

Perfect Sailing Conditions on Lake Jindabyne

The sailors of Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club were greeted by a warm and sunny afternoon with a steady Westerly breeze of around 10 knots on the evening of Wednesday 1st February. Phil Daley and Harriet Greville manned the start boat and set a course for heat twelve of the 2022-23 Twilight series. Nic Luntungan and Nick Kirshner manned the rescue boat and laid the start mark between Lion Island and the quarry mark.

Six catamarans lined up to start in the Division 2 race. They set off on the Starboard rounding course from the start line and headed to the Club mark. Alan Davis rounded the club mark first followed by Adam Robinson, Alistair & Lucy Cross, Tim Symons, Doug Paterson and Andrew & Rebecca Rae. The fleet zoomed to the mountain mark on a long reaching leg and back to the start to complete their first triangle lap. A sausage lap to the club mark and back was followed by another triangle lap and another sausage lap.

Alan built up a large lead on the fleet which Adam and Alistair eventually reduced by the finish of the race. Phil set a finish line at the club mark. The leading 3 boats finished closely together. Alistair & Lucy finished first 6 seconds ahead of Alan who was 5 seconds ahead of Adam. Tim finished next followed by Doug and Andrew & Rebecca. Adam took the handicap corrected times win from Tim, Alistair & Lucy, Alan, Doug and Team Rae.

Twelve monohulls started in the Division 1 race 5 minutes after the cats. They enjoyed the same great conditions as the cats as they ripped around the course. The fleet included eight Lasers. The monohull fleet sailed two triangles and two sausage laps around the peninsular mark. John Baird led the fleet while being chased by Dave Rubin. Another group including Hamish Greenwood, Rod Baillie, Steve Osborne, Mal Mclean, Damian Goninan and Kerry McGaw battled away behind them. John and Kim Kleven, Duncan Higgs & Erin Slarke, Ross Lawley and Suzie Green made up the fleet.

After nearly an hour's close racing, John B led the fleet to the finish line at the club mark closely followed by Dave Rubin. Mal finished next followed by Damian. A close group finished next with Hamish 5 seconds in front of Rod who was 1 second in front of Steve. John K & Kim finished next followed by Kerry and Duncan & Erin. Ross and Suzie didn't finish the course. The handicap corrected times mixed up the results with Dave taking the win from Hamish, Kerry, Damian, John K & Kim, Rod, Steve, Mal, Duncan & Erin and John B.

Sailing in the Rain and the Sun

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran heat nine of the 2022-23 Point-score series on the hot and sunny afternoon of Sunday 5th February. Alistair Cross manned the start boat while Mal and Jay McLean manned the rescue boat. The wind was extremely light making it difficult to set a course.

The five catamarans started first and struggled around the triangle and sausage laps course. After just an hour's sailing, Alan Davis finished first followed by Doug Paterson, Hayden & Thor Slater and Andrew & Rebecca Rae. Alan took the yardstick corrected time win from Doug, Adam, Andrew & Rebecca and Hayden & Thor.

Five monohulls competed in the Division 1 race and completed a shorter triangle lap course. Sam and Tanya Bishop finished first followed by Mark Baker, John & Kim Kleven, Ross Lawley and Duncan Higgs. Mark took the yardstick corrected times win from John & Kim, Ross, Sam & Tanya and Duncan.

The weather changed completely for the running of heat thirteen of the 2022-23 Twilight series on the evening of Wednesday 8th February. Five catamarans and four monohulls rigged up to compete in this race. Rod Baillie and Tori Rae manned the start boat and delayed the start by over half an hour while the sailors waited for a thunderstorm to pass by. Andrew Rae and Hamish Greenwood manned the rescue boat and set a start buoy near the Club mark.

Though it was still raining, the cats started first and headed off on the first triangle lap around the quarry and peninsular marks in around 8 knots of South Easterly breeze. Adam Robinson made a good start followed closely by Alan Davis. Jason Abbott & Sam Bishop zoomed off the start to pass Doug Paterson and Tim Symons to round the quarry mark after Alan. A tricky downwind leg to the peninsular mark followed with lots of gybing.

Jason & Sam slipped to the front of the fleet and Alan passed Adam. The fleet completed the triangle lap, a sausage lap and a final windward leg to the finish line at the quarry mark. The wind slowly dropped to less than 5 knots by the end of the race. Jason & Sam finished first followed by Alan, Adam, Tim and Doug. Jason & Sam took the handicap corrected times win from Adam, Alan, Tim and Doug.

Four monohulls competed in the Division 1 race over the same course as the cats. They sailed a triangle lap and a sausage lap and finished at the club mark. John Baird led the fleet around the course followed by new members Craig and Joshua Rowe sailing their MG 14 for the first time. They were followed by Kerry McGaw and John & Kim Kleven. The small fleet finished in that order. The handicap corrected times mixed up the results with John & Kim taking the win from Kerry, John and Craig & Joshua.

