

Windy Wednesday and Catch-up Sunday

After several rainy days, the sailors at Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club were surprised to find a short break in the weather for the running of heat Sixteen of the 2021-22 Twilight series on Wednesday 2nd March. The East South Easterly breeze settled at around 9 knots with gust of around 13 knots and more out on the main lake. John Byrne manned the start boat while Andrew Kennedy and Damien Goninan manned the rescue boat. John set a Port rounding course starting at the Bay mark and continuing around the Quarry and Mountain marks on the first triangle lap.

Only four catamaran sailors, all sailing Nacra 16 squares, competed in the Division 2 race. The wind temporarily dropped a bit for the race start and shifted towards the South under an overcast sky. Adam Robinson, Alan Davis and Doug Paterson started on port tack from the buoy end of the line while Tim Symons started with right of way on Starboard tack from near the start boat. The four cats regrouped at the Quarry mark and Adam led the small fleet on the long reach to the mountain mark. All of the cat sailors used their trapezes to good effect as they zoomed to the next mark. Tim rounded the mountain mark first followed by Adam, Alan and Doug.

Adam used his cat sailing skills to pass Tim on the next leg and rounded the Bay mark first. Adam led the fleet on the following Windward / Leeward sausage lap and another triangle lap. John shortened the course and set a finish line at the Bay mark. Adam finished first followed by Tim, Alan and Doug. The handicap corrected times left the results the same with Adam claiming a well-earned win.

Seven monohulls competed in the Division 1 race. Two two-man boats, a Flying Fifteen and a Tasar, plus five single handed Laser full rigs. The monohulls completed a similar three lap course to the cats including two triangle laps around the Bay, Quarry and Peninsular marks. The sailors enjoyed some fast rides around the course, especially Phil Daley & Nick Kirshner when they used the Flying fifteen's spinnaker.

Rod Baillie led the fleet around the first triangle lap, but was passed by John Baird. John led the fleet to the finish line at the Bay mark followed by Rod, Dave Rubin 2 seconds in front of Phil & Nick, Mal McLean, Kerry McGaw and Duncan Higgs & Zoe White. Phil & Nick took the Handicap corrected times win from John, Rod, Mal, Kerry, Dave and Duncan & Zoe.

Sunday 6th March was catch-up day at Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club. The club ran a catch-up race for the Point-score series Race 6 and the Marathon which were both abandoned earlier in the season. John Byrne manned the start boat for the last time with assistance from Sinead Stone while Ross Lawley and Todd Rosevear manned the rescue boat.

An interesting course was set combining the two races. The Southerly breeze varied at around 5 to 10 knots under another overcast sky. The six catamarans started first from the peninsular mark and headed for the Club mark, then the Quarry mark. They made good use of their trapezes while completing two Port rounding triangle laps and an extra windward leg to finish at the Club mark. This race completed the race 6 catch up race. The cats then continued sailing on the extended Marathon course.

The two double handed boats slipped away from the four single handed boats and competed in their own race within the race. Thor & Freya Slater finished Race 6 first followed by Alistair & Lucy Cross, Adam Robinson, Alan Davis, Tim Symons and Doug Paterson. Alistair & Lucy took the yardstick corrected times win from Adam, Alan, Tim, Thor & Freya and Doug.

Eight mono-hulls competed in the Race 6 catch-up. They started 5 minutes after the cats and completed one triangle lap plus a windward leg to also finish at the Club mark. The breeze and the smaller than usual course proved a bit tricky for the sailors. John Baird led the fleet to the finish at the Club mark followed by Rod Baillie, Mal McLean, John Kleven & Peter Baker, Mark Baker, Kerry McGaw, Stephen French and Duncan Higgs & Zoe White. The yardstick corrected times changed the results slightly with John taking the win from Rod, Mal, Mark, John & Peter, Kerry, Stephen and Duncan & Zoe.

