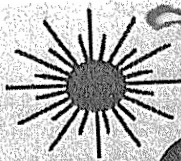


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Any other common format ie 5.25" computer disk, Macs, wordperfect etc.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Paul Martin

Winter is upon us and sailing in most places is down to once a month.

The Worlds in Teneriffe will be over by the time you receive this newsletter, reports of which will appear in the next newsletter.

As mentioned in the last newsletter the NSW Laser Association will be organising a 40 foot container to transport Lasers to Perth, by truck, for the National/Pacifics in December. If you are interested, take note of the following details:-

Cost: \$300.00 (approx.)

Boats sent: About one week prior to the event (mid December)

Packing location: WSC car park

Booking deposit: \$50.00 - Send ASAP
(See details on deposit form in envelope)

A minimum of 20 boats are required to make this venture economically viable. If not enough deposits are received by the 31 October, 1995, cheques will be returned and competitors will have to arrange their own transport. Encourage your club members to take advantage of this offer.

If you have contacts in the transport industry please contact me anytime. (047) 394868

A recent development on the Sydney Harbour sailing scene is that a group of keen Laser sailors are trying to launch regular combined fleet racing. Six Harbour clubs will be approached to participate. It is hoped that combining the fleets from a number of clubs will bring a range of benefits to Laser sailing. The potential for large fleet racing is enormous. At this stage feedback has been mixed. Racing hopes to commence on Saturday 2nd September, run for 30 weeks, offer 2 races/day and will cater for the Laser divisions.

A special word of thanks to Peter Smith who for the last few years has helped to produce the newsletter. Peter has sold his Laser and moved onto bigger and better things. Good luck Peter and thanks again from the Laser Association of NSW.

The Association is looking at the possibility of accessing boat insurance at a discount rate for members. More details will be available at the start of the season.

The 1995/96 program is looking good. We are looking for venues for the 1996/97 season. Please write to us if you are interested in hosting an event at your club. New venues are very welcome.

The next newsletter will contain all the confirmed dates and notice of races for the 1995/96 season. Don't forget the coaching weekend in August. All standards of sailor will be catered for.

Regards in Sailing

RAFFLE

A big "THANK YOU" should be made to Performance Sailcraft Australia for supplying a sail (at a reduced cost) to raffle and raise money for the Association coaching weekend in August. - put in who won the sail - Rob Lowndes.

TEAMS RACING Andrew Verdon

Sunday April 30th - Middle Harbour

The teams racing regatta at Middle Harbour Amateur Sailing Club, turned out a great success. It was a good way to end a busy season.

The weather was fantastic if unseasonal for late Autumn, with a pleasant 10-15 knot North Easterly providing plenty of speed and excitement around the tight triangle course. Eight teams turned up to challenge each other for the title. They were all well behaved with no protests during the entire day. The only disappointment was the lack of interest from any radial teams.

Congratulations to Bob Beesley and David Luketina from the host club for the work they put in during the lead up, the excellent organisation certainly showed on the day. Congratulations also to the combined Vacluse / Woollahra team of Peter Heywood, Rob Lowndes, Will McCarthy and Sean Feeney.

Places were:

1. Vacluse / Woollahra SC's
2. Mosman Amateurs SC
3. RPAYC + Team Skulander
4. Middle Harbour 16' Skiff Club
5. Taree SC + the Kirkjian connection
6. MHASC 'B' (Radial) Team
7. MHASC 'A' Team
8. Georges River SC

**SAIL SYDNEY
FULL RIG REPORT
Scott Ellis**

Not Received

**SAIL SYDNEY
RADIAL REPORT
Andrew Verdon**

Easter arrived once again to mark the end of another successful season for the Laser Radials. Numbers remained steady at Sail Sydney with 38 tolerating the light and often wet conditions. The fleet had lost a few sailors to other classes at the regatta, with 3 or 4 youth boys taking on Brendan Casey in the full rig Youth World's Selection Trials and several girls deciding to sail in the Europe Class.

Good Friday

Heat 1 began after a long delay in a light West / South-Westerly which turned, turning the first beat into a reach and the race was correctly abandoned. We went in for lunch and returned in the afternoon to race in a light South-Easterly.

