

## **Good Sized Fleets and Plenty of Wind**

Eighteen boats rigged up to compete in heat five of the 2022-23 Twilight series at Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club on Wednesday 30th November. Phil Daley and Harriet Greville manned the start boat and set a port rounding course starting near the clubhouse. Barry Dennis and Ross Tattersall manned the rescue boat.

The ten boat catamaran fleet started the race first into the 11 knot Easterly breeze. They headed to the quarry mark then out to the far-off mountain mark. The second leg to the mountain mark saw the cats zooming along on a long fast reach with the crews hanging off their trapezes to steady their boats. Sam Bylett sailing his Viper F16 single handed took to the lead with great use of his spinnaker. Adam Robinson and Alistair Cross with crew Gavin Fuller battled away for second and third. Doug Paterson and Alan Davis were next with Tim Symons catching up. Nigel Rae sailed in his first race on his Nacra. Andrew Kennedy, Randy Wieman with new crew Matt O'Sullivan and Andrew & Rebecca Rae made up the fleet.

The cat fleet raced around the course at high speed, completing two large triangle laps separated by two sausage laps. Nigel capsized his Nacra, was assisted by the rescue boat and returned to the beach. Andrew & Rebecca didn't complete the course.

After 40 to 50 minutes of fast and furious sailing, Sam led the fleet to the finish line at the start mark. Alistair & Gavin finished next with Adam only about a minute behind. Tim had caught up to Alan and Doug by the finish, but Alan snuck past him on the line by a nose and 2 seconds. Doug finished next followed by Andrew and Randy & Matt. Unfortunately, Doug and Sam made a mistake by rounding the club mark rather than the start mark on one of their laps and were disqualified from the results. The Handicap corrected results mixed up the results with some favourable handicaps rolling over from last season. Randy & Matt took the win from Andrew, Alistair & Gavin, Tim, Adam and Alan.

Seven Laser full rigs and one Flying Fifteen made up the eight boat monohull fleet. They started after the cats and also enjoyed some fast rides with their boats planning on the reaches. They completed two triangle laps around quarry and peninsular marks separated by two sausage laps between start and quarry marks. After nearly 50 minutes of close racing, John Baird led the fleet to the finish line followed by Mal McLean, Rod Baillie, Mark Baker, Steve Osborne, Kerry McGaw, John & Kim Kleven and Hamish Greenwood. Again, the Handicaps rolled over from last season mixed up the results with John & Kim taking the win from John B, Mal, Kerry, Rod, Mark, Steve and Hamish.

## **Snowy Mountains Regatta 2022 is a Success**

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran the biannual regatta over the weekend of 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> December. The club ran this regatta with the help of many volunteers. The regatta also incorporated the 2022 Nacra Catamarans NSW State Titles which were contested by ten boats, five visitors and five locals.

The weekend started with the Invitation race on the evening of Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Twenty-three boats contested this race. Rod Baillie manned the start boat and set a regular Port rounding triangle shaped course. He sent the sixteen catamarans first from a start near in the Bay. They completed a triangle lap around quarry and mountain marks and back to the start. A sausage lap followed with a finish at the start mark.

Sam Bylett sailing solo on his Viper F16 led the fleet around the course to finish first followed by Jarrod Spencer from Speers Point on his A Class cat and Tony Hastings on his F14 cat. Queenslander, Nigel Lawrence on his Nacra 4.5 took the yardstick win from Tony and Sam.

The Seven strong monohull fleet completed the same laps, but around the peninsular mark. Rob Morton from Wallagoot Lake led the fleet around the course and finished first. Steve Brajkovich and his champion team on their Elliot 7 finished second after sailing the longer cat course in error. Local Laser sailor Hamish Greenwood finished next. Rob kept the win on yardstick corrected times followed by Hamish and Steve.

The main regatta started on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December with three races before and one race after lunch. Club Commodore, John Baird manned the start boat with Ross Lawley and Rod Baillie. They set a large course with two Windward / Leeward courses on the main lake in the 5 to 10 knot South Easterly breeze with the assistance of Steve Osborne and Kerry McGaw in the rescue boat.