Lake Jindabyne Sailing club ran heat ten of the 2022-23 Point-score series on the warm and sunny afternoon of Sunday 12th February. John Baird and Lynne Burgess manned the start boat while Mark Baker and Jo Wright manned the rescue boat. John set a port rounding course with a start line between the peninsular and mountain marks.

Four catamarans lined up to start the Division 2 race in a 10 knot South South Easterly breeze. Alan Davis got a good start and led the fleet to the town mark for the first time. He was chased by Tim Symons, Doug Paterson and Hayden & Thor Slater. The cat sailors all made good use of their trapezes as they powered up the course. A reach to the east mark followed and another reach back to the start.

The cats followed the first triangle lap with a windward / leeward sausage lap and another triangle lap. Hayden & Thor passed Doug & Tim and set off after Alan. They caught him, but couldn't get past. Doug and Tim had a close battle around the course too. John set a finish line at the town mark with some difficulty as the start boat's anchor kept slipping so that the line was moving as the cats finished. Alan led the fleet to the finish line followed by Hayden & Thor, Tim and Doug. Alan took the yardstick corrected times win from Tim, Doug and Hayden & Thor.

Summer Sailing on Lake Jindabyne

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran heat fourteen of the 2022-23 Twilight series on the warm and sunny evening of Wednesday 15th February. The race start was delayed while the race officers, Phil Daley and Erin Slarke, waited for some wind to arrive. The boats struggled to reach the start line near Curiosity Bay. The rescue boat was manned by Duncan Higgs, Kate Whackett, Matt Mason and Alex Mason.

A light South Easterly breeze of up to 3 knots finally arrived and Phil changed the course from Starboard rounding to Port with the club mark as the first mark. Seven catamarans made up the Division 2 fleet. They set off from the start on a very slow windward work to the club mark. Alan Davis led the fleet away from the start, but was passed by Jason Abbott and Sam Bishop on their bigger F18. They were followed by Adam Robinson, Alistair Cross & Gavin Fuller, Tim Symons, Doug Paterson and Andrew Kennedy.

Several battles within the fleet ensued as all of the sailors searched for that elusive zephyr of breeze. After sailing a triangle lap and a sausage lap the fleet sailed an extra windward leg to the finish line at the club mark. Jason & Sam finished first followed by Alan, Adam, Alistair & Gavin, Tim closely followed by Doug and Andrew. Andrew took the handicap corrected times win from Alan, Jason & Sam, Tim, Adam, Doug and Alistair & Gavin.

Eight monohulls made up the Division 1 fleet which started 5 minutes after the cats. John & Kim Kleven used the spinnaker on their Flying Fifteen to good effect to slip to the front of the fleet. The Laser sailors, Rod Baillie, John Baird, Kerry McGaw, Hamish Greenwood and Suze Green battled for positions as they chased John & Kim. Elizabeth, Thor & Hayden Slater on a club Corsair and Peter Baker on his Sabre made up the fleet.

After sailing a triangle lap plus a windward leg, John & Kim led the fleet to the finish line at the club mark. They were followed by Rod, Kerry, John Bd, Hamish, Suze, Team Slater and Peter. Rod took the handicap corrected times win from Kerry, John & Kim, Suze, Hamish, Team Slater John Bd and Peter.

The sailors gathered on the hot sunny afternoon of Sunday 19th February for the running of races seven and eight in the Sir William Hudson and Foundation Cup Trophy series. Andrew Kennedy and Luke manned the start boat while Richard Churm, Mark Norling and Dudley manned the rescue boat. The start of the first race of the day was delayed while the sailors waited for a bit of wind to arrive. They all struggled to reach the start line between the peninsular and mountain marks.

A light South Easterly breeze of maybe 3 knots allowed the five catamarans to start the Foundation Cup race. The going was slow and the fleet split to the left and right sides of the course and converged again at the town mark. Adam Robinson rounded first followed by Alan Davis, Hayden & Thor Slater, Doug Paterson and Tim Symons. Adam then incorrectly headed off to the mountain mark while the rest of the fleet headed to the east mark.

Adam realised his error at the mountain mark and sailed back to the east mark. He then chased the fleet around the course. The cats sailed a triangle lap and a windward / leeward sausage lap. Adam staged a great come back to catch up to Doug and Tim by the last leg from the town mark to the finish line.

The breeze disappeared on the last, very slow leg to the finish. Hayden & Thor slipped to the front of the fleet with good use of their spinnaker and finished first. They were followed by Alan, Tim, Adam and Doug. Alan took the yardstick corrected times win from Hayden, Tim, Adam and Doug.