Heidi Gordon showed the benefits of a week's training at the AIS to blitz the first heat sailed, with Rob Lowndes right astern at the gun. Travis Hodgkinson from Victoria placed third. Heat 3 started straight away. It turned into an interstate affair with interstate boats taking the first 11 places. Ex Sabot and 420 champ Mark Turnbull

won from Queensland training partners Aaron George and Adam Roberts-Thompson.

Saturday

The fleet was sent out in the morning to drift around Rose Bay before being sent home for lunch. A trickle of breeze sent everyone to scurrying across the harbour to Chowder Bay for a start in a light South / South-Easterly. A rain squall killed all signs of the breeze at the 10 minute gun and the fleet drifted to the top mark with the tide. A Westerly filled in and the run to the finish became a work. Tom Lowndes continued his consistency with a win from Travis Hodgkinson.

Sunday

Clear skies and a decent sea breeze allowed 3 heats to be run as scheduled in the 5-12 knot North-Easterly. Sunday was an interstate bananza with Victorians winning all 3 heats. John Holroyd got the gun in Heat 7 and Tim Shuwalow took Heats 8 and 9. Queenslander Richard Kingsmill continued his consistent accumulation of good placing's with 4th, 2nd and 2nd.

Monday

Everyone who survived the Yachtsman's Ball the previous night arrived at the club to be greeted by sunshine once again. Three heats were again sailed in light conditions, this time from the west. The 3 eventual place getters all sailed consistently. Richard Kingsmill placed 1st, 2nd and 5th, to wrap up the series by 2 points from Victorian's Tim Shuwalow with 2 points back to John Holroyd.