The competitors were split into three fleets. The ten boat Nacra fleet started first followed by the nine mixed catamaran fleet and seven monohull fleet. The sailors all enjoyed some great sailing and racing in the terrific conditions. The club planned to run two races on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December, but had to abandon proceedings when the wind didn't arrive on the lake.

After four races, local sailor, Alan Davis won the Nacra 16 Square class followed by Todd Henton from Wallagoot Lake Boat club and local Adam Robinson. The Nacra 5.8 class was won by Scott & Ben Spenser from Wangi Wangi with Arthur Targa and Rohan McAdam from Vincentia second and locals Alistair and Lucy Cross third. Nigel Lawrence from Southport won the Nacra 4.5 class.

The mixed catamaran fleet races were hotly contested. Sam Bylett from Canberra finished first on his F16 in all four races. Jaime Zizman from Gippsland Lakes on his Mosquito took the yardstick corrected times win from Sam and another Gippsland lakes sailor Neil Zizman on his mosquito.

Steve Brajkovich from Sydney on his Elliot 7 trailable yacht won the monohull division on yardstick corrected times after taking four line-honours wins. He was followed by local Laser sailors Mark Baker and Hamish Greenwood.

The local and visiting sailors all the Lake Jindabyne sailing clubs volunteers, on and off the water for running a great regatta and nacre championship.

## **Sailors Ride out the Storm**

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club ran heat six of the 2022-23 Twilight Series on the evening of Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. The weather proved to be extremely variable during the race. Adam Robinson manned the start boat assisted by Lynne Burgess and Lucy Cross while John Russell and Nic Luntungan manned the rescue boat. Adam set a Starboard rounding course in the 10 to 12 knot West North Westerly breeze. John and Nic laid a start mark near the Quarry mark. Unfortunately, the buoy's rope got tangled around the boat propeller causing a delay to the start.

As the five cats of Division 2 started, the breeze shifted dramatically making for a difficult start and first leg to the club mark. Alan Davis and Rod Baillie sailing Adam's Nacra rounded the mark first as Alistair Cross & Gavin Fuller capsized the Nacra 5.8 in the swirling breeze. They righted the boat and returned to shore. Tim Symons rounded the mark and set off after Alan and Rod on a long reach to the mountain mark. Randy Wieman & Matthew O'Sullivan returned to shore on their Hobie 16.

The three remaining cats found less breeze at the mountain mark, but had a fast reach back to the start mark. Tim caught and passed Alan and Rod when they got stuck in irons on the windward work to the club mark. Around this time a fierce rain storm hit the sailors on the lake with gusty wind of over 20 knots. A downwind leg to the start mark was followed by another windward leg to the club mark. Alan decided to return to shore leaving Tim and Rod to complete the second triangle lap around the peninsular mark. After the storm the wind dropped to less than 5 knots as Tim and Rod slowly sailed to the finish at the club mark. Tim finished first followed by Rod. The handicap corrected times didn't change the result.

Five monohulls started the Division 1 race and sailed a triangle sausage triangle course around the peninsular mark. They also suffered difficulties in the variable wind and the sudden rain storm. Duncan Higgs & Zoe White returned to shore on their Tasar and were joined by Hamish Greenwood on his Laser.

That left three Laser sailors John Baird, Steve Osborne and Kerry McGaw battling the conditions around the course. After some fast rides and a slow last leg they finished around the same time as the cats in the dying breeze after having survived the storm. John finished first followed by Steve and Kerry. Steve took the handicap corrected times win from John and Kerry.

A small, dedicated bunch of sailors gathered on the afternoon of Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December to compete in heat five of Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club's 2022-23 Point-score series. Alan Davis manned the start boat while Alistair and Lucy Cross manned the rescue boat. The overcast and cloudy day also contained a very variable West South Westerly breeze of over 10 knots with strong gusts over 20 knots.

The cat sailors were very hesitant to rig their boats in the gusty conditions. Eventually Adam Robinson and Tim Symons sailed their Nacras to the start line, but were way too late for the start and no race was run for the Division 2 catamarans.

Division 1 consisted of four boats. Duncan Higgs and Peter Baker made the start, but returned to shore in the tough conditions. The remaining three Lasers sailed three laps of a short Windward / Leeward course. John Baird finished first followed by Hamish Greenwood and Kerry McGaw.

