



COMMODORE'S REPORT 2023/2024

In summing up the season, it is fair to say that it has been dominated by a cooler and wetter than average summer and one with generally very light winds that resulted in the abandonment of more than one race!

Whilst we only lost few races to these less than ideal conditions, it did mean that attendance was a little lower than in previous years as fair winds and blue skies were more of a rarity than most people would have preferred.

However, the Club is continuing to grow with new members, particularly following the AS sailing courses the Club has sponsored for both adults and 'green-fleeters' alike. My thanks and those of the Club as a whole must go to Thor Slater and his family as the mainstay of our training effort. Theirs will be a very hard act to follow.

In relation to on-the-water activities, filling the Duty RO roster has not been without difficulty. Unfortunately, without people taking their turn as Race Officer, it means that races cannot be run without somebody missing out on their own racing opportunity. We were lucky enough this season to have several individuals who could step in at short notice or indicated their willingness to carry out the RO duty on a semi-regular basis (thank you Phil Daley). On shore, my thanks must go, in particular, to Tim Symons, who, once again, calculated all handicapping and yardstick based results for the whole season. As I mentioned last year, it is something all of us are going to need to learn to do in coming seasons to spread the load.

Whilst documenting the Special Activation Precinct (SAP) saga (as it affects/will affect LJSC) could be a 10-20 page document in its own right, it would be remiss of me not to mention it since several club members have invested huge amounts of their own time in making sure that the Club gets some form of recognition in the formulation of any foreshore development plan. As most will know, the bulk of the \$190-odd million allocated will be spent on improving essential water and sewage services to Jindabyne, and foreshore development will only be planned to 'shovel ready' status. Having said that, owing to the efforts of, in particular, Steve Osborne, Thor Slater and Adam Robinson, LJSC is on the map and recent on-site meetings have at least exposed our Vision to those in a position of influence of what we as a Club might like to see transpire in the future. I'm sure that those mentioned above can provide more detail on this as it will be of interest to the general club membership.

It is customary in these Reports for the Commodore to formally thank those club members who have given of their free time to help further the aims of the Club or the sport of Sailing generally.

Firstly, thank you to all Committee members who have worked tirelessly in their specific roles. Secondly, a huge thank you to all the unsung volunteers without whom the Club would simply not run. These are club members, who in the main do not race, but nevertheless give freely of their time either in the galley or on the rescue boat to ensure that the rest of us can sail safely and return to shore after racing with a good meal already prepared.

In closing, this has been my third and final year in this role. It's been a real privilege to be your Commodore for last 3 years. We may be a small club, but we have many members with great skills (and not just as sailors)! As you know, I haven't been able to do us much actual sailing this season as I might have liked but have nevertheless thoroughly appreciated just being 'down at the Club' and enjoying everyone's company. I wish my successor all the best on his/her election at the AGM and apologise in advance for not attending in person but I will be overseas on family business.

For now, I hope you enjoy the Winter (skiing or otherwise) and I look forward to seeing you all on the water come the start of the new season.

John Baird
Commodore

Club Captains report

Lake Jindabyne sailing Club

Rod Baillie - 22 May 2024



Introduction

Thank you to all who have contributed to the club throughout this season! As a sailor, partner, family member or friend our club benefits from having as many people involved as possible, this is the foundation to our clubs success. Season 23 - 24 was a successful season and this was due to the efforts of our members, so again thank you to all who have helped out!

In reflection I feel the 23 - 24 season could be summed up as light and variable! We started with higher lake levels than when we finished, our rigging areas have returned from the high levels of our most recent past seasons (which was nice) and on a whole the weather was fairly dry and calm. Hard to complain some might say, but for sailors the consistency of wind direction and strength was missed by most.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank John Baird for his role as Commodore over the past 3 years. We/I have very much appreciated the leadership and knowledge (of sailing especially) John has brought to the club. Thanks also all for all of the RO duties you performed this season John, it was a great effort and again very much appreciated.