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POINT SCORE TABLE FOR INTERNATIONAL LASER

SCRATCH POINTS TWO RACES DROPPED

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YACHT	HELMAN		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	PTS	PLACE
5321 GOING FOR GLORY	BRENDAN CASEY	Y	11.00	1.00	3.00	7.00	1.00	0.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	5.00	3.00	22.00	1
5320 NOVOTEX SYSTEMS	SCOTT ELLIS		1.00	7.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	0.00	4.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	9.00	23.00	2
5325 ANSETT AIRLINES	GEOFF HOOD		2.00	6.00	5.00	4.00	4.00	0.00	4.00	6.00	16.00	4.00	12.00	14.00	67.00	3
S-EXPRESS	STEWART CASEY		7.00	20.00	11.00	20.00	5.00	0.00	12.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	2.00	1.00	53.00	4
5196 LASER	PETER ROEBA		13.00	2.00	15.00	2.00	11.00	0.00	5.00	23.00	7.00	5.00	18.00	2.00	62.00	5
5386 TBA	BEN TAN		6.00	16.00	4.00	21.00	15.00	0.00	1.00	7.00	17.00	25.00	6.00	6.00	76.00	6
5357 VASTUS ENORMOUS	BRETT BEYER		22.00	4.00	9.00	5.00	13.00	0.00	42.00	42.00	6.00	10.00	14.00	5.00	82.00	7
5372 SMOOTH OPERATOR	MICHAEL COXON		4.00	15.00	12.00	15.00	16.00	0.00	42.00	4.00	8.00	3.00	10.00	16.00	91.00	8
5482 RAGAHUFFIN THE LASER	STEPHEN WHITE		45.00	21.00	21.00	3.00	20.00	0.00	7.00	10.00	10.00	7.00	9.00	13.00	106.00	9
5372	MALCOLM PARKER		12.00	25.00	11.00	24.00	42.00	0.00	9.00	15.00	12.00	11.00	5.00	7.00	166.00	10
5424 BLACKADDER	BEN DURHAM	Y	35.00	12.00	19.00	14.00	14.00	0.00	10.00	20.00	1.00	17.00	7.00	15.00	109.00	11
5193 JESUS BUILT MY HOTRO	DOUGAL WATT		14.00	5.00	6.00	23.00	22.00	0.00	8.00	27.00	13.00	19.00	11.00	23.00	121.00	12
5373 HARBORSE	SEAN FEENEY		9.00	27.00	17.00	18.00	6.00	0.00	45.00	30.00	14.00	15.00	13.00	8.00	127.00	13
5437 BLACK SWAN	TIM FITZSIMMONS		16.00	24.00	24.00	12.00	2.00	0.00	42.00	21.00	11.00	42.00	3.00	21.00	134.00	14
5293 PASTA HASTA	ROBERT LOUNDES		25.00	12.00	7.00	6.00	12.00	0.00	11.00	42.00	20.00	42.00	23.00	19.00	144.00	15
4365 TBA	STANLEY TAN		5.00	31.00	10.00	22.00	27.00	0.00	21.00	12.00	21.00	31.00	19.00	11.00	143.00	16
5190 HOURGLASS	STUART WOOD	Y	15.00	23.00	6.00	11.00	23.00	0.00	12.00	42.00	22.00	26.00	30.00	10.00	150.00	17
5291 TRICK CITY	JOHN LURIE		10.00	8.00	26.00	17.00	15.00	0.00	22.00	17.00	23.00	12.00	43.00	43.00	154.00	18
5376 REEFSEA HOMES	STEVEN HAY		3.00	11.00	32.00	25.00	36.00	0.00	3.00	24.00	25.00	12.00	25.00	24.00	152.50	19
5290 FLAT CHAT	MATTHEW VON BIRRA	Y	44.00	33.00	12.00	25.00	17.00	0.00	16.50	13.00	19.00	22.00	4.00	42.00	152.50	20
3757 THE RATICATOR	PATRICK LANGLEY	Y	17.00	25.00	34.00	8.00	30.00	0.00	42.00	19.00	31.00	24.00	17.00	4.00	176.00	21
5431 MOSTLY HARMLESS	ALAN DOWNES		39.00	35.00	23.00	39.00	4.00	0.00	28.00	14.00	5.00	6.00	31.00	25.00	172.00	22
5295 TBA	DANIEL HANSEN	Y	27.00	17.00	24.00	37.00	9.00	0.00	16.50	31.00	30.00	8.00	20.00	22.00	172.00	23
5307 WOMBAT	BILL MCARTHY		35.00	37.00	34.00	25.00	7.00	0.00	42.00	1.00	15.00	12.00	27.00	12.00	182.00	24
