



# Laser Association

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## NEWSLETTER

The World Championship Selection Series is behind us - fortunately. The weather certainly played merry hell with our efforts to find 2 worthy reps for the World Championship from the 111 entries. However, after some frustrating experiences for everyone we are confident that we have two of our very best sailors, Mark Baker and John Dorling, carrying the flag for us in Bermuda. The problems with the Regatta were many and we were all very aware of them. However, everyone enjoyed themselves and to this end we owe a very big thanks to the efficiency and organisational ability of Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club. In particular our thanks to Jack Gale, the Club's enthusiastic Secretary. Another special thanks to Marine Hull Insurance, in particular Dave Hutchon and Andrew Plympton. Marine Hull was our enthusiastic sponsor of the Series, making a contribution of \$500 towards the cost of getting Mark and John to Bermuda. Marine Hull have come up with a very special insurance scheme for Laser owners. We have details of this in this Newsletter. Mark, John and Rob Mundle will leave Sydney on the British Airways Flight at 6.15 p.m. on October 10 bound for Bermuda. Both our reps have been training hard since their selection and are looking forward to the steady tradewinds which should be blowing in Bermuda during the Series. They will face some of the greatest competition ever assembled for a World Championship and we all wish them every success.

The results of the Regatta are in this Newsletter. These placings are only for those people who gained points in the Series. The Australian Laser Association was formed during the Regatta and we are pleased to announce that your Chairman is Gary Linacre, Vice Chairman Bob White, Secretary Kerrie Kilponen and Treasurer John Chiplin. Gary is an ex-Victorian, now living in Sydney, Bob White is an enthusiastic Laser sailor in Melbourne and John Chiplin already holds the title of Treasurer for the N.S.W. Association. Kerrie Kilponen is the lady you will write to with any queries about the Association. Undoubtedly many of you met her at the Regatta.

The following is a brief message from Gary Linacre, a man we are all confident will serve the Association well.

"Laser sailors, a few words to wish you all good luck for the coming summer season and particularly to our reps at Bermuda in October. With the current growth of the class and formation of the National Association I am sure we can

all look forward to a great season in our respective States.

Keep an eye on your correspondence for all dates and places for the various Regattas and Series that will be held in the future.

Looking forward to your participation during the next year - Gary Linacre - Chairman".

During the World Championship Regatta Rob Mundle will be organising for the Australian Association becoming affiliated with the International Laser Association.

The World Championship Series, despite its frustrations showed the enthusiasm which the Laser class has already encouraged. This enthusiasm leaves no doubt that future Regattas will be great fun for all concerned. The interstate competitors who made such a tremendous effort to get to Sydney for the Series deserve special praise.

#### AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

And now to the next big event. The long awaited news on the Australian Championships is that the South Australian boys are 99% certain that the Series will be conducted by the Holdfast Bay Club during Easter next year. They have not been able to complete arrangements with the Club in the short time since returning to Adelaide but are confident that all those competitors so keen to make plans for the Series can bank on Easter. Already indications are that this Regatta could be as big as the one in Sydney. Final details and dates will be sent to you in the next Newsletter.

#### REGATTAS

We need all States to keep us advised of their racing calendar for the season. This Newsletter is designed to keep everyone up-to-date with what racing is available in each State. So let Kerrie know about your State Championship and any other races which might be of interest to all Laser sailors.

#### OCTOBER 6TH

Cock of Wyangala, Cowra, N.S.W. Entry forms available from the Association office.

#### OCTOBER 13TH

Laser Invitation, Southport Yacht Club, Queensland. Details from Brisbane Marine Centre, 66 Ross Street, Newstead.

MARCH 1 & 2, 1975

Upper Hunter Sailing Club Annual Regatta, Lake Liddell, Muswellbrook, N.S.W. Details from Bert Nye, Box 51, P.O. Scone, 2337.