Sailing

- In terms of our sailing program, the season was a success. We managed to sail all of the planned series and completed the minimum number of races in each to award the trophies. Congratulations to all the sailors who took out the wins in these events. Remember, you've got to be in it to win it, especially when it comes to the longer series.
- In its second year, the Autumn series was held and was well attended. This 4 week series of up to 8 races is a great way to extend the length of our season and keep those of us who are reluctant to pack up their boats out on the water. It looks like the Autumn series is here to stay!
- On the 9 / 10th of March the annual Wallagoot Regatta was held. This event was well attended by our sailors where 5 races were held over the two days. The forecasted strong NE winds built through Saturday afternoon testing and pushing sailors to stay in the competition and work on their resilience. Sunday proved to be similar but not quite as strong as the previous day. All in all this was a great event that was well organised and attended. Through doing these regatta's it is a great way to build on your sailing and racing skills. Well done to all who participated.
- Congratulations to all those who travelled away this season and represented LJSC in various regatta's around the country. Especially to those who went to the Nacra National Championships held over the new year period on Lake Macquarie. I believe

12 races were held over the 5 days and was a great experience for all involved. The Nacra's also participated in another event on the 4th and 5th of November at the Kernell Catamaran Club. What a way to start the sailing season!

- The Snowy Mountains Regatta 24; Our biannual regatta, will be held on the 6th to 8th of December this year. This will be a busy period for our club putting together all things necessary to host a successful event. Please keep this date in mind and reach out to those organising, if you feel you can help out and contribute.

Signing off, I'd like to wish everyone all the best for the coming winter and hope to see you all back at the club for the start of the 24/25 season. Thanks.

Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club Inc.



Treasurer's Report May 2023 to April 2024



To the members of the Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club,

Another successful sailing season was run during 2023/24 with slightly smaller fleet sizes than the previous 2021 and 2022 seasons. Up to 19 boats turning up to race on Wednesdays and up to 16 on Sundays.

The club made a \$5,558.76 profit for the 2023-24 year. This profit includes depreciation costs of \$4,764, so the cash profit is \$10,322.76.

The club ran an adult Learn to Sail course which created 9 new members and a Start Power Boating course during the season, as well as regular Green Fleet racing sessions for the Tackers participants. These courses increase funds by \$1,289.07.

The club used the funds raised from courses and previous events to fund the purchase of new second hand sails and rigs for the Corsairs and laser 4.7 sails.

The weekly catering this season was organised this season by Alison Brass, Steve Osborne, Suzanne Churm, Elizabeth Slater and Lynne Burgess. Catering costs exceeded sales by \$57.94. The costs included \$764.30 for the annual Christmas party which was not passed on to the members.

The 2024 Presentation was held at the club on 4th May 24 with dinner afterwards at the Banjo Paterson Inn.

Electricity costs were \$1,986.52 less than last year as the club was not used by the Nippers or other hirers and the Winter tenant was charged a more accurate amount this year. Gas costs were \$241.54 greater than last year. Timing issues with the exchange bottle system probably caused this increase. Water costs were \$2,949.01, \$1,150.95 greater than last year.

This year the Club's annual licence fee with Snowy Monaro Regional Council increased by a CPI increase of 4.2% on the previous year to \$1,925.88. This makes the total increases in the licence fee from 2011 to 2024 to 60.49%

The club's \$1,575 affiliation fee paid to Australian Sailing is in line with band 2 as the club's membership has increased over the past few years. The club's Discover Sailing Centre accreditation fee was \$300.

The 2023 Winter tenant's stayed at the clubhouse for 17 weeks and paid \$21,250. Marcelo Xavier will return as the Winter caretaker in 2023 at the same weekly rent of \$1,250. This will be his 10th year as the club's Winter tenant.

The club's bank account was a healthy \$35,639+.98 at the end of the season. The New Sheds Grant account has a balance of \$9.58 which includes \$9.56 of interest earned.

The 2024-25 draft Operating Budget forecasts a profit of \$9,223.50 and an increase in funds of \$10,495. It also details a Wish List of capital expenditure projects for the next few seasons of \$51,000 rolled over from last year. The club plans to apply for appropriate grants to fund these projects as they come available.

As LJSC is a tier 2 association, it is not required to lodge its annual financial statements with the Office of Fair Trading,. But they do need to be approved by the club membership at the annual AGM.

Tim Symons.
Treasurer, Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club Inc.
19th May 2024.