4986 NICK OFF	NICK PALMER		24.00	2.00	22.00	26.00	29.00	0.00	26.00	22.00	25.00	16.00	22.00	42.00	182.00	25
4759 TBA	OLIVER KING		19.00	9.00	27.00	30.00	24.00	0.00	20.00	33.00	42.00	33.00	14.00	17.00	195.00	26
5226 SIT ON MY DECK	ANTHONY NOSSITER		21.00	13.00	16.00	35.00	10.00	0.00	42.00	11.00	4.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	206.00	27
5258 TBA	JAMES SPITHILL	Y	25.00	19.00	20.00	19.00	25.00	0.00	30.00	15.00	34.00	42.00	42.00	21.00	219.00	28
5299 SORCERER	MICHAEL SHUVALOV	Y	20.00	22.00	14.00	1.00	42.00	0.00	13.00	12.00	36.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	220.00	29
4983 VIRTUAL REALITY	STEVEN COATES	Y	37.00	14.00	39.00	32.00	21.00	0.00	25.00	25.00	29.00	30.00	26.00	12.00	220.00	30
5371 FREE WILLY	CURT COSTIN		30.00	29.00	31.00	34.00	25.00	0.00	14.00	26.00	25.00	24.00	21.00	31.00	225.50	31
4984 COLD CHILLIN	CHRIS CALDECOAT		29.00	30.00	25.00	32.00	19.00	0.00	42.00	5.00	18.00	29.00	42.00	42.00	241.00	32
5195 VOLUNTARY ADDICTION	HARK CIANO	Y	31.00	34.00	30.00	33.00	26.00	0.00	23.00	29.00	32.00	14.00	29.00	27.00	241.00	33
519 GUN BOAT	STEVE GUNTHER		24.00	25.00	40.00	36.00	31.00	0.00	31.00	34.00	27.00	28.00	24.00	20.00	245.00	34
5196 ST GEORGE	SIMONE ARDIGO		26.00	41.00	41.00	16.00	32.00	0.00	19.00	32.00	39.00	34.00	35.00	26.00	259.00	35
4136 READY TO EXPLODE	ADAM SCHOENE		36.00	10.00	25.00	29.00	43.00	0.00	15.00	35.00	24.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	273.00	36
5298 PROPAGANDA	JAMES BEVIS	Y	18.00	32.00	42.00	31.00	42.00	0.00	32.00	40.00	41.00	36.00	15.00	33.00	278.00	37
5081 TBA	MICHIKI IIDA		32.00	39.00	33.00	27.00	33.00	0.00	24.00	37.00	40.00	35.00	23.00	32.00	281.00	38
5257 STING	CHRIS BOWDEN		40.00	36.00	37.00	40.00	35.00	0.00	42.00	36.00	35.00	23.00	33.00	30.00	305.00	39
5406 REBOUND	HAX RYAN		41.00	40.00	35.00	42.00	34.00	0.00	42.00	28.00	33.00	32.00	34.00	34.00	311.00	40
5332 GREY MATTER	NICK SKULANDER	Y	8.00	43.00	13.00	13.00	42.00	0.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	317.00	41
5372 BLIND STAG	STEPHEN MCEWEN		42.00	46.00	32.00	41.00	37.00	0.00	27.00	32.00	37.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	356.00	42
5532 WIRONG	TONY DENHAM		33.00	35.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	0.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	20.00	32.00	42.00	360.00	43
5023 WINGS	BEN BOWDEN	Y	42.00	42.00	43.00	42.00	42.00	0.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	27.00	36.00	29.00	363.00	44
4344 OZSPIRIT	LAURIE MCDUGALL		42.00	44.00	44.00	42.00	42.00	0.00	29.00	39.00	32.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	381.00	45
4367 MACRUSH	MARTIN MCCURRICH		34.00	45.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	0.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	415.00	46
5171 DROVERS DOG	HOWARD TAYLOR		42.00	45.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	0.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	432.00	47

