortened the race at the Bay mark. The mono-hulls completed three laps while Tim added an extra sausage lap to his course. As the only cat in Division 2, Tim took the win. Nic Kennedy on his Finn led Hamish Greenwood on his Laser Full Rig and Sam Bylett on his Laser Radial to the finish line. The finishing sequence didn't change after adjusting the elapsed times for the standard yardstick for each class of boat.