## **Nichole Overall Opens the Sailing Club's new Sheds.**

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club's two new storage sheds were officially opened by the member for Monaro, Nichole Overall on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022. The sheds were funded by the NSW Government's Stronger Communities Fund 2019 and were built by local contractors and volunteers from the three clubs which use the facilities, Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club, Lake Jindabyne Yabbies and the Snow Dragons.

After the official ceremony, the sailors took to the lake in ten boats for the running of heat seven of the club's 2022-23 Twilight series. The weather was cold and overcast with a strong and variable Southerly wind blowing. Rod Baillie and Richard Churm manned the start boat and set a Starboard

rounding course with a start buoy near Curiosity Bay. Alistair Cross and Gavin Fuller manned the rescue boat with Randy Wieman and his camera.

Just as the five catamarans of Division started, a storm broke over the lake with strong winds gusting 20 to 25 knots, rain and hail. The cats battled the wild conditions as they zoomed around the course. Alan Davis led the fleet. Chasing him were Tim Symons, Doug Paterson, Andrew Kennedy and Thor & Freya Slater.

The fleet sailed a triangle lap around quarry and club marks and back to the start. This was followed by a sausage lap between quarry and start and part of the second triangle with the finish at the club mark. Alan led the fleet to the finish followed by Tim only 10 seconds in front of Doug, Andrew and Team Slater. Andrew took the handicap corrected times win from Alan, Tim, Doug and Team Slater.

The five Laser full rigs of Division 1 started in the same wild conditions as the cats and zoomed off around the same course. They had plenty of wild rides with the boats planning around the course and some had to recover from capsizes.

Dave Rubin sailed his first twilight race of the season and battled with John Baird at the front of the fleet. After sailing the same course as the cats, Dave led the fleet to the finish line at the club mark only 7 seconds ahead of John. They were followed by Hamish Greenwood, Steve Osborne and Kerry McGaw. Dave took the win on handicap corrected times followed by Hamish, John, Steve and Kerry.

Michael Fearnside and Ross Lawley manned the start boat to run races three and four of Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club's 2022-23 Trophy races on the sunny afternoon of 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022. Nic Luntungan and Mark Norling manned the rescue boat and laid marks as required. A small but dedicated group of sailors rigged their boats to compete in these races. Division two competed in the Foundation Cup and consisted of three Nacra 16 squares. All started on port tack at a start line set between the mountain and peninsular marks and headed to the peninsular mark on a triangle lap.

Adam Robinson led Tim Symons and Doug Paterson around the course They sailed a triangle lap around the peninsular, town and mountain marks plus a sausage lap between peninsular and mountain marks. The last leg from mountain to peninsular saw a change in fortunes as a wind shift pushed Adam towards the shore while Tim and Doug sailed straight to the finish line at the peninsular mark This wind change allowed Tim to pass Adam and finish first closely followed by Adam and Doug.

Four Division 1 Laser full rig sailors competed in races three and four of the 2022-23 Sir William Hudson Trophy series. A communication mix-up caused the four Lasers to sail a different course to the cats. The rescue boat removed the Start buoy before the Lasers reached it on their triangle lap. This caused the race to be abandoned. A new race three was started while the cats sailed their race four.

Division 1 sailed a triangle lap and sausage lap around the start, peninsular and town marks. They finished at the peninsular mark after a final windward work from the start mark. John Baird led the fleet around the course and to the finish line. He was followed by Rod Baillie, Steve Osborne and Kerry McGaw.

The cats sailed a second race of the day around two triangle laps separated by a sausage lap. Adam led around the course. He ensured that a repeat of the first race did not occur and finished first. He was followed by Tim and Doug. The cats then returned to shore.

The Lasers then started race four of the Sir William Hudson series after the cats had finished for the afternoon. They sailed three windward / leeward laps between the start and town marks. John again led the fleet to the finish line at the start mark. He was followed again by Rod Baillie, Kerry McGaw and Steve Osborne.

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club has now ceased activities for 2022 and will return to racing on Lake Jindabyne on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023.