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CL NO.	YACHT	HELMAN	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	PRG/PTS	PLAC
15636	IMPRESARIO	RICHARD KINGSMILL	0.00	7.00	21.00	0.00	5.00	2.00	4.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	5.00	23.00	1
15671	THE YACHT SHOP	TIM SHUVALOW	0.00	15.00	8.00	0.30	6.00	6.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	25.00	2
15625	SHARK	JOHNNY HOLROYD	0.00	5.00	6.00	0.00	7.00	11.00	1.00	3.00	4.00	3.00	4.00	1.00	27.00	3
15312	PEPPERMINT ZEBRA	TOM LOWMOES	0.00	2.00	15.00	0.00	1.00	3.00	7.00	4.00	10.00	11.00	6.00	4.00	37.00	4
15627	GROPER	TRAVIS HODGKINSON	0.00	3.00	9.00	0.00	3.00	5.00	6.00	12.00	5.00	4.00	5.00	15.00	40.00	5
15737	DOG EAT DOG THE YACHT	MARK TURNBULL	0.00	6.00	1.00	0.00	22.00	14.00	5.00	36.00	3.00	6.00	1.00	10.00	46.00	6
15134	LASERATI	ADAM ROBERTS-THOMSON	0.00	10.00	3.00	0.30	18.00	1.00	2.00	11.00	15.00	8.00	10.00	2.00	47.00	7
15643	ADRENALIN	AARON GEORGE	0.00	9.00	2.00	0.00	11.00	4.00	15.00	5.00	11.00	9.00	13.00	6.00	57.00	8
15849	FREQUENT FLYER	ANDREW LOW	0.00	8.00	26.00	0.00	4.00	36.00	9.00	6.00	7.00	7.00	11.00	12.00	64.00	9
15175	SEA JUICER	HEIDI GORDON	0.00	1.00	28.00	0.30	12.00	15.00	22.00	7.00	6.00	5.00	8.00	17.00	71.00	10
15207	PARADISE CITY	MARK CURRIE	0.00	20.50	5.00	0.00	19.00	13.00	11.00	14.00	8.00	10.00	12.00	11.00	84.00	11
15334	NATIONAL PHOTOS	ALISON CASEY	0.00	12.00	10.00	0.30	28.00	19.00	8.00	13.00	12.00	15.00	7.00	16.00	93.00	12
15173	TBA	SARAH BLANCK YW	0.00	14.00	18.00	0.00	8.00	8.00	19.00	8.00	13.00	24.00	17.00	8.00	99.00	13
15825	HOT PROPERTY	COREY OAKLEY	0.00	4.00	7.00	0.00	16.00	17.00	10.00	10.00	21.00	19.00	21.00	27.00	104.00	14
15744	TBA	GEORGIA HUNDT YW	0.00	17.00	12.00	0.00	20.00	12.00	13.00	9.00	22.00	13.00	16.00	13.00	105.00	15
15775	BLITZKREIG	ERICA WHITT YW	0.00	22.00	13.00	0.00	10.00	7.00	17.00	20.00	27.00	27.00	25.00	7.00	121.00	16
15601	SINGLE WHITE FEMAL	ALEXANDRA KOPF YW	0.00	23.00	4.00	0.00	2.00	10.00	21.00	26.00	23.00	25.00	26.00	14.00	122.00	17
15625	DUFFELCOAT SUPREME	KATHRYN MCQUEEN YW	0.00	13.00	22.00	0.30	24.00	23.00	14.00	22.00	13.00	12.00	15.00	28.00	134.00	18
15543	PASSING WIND	LOUISE ELLERTON YW	0.00	16.00	11.00	0.30	13.00	9.00	20.00	23.00	29.00	22.00	28.00	19.00	139.00	19
15324	HANGIN' LOW	BEN BYFORD	0.00	23.00	24.00	0.30	15.00	16.00	26.00	16.00	14.00	14.00	13.00	25.00	142.00	20
15553	LIVE AND LET DIE	ALEX TONKS	0.00	20.50	19.00	0.30	9.00	18.00	29.00	25.00	19.00	20.00	19.00	18.00	142.50	21
15609	THE ANGRY FIREMAN	JULIAN LATIMER	0.00	36.00	36.00	0.30	36.00	36.00	18.00	17.00	9.00	16.00	9.00	9.00	150.00	22
15355	ANOTHER WORRY II	MARK DAGWORTHY	0.00	33.00	23.00	0.30	14.00	20.00	31.00	15.00	16.00	23.00	20.00	20.00	151.00	23
15553	NO FEAR	MATTHEW LOW	0.00	11.00	27.00	0.00	26.00	21.00	23.00	18.00	24.00	21.00	14.00	26.00	158.00	24
15217	TBA	ANDREW VERDON	0.00	24.00	16.00	0.30	17.00	36.00	12.00	19.00	17.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	177.00	25
15217	RADIAL TUNED	ZACHARY SKULANDER	0.00	26.00	14.00	0.00	21.00	36.00	16.00	21.00	20.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	190.00	26
15364	THE EXPERIENCE	HANISH STONE	0.00	30.00	31.00	0.30	27.00	22.00	30.00	24.00	25.00	17.00	24.00	24.00	193.00	27
15992	MYSTERIOUS WAYS	SIMON EARLY	0.00	27.00	32.00	0.30	23.00	36.00	27.00	36.00	26.00	26.00	22.00	21.00	204.00	28
15112	COLD-N-WET	GOLDEN ANDERSON	0.00	31.00	30.00	0.30	25.00	25.00	28.00	36.00	28.00	22.00	27.00	23.00	208.00	29
15366	ASSASSIN	KENNETH LOVAZ NI-RIA	0.00	25.00	25.00	0.30	30.00	24.00	32.00	36.00	32.00	30.00	29.00	22.00	217.00	30
	FROM THE HIP	BEN CUNNINGTON	0.00	29.00	29.00	0.30	36.00	36.00	24.00	36.00	36.00	18.00	23.00	29.00	224.00	31
15784	MERCURY	KATIE SPITHILL YW	0.00	18.00	17.00	0.30	31.00	36.00	25.00	29.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	223.00	32
15750	WHISTLING KITE	BRENDAN WADE	0.00	32.00	34.00	0.00	29.00	36.00	33.00	27.00	30.00	29.00	36.00	36.00	250.00	33
15164	FLOGGING A DEAD HORSE	AMY FAGAN YW	0.00	19.00	20.00	0.30	36.00	36.00	56.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	255.00	34
15792	SAILING SCENE	NICOLE MILHAM	0.00	34.00	33.00	0.00	32.00	36.00	34.00	28.00	31.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	264.00	35