The extended Marathon race took the sailors from the Race 6 finish at the Club mark on a very long downwind leg to the cardinal mark off Clifford Point. They rounded this mark and the Rushes Bay

cardinal mark to Starboard. After turning South East at the Clifford Bay mark, the sailors enjoyed a sudden increase in wind and rain as the beat to Windward to Church Rocks and around Cub and Lion Islands. They returned home to the finish at the Club mark with wet sails and a strong following breeze.

After about 2 hours of racing, the cats' positions didn't change with Thor & Freya leading the fleet to the finish line followed by Alistair & Lucy, Alan, Adam, Tim and Doug. The eight mono-hulls completed the same extra miles for the Marathon added on to their Race 6 course. Some of the sailors had to recover from capsizes in the strong Southerly breeze on the homeward leg. John Baird led the fleet around the large course and to the finish line at the Club mark.

Southerly Buster hits Lake Jindabyne

Lake Jindabyne sailing Club ran heat seventeen of the 2021-22 Twilight series on the cold evening of Wednesday 9th March. The sailors anticipated a regular breeze under an overcast sky, but received a strong Southerly buster of 17 to 21 knots with much stronger gusts. Ross Lawley and Lynne Burgess manned the start boat while Kerry McGaw manned the rescue boat. Little did Kerry know about the busy evening ahead.

Five catamarans rigged up to compete in the Division 2 race, four Nacra 16 squares plus One Capricorn F18. An unusual Port rounding course was set with a start at the Peninsular mark. Doug Paterson suffered a capsize before the start and was assisted by Kerry. Adam Robinson broke his recently repaired tiller and decided to start the race with a short triller. The cats started with a mixture of port and starboard tacks. The double handed Capricorn of Thor & Freya Slater slipped to the lead and led around the Club mark then on to the Quarry and Mountain marks.

Thor & Freya led the fleet on the large triangle lap. They capsized while rounding the mountain mark and retired from the race. Tim Symons took over the lead with Adam, Doug and Wayne Ryan following. A long Windward return and another windward leg between the Club and Mountain marks followed. Adam capsized on his second rounding of the Mountain mark and was assisted by Kerry. Tim capsized while in the lead on the last windward leg to the finish line at the Club mark. He was assisted by Kerry while stranded on the shore far from the club. Wayne didn't complete the course. That left Doug to "do a Bradbury" by being the only cat to finish the race and therefore take the win.

The six monohulls competing in the Division 1 race were spared the worst of the wild wind on the main lake as they completed a smaller triangle lap and windward / leeward sausage lap around the Peninsular, Club and Quarry marks. None of the boats in Division 1 capsized or required assistance from Kerry on the rescue boat.

John Baird led the fleet around the course and to the finish line at the Club mark. He was followed by Rod Baillie, Damien Goninan who dead heated with Phil Daley & Nick Kirshner, Mal McLean and Duncan Higgs & Zoe White. Damien took the handicap corrected times win from Duncan & Zoe, John, Phil & Nick, Rod and Mal.

Five Lake Jindabyne sailing Club members packed up their boats and made the trek to the Far South Coast to compete in the Wallagoot Lake Boat Club's annual regatta on the weekend of 12th and 13th March. Gote Vikstrom and his Laser radial joined Alan Davis, Doug Paterson, Adam Robinson and Tim Symons with their Nacra 16 square catamarans. Wallagoot Lake put on some fine and sunny weather plus great sailing conditions with a North Easterly of around 12 knots in the mornings and 15 to 20 knots in the afternoons.

The four Jindabyne cats were joined by two Hobie 17 sailors from Canberra making their division 6 boats. Three races were held on the Saturday with Alan taking 3 wins from Adam, Doug and Tim. Doug fell off his boat in race one and had climb back aboard while Tim missed races two and three due to gear breakage. The races were full of excitement in the strong North Easterly breeze with Adam suffering a capsize in race three.

Two more races were held on the Sunday with Adam and Alan taking a win each. Race four saw the Nacras split up into two groups as Alan, Doug and the two Hobie cats ran aground at the top of the lake. Overall, Alan won the division on yardstick corrected times from Adam and Doug.