Nine monohulls started the Sir William Hudson Trophy race seven. Craig & Josh Rowe had to go to the shore to untangle their spinnaker on their MG 14 which made them late for the start. The fleet slowly made their way around the triangle lap course while looking for every zephyr of breeze. Peter Baker on his Sabre and Elizabeth Slater on a club Corsair didn't complete the course. The corsair was towed back to the fleet at the end of the race as it was stuck with no wind a long way from home.

The monohulls completed a triangle lap of the course and finished at the start mark. Mark Baker finished first followed by Dave Rubin, Kerry McGaw, John Baird, Steve Osborne, Duncan Higgs and Craig & Josh. The yardstick corrected times didn't change the result.

As the wind dropped to almost nothing at the end of the first race, the planned second race of the day was abandoned. The boats returned to the club with some receiving a tow from the rescue and start boats.

Windy Wednesday

The Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club sailors enjoyed a windy race on the evening of Wednesday 22nd February when the club ran heat fifteen of the 2022-23 Twilight series. Steve Osborne and Lynne Burgess manned the start boat while Duncan Higgs, Matt Mason and Alex Mason maned the rescue boat. Steve set a port rounding Windward / Return course with a start line in the bay between the club mark and Snowline.

Three catamarans lined up for the race in an 8 to 10 knot North North Easterly breeze. They headed off on the first of three laps out to the mountain mark and back. The cats found a lot more wind at around 15 to 18 knots on the main lake. The cats made good use of their trapezes as they zoomed around the course.

Jason Abbott & Sam Bishop used the Capricorn F18's spinnaker to power ahead of the two single handed cats on the downwind legs. Doug Peterson on his Nacra and Andrew Kennedy on his Hobie 17 kept up the chase around the course. After nearly an hour's sailing Jason & Sam finished first followed by Doug and Andrew. The handicap corrected times didn't change the result.

Eight boats competed in the division 1 race. Terry Lee & Lucas Blackmore-Lee rigged their 470, but missed the race start. The monohull fleet sailed a Windward / Return course between the start and Peninsular marks. The boats zoomed around the course in the strong breeze. The seven Laser full rigged sailors battled around the course while John & Kim Kleven joined in on their Flying Fifteen.

Dave Rubin led the fleet to the finish line followed by Damian Goninan, Hamish Greenwood, John & Kim, Rod Baillie, John Baird, Mark Baker and Kerry McGaw. The handicap corrected times didn't change the results very much. Dave took the win from Damian, Hamish, Rod, Mark, John K, Kerry and John Bd.

Another windy day greeted the sailors when they gathered on the afternoon of Sunday 26th February for the running of Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club's annual Stern Chaser race. This is a fun race with start times calculated from the sailors' handicaps. The slowest boat starts first and is chased by the rest of the fleet which starts at various times depending upon their handicap.

Steve Osborne and Lynne Burgess manned the start boat and set a port rounding windward / return course between a start mark near Horizons Resort and the club mark. Doug Paterson & Mya Paterson manned the rescue boat.

The three catamaran Division 2 fleet started first. Andrew Kennedy started first on his Hobie 17. He was chased by Alan Davis and Adam Robinson on their Nacra 16 squares. Andrew took off into the 8 to 10 knot North Westerly breeze. The gusty conditions with gusts over 20 knots made for exciting sailing. It took over a lap of the course for the Nacras to haul in the Hobie cat.

After an hour's racing and over four laps of the course, Alan was in the lead and took the win followed by Adam and Andrew.

A mixed bunch of nine monohulls started the Division 1 race. Hayden Slater on a Laser 4.7 and Elizabeth Slater, Erin Slarke & Narissa Hamilton on a club Corsair started first and led the fleet away. Thor Slater on a Laser radial and Tasar sailors Duncan Higgs & Peter Baker were next to start. Laser sailors Kerry McGaw and Hamish Greenwood were next followed by John Baird and John & Kim Kleven on their Flying fifteen. Craig & Josh Rowe sailing the fast MG 14 started last.

Hayden led the fleet up the course while being chased by his dad and the other boats. They were eventually overhauled by Kerry and some of the others. The gusty conditions tested the sailors with a few capsizes along the way as well as some thrilling fast rides. Elizabeth and the ladies capsized the Corsair and were towed to the Clay Pits by the rescue boat. All were ok, though wet and cold.

After sailing three laps of the course over an hour Kerry led the fleet in the gusty conditions. He was chased by Craig & Josh and John Bd who caught up to him at the last rounding of the start mark. They capsized while rounding the mark which left Kerry in the lead. Kerry took the race win followed by John Bd and Craig & Josh.