YOUTH NEWS

Jacqueline Ellis

Youthsail

I have the forms for entry to the three Youthsail coaching weekends the Yachting Association of NSW will be conducting for the sailors of the Laser Association.

Pittwater, Sydney
Toronto, Lake Macquarie
Queenslake

In Pittwater, Josh Faddy, 1994 Australian Laser Champion will be coaching the Standard rigs and Sean Kirkjian current Australian Laser Radial Champion will coach the Radials.

A few youth sailors have contacted me and put their names down - there is still room for more at all three venues.

This coaching is being provide and organised for YOU - I don't expect to ever hear any complaints that we don't help you with coaching if all the places are not filled - you've been offered the opportunity, make the most of it..

Come along and learn some new skills and Laser techniques from the good guys - don't stay away because you don't think you are good enough - that what coaching if for - to make you better.

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BHP TRANSPORT YOUTH REGATTA - Lake Illawarra

The Laser had a good representation at this regatta by the Youth sailors from the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron. Congratulations to all those who participated in a very popular regatta. I hope we can get more there next year.

NSW RADIAL, WOMEN'S & 4.7 STATES

Congratulations to any of you who even finished a race on that horrible weekend. Wind, waves, rain and cold all added to the challenging racing.

Congratulations to Katrina Young from Yarra Bay, new to Laser sailing, who tried some races

with dad, Paul on board. Well done to Shane Dimech who managed to finish 3 of the five and win the Sub Junior award, Sarah Blanck travelled all the way from Victoria (and we rip them off about the weather in Melbourne !) to sail very well and place as the first women's junior. Brothers Nick and Zac Skulander showed that practise and determination pays off with Zac winning the 4.7 State Championship and Nicholas winning the Junior Championship (his first cube I believe - well done). Nicholas also sailed well against the "big boys" (we had many Standard rig imports) to finish 5th overall and win another cube - two in one go ! Tom Lowndes raced well to place 2nd the Junior's finishing all races. He posted a 6th and a 9th beating his dad, Rob in the last heat and finishing only 1 place behind him on the final point score. Father Rob managed to win the raffle of a brand new sail donated by *Performance Sailcraft Australia* (the Laser factory).

It was a tough weekend of racing so well done to all.

CLUB NEWS

GEORGES RIVER SC

April '95

When other Laser sailing clubs in the Sydney area are losing members hand over fist, Georges River 16ft Sailing Club is not fazed. The Laser members regularly racing just keeps building and building. The myth of a usually slack period after Christmas and New Years has been blown away with twenty to twenty five boats facing Laury Rushby's trigger finger at a little after two o'clock every Saturday arvo. A club championship race will draw even more out of the woodwork.

Tony Walsh is back! after a year-long layoff, and showing that he still has what it takes to mix it with the cream, even at his age. (That'll get back). The first Lady competitor for the 94/95 season, Robyn Ratcliffe raced with the Radials on February 11th (again on the 18th) and gave them a big wake-up call by leading for the first lap. It was also on that day that we learnt of Mark Ciano's rise to stardom as the new NSW Youth State Champion which he won at Lake Illawarra the previous weekend. Well won Mark! The Cube is on it's way! Trust me, I'm a sailor! Doug McGain came up with his first cube at the States for his customary sixth place overall and third NSW boat.

March 4th & 5th was State Radial weekend just made for Georges River Club guys as it was held

at Yarra Bay by the 16ft club. The most beautiful part of Botany Bay between the airport runway('S) and La Perouse. Unfortunately the weather didn't come to the party. The S-E breeze was squeezed by a low coming down the coast from Queensland and on Saturday morning we had a real battle on our hands. Fifty Radials rigged up but were halved by the end of the first race and after lunch it got no better. Yarra bay is well sheltered from the S-Easter, although very gusty and difficult, the problems occurred when bearing away at the top mark for the run? to the wing mark. The wind seemed funnelled by Botany Heads and felt like thirty knots at times whilst running down the two metre swells. At the wing mark Steptoe & Son were having a field day and many of the wiser masochists were 'grannyng'. Not so the front runners! Adam French (Gosford), David Luketina (Georges River), Stewart Casey (Qld) and the like, although we understand that even these gladiators took a swim at sometime or other - just for the practice of course! David Luketina won his first cube for third place and the rest of us from Georges River were near the bottom, -of the list, not the bay. 34th, 36th, and 39th. Barry Cooks result somehow graduated to the full rigs even though it was at a different location and a different weekend?? How can this be??