Gote competed in four of the five races and came 5th overall on yardstick corrected times in his division of twelve boats. All of the Jindabyne sailors enjoyed the weekend on the coast and promised to return next year.

The Sailing Season is in its Final Weeks

The 2021-22 Sailing Season is reaching an end with Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club running the third last Twilight race eighteen on the overcast evening of Wednesday 16th March. Ross Lawley and Michael Fearnside manned the start boat while John Russell manned the rescue boat. A port rounding course was set in a Northerly breeze of around 5 knots with a start line at the Club mark.

Six catamarans rigged up to compete in the Division 2 race. The catamaran fleet was made up of three double handed cats and three single handed cats. Ross and Michael started the race 5 minutes earlier than usual which found only Alan Davis ready for the start. So, the other five cats spent the race chasing Alan around the course. The cats sailed two large laps around the Mountain, Bay and Club marks.

Jason Abbott & Sam Bishop caught up to Alan on their Capricorn F18 and finished first, 9 seconds in front of Alan. Adam Robinson finished next less than a minute later followed by Doug Paterson, Nigel & Chelsea Rae and Andrew & Rebecca Rae. Alan took the handicap corrected times win from Adam, Doug, Jason & Sam, Andrew & Rebecca and Nigel & Chelsea.

Nine mono-hulls competed in the Division 1 race. They completed three laps around the Club, Peninsular and Bay marks. The monohull fleet was ready for the early start and all got away on time. Phil Daley and Nick Kirshner used the spinnaker on their Flying fifteen to slip to the front of the fleet and lead around the course. John Kleven & Peter Baker on the other Flying fifteen also made good progress through the fleet.

Phil & Nick finished first followed by John Baird, Rod Baillie, Kerry McGaw, Mark Baker 1 second in front of John K & Peter, Duncan Higgs & Zoe White, Terry Lee & Lucas Blackmore-Lee and Connor Nelson. Phil & Nick took the handicap corrected times win from Duncan & Zoe, Kerry, Terry & Lucas, Rod, John Bd, Mark, John K and Connor.

Lake Jindabyne sailing club ran the final two races, nine and ten, of the two 2021-22 Trophy series on the sunny afternoon of Sunday 20th March. Ross Lawley and Lynne Burgess manned the start boat while John Russell manned the rescue boat. Ross set a start line at the Mountain mark in the 10 to 12 knot South-south easterly breeze and a starboard rounding course.

The Division 2 cats competed for the club's Sir William Hudson trophy and the Division 1 monohulls competed for club's Foundation Cup trophy. Four Nacra 16 square catamarans competed in Race nine. They set off from the Mountain mark to the East Jindabyne mark, then the Peninsular mark and back to the Mountain mark. A Windward / Leeward lap to the East mark and back was followed by another triangle lap with the finish line at the Mountain mark.

After the start Tim Symons reached the East mark first, but was soon passed by Adam Robinson and Alan Davis. Adam then led the four cats around the three lap course and to the finish line. He was followed by Alan, Doug Paterson and Tim. The yardstick corrected times remained the same.

Nigel Rae and Brad on their Hobie 18 joined the four Nacras for Race 10. This was a longer race of five laps over the same course. Adam slipped to the front of the fleet while Alan and Tim battled behind him. Doug suffered a capsize near the mountain mark and had to recover and re-join the race. He then chased Nigel and Brad and the others around the course. After over an hour and 20 minute's racing, Adam finished first followed by Alan, Tim, Doug 11 seconds in front of Nigel. The yardstick corrected times remained the same.

Eight monohulls competed in Race nine. They completed the same three lap course as the catamarans. Jo Wright and Peter Baker retired their Sabres from the race. After over an hour's sailing John Baird led the fleet to the finish line followed by Rod Baillie, Stephen French, John & Shelley Kleven and Kerry McGaw. The yardstick corrected times changed the results slightly with John taking the win from Rod, Mark, Stephen, Kerry and John K.

Six monohulls competed in Race nine. They completed the same three lap course as the previous race. Stephen didn't complete the race. After another race over an hour in length, John Baird again

led the fleet to the finish line. He was followed by Rod, Kerry, John & Shelley and Mark. Mark took the yardstick corrected times win from John, Rod, Kerry and John K.

Good Wind to Finish the Season

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran the penultimate race nineteen of the 2021-22 Twilight series on the fine evening of 23rd March. Alan Davis and Michael Fearnside manned the start boat while Andrew Kennedy and Nigel Rae manned the rescue boat. Alan set a Starboard rounding course with a start line at the Peninsular mark.

Six catamarans competed in the Division 2 race in the 10 knot South Easterly breeze. The cats zoomed off the start line and made their way on the first Windward work to the Quarry mark. Thor and Freya Slater started their Capricorn F18 on a Port tack with a bunch of Nacras on Starboard tack and slipped to the front of the fleet. They led the fleet around the Quarry and Bay marks then on a long down wind leg to the Mountain mark.

A long Windward leg from the Mountain mark to the Quarry mark was followed by down wind leg to the peninsular mark. Two more legs to the Quarry mark and the finish line at the Bay mark completed the course. Thor and Freya increased their lead around the course and finished first. They were followed by the Nacra 16 squares of Adam Robinson, Doug Paterson and Tim Symons. Andrew & Rebecca Rae finished next on their Hobie 16 and Wayne Ryan on another Nacra completed the fleet. The handicap corrected times gave Thor & Freya the win from Adam and Doug as the results didn't change.

Eight monohulls competed in the Division 1 race. They completed a similar course to the cats, but their first triangle lap included then Quarry, Bay and Peninsular marks. John Baird slipped to the front of the fleet and was chased by Rod Baillie and Phil Daley & Nick Kirshner. Connor Nelson didn't complete the course on a club Laser and returned to the beach.

John finished first followed by Phil & Nick, Rod, Duncan Higgs & Zoe White, John Kleven & Peter Baker, Kerry McGaw and Gote Vikstrom. Duncan & Zoe took the handicap corrected times win from Gote, John, Kerry, John K, Rod and Phil & Nick.

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran the final race 12 of the 2021-22 Point-score series on the sunny afternoon of Sunday 27th March. John Baird and Lynne Burgess manned the start boat while John Russell manned the rescue boat. A Starboard rounding course was set with a start line at the Peninsular mark. The rescue boat crew attempted to lay a mark between the Mountain and Town marks only to find the lake too deep. So, the Mountain mark was chosen to be the first windward mark of the course.

The six boat Division 2 catamaran fleet set off first into a North Easterly breeze of around 3 to 5 knots. The double handed boats of Alistair Cross and Vicki Mattiazzo's Nacra 5.8 and Thor, Freya & Hayden Slater's Capricorn F18 slipped to the front of the fleet and started their private battle around the course. They were followed by the three Nacra 16 squares of Alan Davis, Tim Symons and Doug Paterson who conducted their own battle. Andrew & Rebecca Rae on their Hobie 16 completed the fleet.

The wind varied in direction and strength around the course which at times allowed the cat sailors to use their trapezes. Doug used a wind shift to his advantage on the second windward leg to pass Tim and Alan. The cats completed a large three lap course of two triangles and a windward / leeward sausage lap.

After over an hour's racing, Team Slater led the fleet to the finish, closely followed by Alistair & Vicki, Doug, Alan, Tim and Andrew & Rebecca. Doug took a well-earned win on yardstick corrected times from Alan, Tim, Alistair & Vicki, Team Slater and Andrew & Rebecca.

Eight monohulls competed in the Division 1 race. The Laser full rig sailors of Mal McLean, Dave Rubin, Steve Osborne, Kerry McGaw and Mark Baker battled away at the front of the fleet. They were

joined by the double handed boats of John & Kim Kleven and Duncan Higgs & Zoe White. Peter Baker on his Sabre completed the fleet.