Paul Hargan

MIDDLE HARBOUR AMATEUR SAILING CLUB

The MHASC has concluded another successful season in 1994/1995.

During the season a viewing deck was constructed along the water frontage of the club house / boat shed, this provides a hard stand facility for the club launch and also a venue overlooking the panoramic waters of Middle Harbour for post mortems after racing.

The radial division continued to grow during the season in numbers and overall standard with 11 regular starters. The full rig division regularly had 16 starters. Separate starts are held for each division in all club events.

The club was well represented at National and State Championships. Five members travelled to Brisbane for the Nationals , David Luketina, Lew Verdon, Andrew Verdon , Paul Hargan competed in the Radial Fleet and Doug McGain (full rig). David Luketina finished a creditable 11th overall

in the radial fleet and Doug McGain finished 16th overall and was the 6th Australian. All five members were of the standard to make the good fleet for the final series.

At the State Radial Championships David Luketina finished 3rd and was the 2nd NSW boat , Doug McGain finished 6th overall and 4th NSW boat in the Full Rig State Championships.

The club events are held at the entrance to Middle Harbour and the Sound each Sunday , racing starts at 1.00pm and visitors are most welcome. The club has available a Laser with a full rig and a radial rig courtesy The Sailing Scene for prospective members or visitors use.

Club racing was closely contested throughout the season. There were 4 separate series in each fleet. Season results were are follows :

	Radial	Full Rig
Club Championship (9 heats , 7 count)		
1st	David Luketina	Ian Smith
2nd	Paul Hargan	Mitch Miller
3rd	Andrew Verdon	Greg Marshall
Short Course Series (5 heats , 4 count)		
1st	David Luketina	David Quarford
2nd	Andrew Verdon	David Flakelar
3rd	Paul Hargan	Colin Cain
Points Score Series (8 heats , 6 count)		
1st	Lew Verdon	Mike Lehmann
2nd	Bob Beasley	Colin Cain
3rd	Paul Hargan	David Flakelar

Handicap Start Series(4 heats)		
1st	David Luketina	Greg Barwell
2nd	Greg Marshall	David Flakelar
3rd	Kathy Hermann	Richard Lacey

Marathon Race		
1st	Greg Wise	Daniel Smith

The annual Presentation of Trophies will be held on the 24th June , at the Middle Harbour Yacht Club. The cost is \$20 per head which includes BBQ, Coffee, Desert, ENTERTAINMENT activities, and good company. All sailors are invited. For reservations contact David Flakelar (Phone 436 1308).

Lew Verdon

**What is the OAP?
How does it Affect Laser Sailing?
Andrew York
National Laser Coach**

The Olympic Athlete Program (OAP) is a government funded to put Australia in the top five nations at the Olympic Games in Sydney 2000.

Funding has been provided by the Federal Government to support the athletes (sailors) in a number of areas including; direct support for international competition, training camps, sports science support (psych., nutrition, physiology, strength & conditioning and recovery), coaching and the management of these activities.

There are three Laser sailors funded under the OAP. As National Coach however I have included another five in the National Sailing Squad to participate in the training camps so that more people benefit from intensive training and the exposure to the sports science now available to us.

It is my aim and that of the OAP to increase talent identification and development for which funding is available. The program will include education for all coaches from club level to international, in all areas including general coaching, technical sailing aspects, Laser specific tuning, trimming and sailing and the sports sciences. It is a high priority that this knowledge is spread throughout the class so that everyone's standard of sailing is increased.

A number of regattas are being established with the intention of attracting international competition to Australia and New Zealand so that more of our sailors will be exposed to high quality fleets without the expense of having to travel to Europe or the USA.

Regattas on next Summer include:
Australian International Regatta-Sydney, Sept 25-29
Queensland Regatta-Brisbane, Oct 18-21
Go for Gold-Melbourne, Dec 9-11
Sail Melbourne (Lasers), Jan 14-20
New Zealand Laser Nationals, Feb 15-19
New Zealand Olympic Class Regatta, Mar 8-10

I will be attending a number of these regattas and will be available to help anyone who is in need of some coaching. I must say however that all the top sailors in Lasers are approachable, if anyone needs a hand sorting out any problems. This open exchange of

ideas and information is what has made Lasers so strong over the years, as it is such a friendly class to sail in as well as having great competition.

There are presently a number of Australians competing in regattas in Europe in lead up to the World Championships which begin on the June 5th.

Results to date are:

Semaine Olympic France
143 competitors
Brad Anderson 8th
Michael Blackburn, Doug McGain, Mark Tonner
and Finn Taylor, Bronze Fleet
Mark Deacon, Emerald Fleet

Danish Olympic Spring Regatta
68 Competitors
Mark Tonner 12th
Brad Anderson 13th
Michael Blackburn 14th
Doug McGain 33rd
Finn Taylor 68th

Spa Regatta - Holland
Adam Beashel 24th
Michael & Brad presumably in the silver fleet.
Michael had been sick and Brad's new boat was leaking.

FUTURE EVENTS

Largs Bay has been given the nod to host the 1996-97 Laser Nationals in South Australia.

While the Asia Pacifics (along with everybody's trophies) will be held in New Zealand in 1997 in February, along with the Zealand Nationals and Olympic Classes Regatta.

More details including a complete notice of race for the Perth Nationals and Asia Pacifics will be available in the next Lasernews coming in August.

CLASSIFIEDS

Equipment and Boats will be advertised in two issues unless a specific request is made for repeating the advertisement again.

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Notice of Races

BRASS MONKEYS REGATTA LONG JETTY 10-12th June, 1995

We guess it will be of a similar format to previous years 1 pm start on Saturday, two races on Sunday and on Monday morning. Entry fee approximately \$20. Always good fun, usually cold but the pumpkin soup's great - Editor

KEEPIT KOOL REGATTA

LAKE KEEPIT SAILING CLUB invites you to the 27th KEEPIT KOOL REGATTA - 10th-12th June 1995. Conducted on LAKE LIDDELL, situated off the New England Highway between Singleton and Muswellbrook, less than 2 hours from Newcastle and 3 hours from Sydney. Camping on-site; hot showers; catering by clubs, kiosk, endless space for rigging /launching parking. Sealed road access.

10th June	Heat 1	2.00pm	Entry fee \$25 per boat.
11th June	Heat 2	9.00am	Three divisions: Monohulls, Multihulls and Trailer Sailers.
	Heat 3	1.00pm	
12th June	Heat 4	9.00am	Prizes for first three in each division and overall regatta winner. Three best races to count.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT KEN CLIFTON (067) 42 0516 OR
PETER BAINBRIDGE (067) 69 0215

Pittwater Winter Series Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club

August 5th & 6th Entry Fee \$25
Contact the Race office for more details Phone (02) 9997 1022

LASER - PROGRAM 1995-96

Month	Date	NSW Regattas	Interstate Regattas	Sail Down Under Series
June	10-12	Brass Monkeys Regatta - Long Jetty		
	17-18			
	24-25			
July	1-2			
	8-9			
	15-16			
	22-23			
August	29-30			
	5-6	3 Island Race - RSYS (5/8) Winter Regatta - RPAYC		
	12-13			
	19-20			
September	26-27			
	2-3	Sydney Cup - VYC (2/9)		
	9-10			
	16-17			
October	23-24			
	25-29			Australian Internation - Sydney
	30-2	Coast Regatta -		
	7-8			
	14-15			
November	18-21			Queensland Olympic Classes - Brisbane
	21-22			
	28-29			
	4-5			
December	11-12	Master's States - ?		
	18-19	Master's States - ?		
	20-24			Sydney Internation - Sydney
	25-26			
January	2-3			
	9-10	Metropolitans - Manly YC		Go Fo Gold - Melbourne
	16-17			
	23-24			
February	26-31	National Championships - Perth		
	3-9	Asia Pacifics - Fremantle		
	14-17			Sail Melbourne - Melbourne
	20-21			
March	27-28			
	3-4	State Championships - Port Stephens		
	10-11			
	15-19			NZ Nationals
April	24-25			
	2-3			
	8-10			NZ Olympic Sail
	16-17			
May	23-24			
	30-31			
	5-8			Sail Sydney - Sydney (non SDU)
	13-14			
June	20-21	Teams Racing - Mosman ASC?		
	27-28	Teams Racing - Mosman ASC?		
	4-5			
	11-12			
July	18-19			
	25-26			