After sailing a two lap course of a triangle and a sausage lap in around 50 minutes, Mal led the fleet to the finish line at the Peninsular mark. He was followed by three boats spread over 27 seconds Dave, Mark and Steve. Next to finish were Kerry, John K & Kim K, Duncan & Zoe and Peter. The yardstick corrected times gave Mal the win from Dave, Mark, Steve, Kerry, John K, Duncan and Peter.

The Sailing Season comes to an end

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran the final race of the 2021-22 Sailing Season on the overcast and cold evening of Wednesday 30th March. Twelve monohull boats contested the Division 1 race and seven catamarans contested the Division 2 race. Ross Lawley and Andrew Kennedy manned the start boat while Barry Dennis and Ross Tattersall manned the rescue boat.

Ross set a start line at the Peninsular mark in the 5 to 10 knot South Easterly breeze. Some of the seven boat cat fleet started on Port tack while others started with right of way on Starboard tack. The first lap of the Starboard rounding took the cats to the Quarry and Bay marks then on a long downwind leg to the Mountain mark.

Alistair Cross & Gavin Fuller slipped to the front of the fleet on their Nacra 5.8. Behind them the three Nacra 16 squares of Alan Davis, Tim Symons and Doug Paterson battled with each other. Nigel Rae on his recently repaired Hobie 17 battled with Andrew & Rebecca Rae on their Hobie 16. Wayne Ryan on another Nacra completed the fleet.

The cat fleet completed a large triangle and a windward / leeward sausage lap between the Quarry and Peninsular marks, followed by two more legs to finish at the Bay mark. Alistair & Gavin sailed way past the Peninsular mark on their second lap and lost their lead when the other cats turned at that mark. After around an hour's sailing, Alan finished first followed by Doug, Tim, Alistair and Nigel 8 seconds in front of Andrew & Rebecca. Wayne didn't complete the course. The handicap corrected times allowed Doug to finish the season with a win from Tim, Alan, Alistair, Andrew and Nigel.

Twelve monohulls competed in the Division 1 race around the same shaped course with a smaller first triangle lap around the Quarry, Bay and Peninsular marks. The Slater family decided to leave the cat fleet for this race and join the monohull fleet. Thor and Hayden sailed Lasers with a swap just before the start putting Thor on the smaller 4.7 rig and Hayden on the larger full rig. Freya skippered a club Corsair with her mother Elizabeth and two other ladies on board.

The usual battle at the front of the fleet ensued between the Full rig Lasers of John Baird, Mal McLean, Rod Baillie, Steve Osborne and Kerry McGaw. They were joined by the Flying Fifteen of Phil Daley & Nick Kirshner, Tasar sailors Duncan Higgs & Zoe White and Gote Vikstrom on his Laser Radial. John Kleven & Peter Baker on the green Flying Fifteen didn't complete the course.

After just under an hour's sailing, John finished first followed by Mal, Rod, Phil & Nick, Steve, Kerry, Duncan & Zoe, Gote, Thor, Hayden and Freya. The handicap corrected times gave Mal the win from Steve, Duncan, Rod, Kerry, John, Phil, Gote, Thor, Hayden and Freya.

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club's Junior sailors completed their last Green Fleet sailing day of the season on Sunday 3rd April. The sailors didn't hit the water due to the inclement weather. Instead, Byron, Addison, Felix, Joshua R, Joshua B, Kai, William and Indigo enjoyed a training session concerning the start boat and its ways of communicating with the racers. They then joined their families for a sausage BBQ at the clubhouse.

The sailing club's Green Fleet training team of Freya Slater, Lucy and Alexi Cross were thanked for their hard work over the season by the sailors, parents and Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club commadore., John Baird. The club will hold its annual Presentation Night at the Banjo Paterson Inn Jindabyne on the evening of Saturday 30th April.