DECEMBER 7 & 8

Laser Regatta, Forster, N.S.W., organised by Coffs Harbour Yacht Club and Great Lakes Sailing Club. Details from the Association office.

LASER EXPANSION

The class is continuing to grow at an incredible rate. Performance Sailcraft is now producing 15 boats a week and is preparing to go to 20 a week shortly. Numbers around Australia now exceed 400 - not bad for a period of less than 12 months. Western Australia in particular has shown remarkable growth in recent months and we are sure to see a strong W.A. contingent in Adelaide.

INTER DOMINION

Rob Mundle is at present in New Zealand and will be planning an Inter Dominion Series with the Kiwis. A lot of people expressed interest in an economical trip to N.Z. for such a Series so we will have full details in the next Newsletter. Also we are still waiting for news from Hong Kong on a possible Pacific Region Teams Championship late this year.

LASER LEGALITIES

During the World Championship Selection Series there was a lot of comment on the legality of certain fixtures and fittings which had been added to Lasers. For your information the World Council has advised that rubber shock cord used to tension the swinging strap in the cockpit is illegal while soft rubber tubing fitted over the swinging strap is legal.

INSURANCE

Marine Hull and Liability Insurance Company have, through Performance Sailcraft, come up with a special scheme for Laser owners. For \$20.00 Marine Hull is offering a cover for coastal and inland waters, including full racing risk and has a legal liability cover of \$10,000. For \$30.00 the legal liability will be extended to \$100,000. For full details and an application form write to Performance Sailcraft at the above address.

FLEET CHARTERS

As mentioned in the International Laser Class Association Constitution fleet charters can be granted to 6 or more members of the Association who are individual owners of Lasers within

any area or Club. Any groups or Clubs wishing to apply for a Fleet Charter can elect a Fleet Captain, as per the Constitution, should contact the Association for their certificate.

LASER T-SHIRTS

Laser T-shirts are available from the Association office at a cost of \$3.75. The money goes to support your Association. If you want one, send the money, your name and address and size to the office.

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For details in New Zealand and will be pleased to  
later details in the next newsletter. Also we are  
interested in an occasional trip to A.I. for such a  
will have full details in the next newsletter. Also we are  
a trip for New Zealand and we are sure you will  
leave Christmas this year.

During the winter months the Laser Association has a lot  
of members on the way to certain islands and sailing  
which had a good time. For your information the  
Council has advised that your check book used to  
sailing trip in the future is illegal. While sailing  
filled over the sailing trip is legal.

Baron Hill and liability insurance company have  
some details. Also we have a special offer for  
for \$20.00. We are offering a cover for casual and  
water including full racing risk and has a  
cover of \$10,000. For \$20.00 the full liability will be  
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performance details of the above address.

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LASER ELIMINATION SERIES

<u>POINTS</u>	<u>PLACING</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>BOAT NO.</u>
17	1	MARK BAKER	12870
24	2	JOHN DORLING	14222
29	3	JOHN GLEESON	14224
49	4	PETER BURFORD	12845
52	5	MARK PHILLIPS	14138
66	6	JOHN SAVAGE	9463
68.7	7	DOUGLAS TURNER	12839
69.4	8	BILL SOLOMONS	10001
71.7	9	PETER BROOKS	14125
74	10	WARREN BOVIS	9986
79.7	11	BRAD JOHNSON	14171
81.7	12	GEOFF GALE	12812
84	13	BOB WHITE	9499
85	14	ANDREW FOULKES	12818
86.7	15	ANDREW HUNN	12879
92.7	16	ROSS HALDANE	9916
100.7	17	BRUCE MUNDLE	14221
101	18	DAVE MORGAN	9022
108	19	TIM DORNING	12848
111	20	BOB MARKUS	9934
119	21	LYNDAL COXON	14231
119	22	ANTHONY BUTCHER	10610
124	23	SCOTT HODGETTS	11027
131	24	JOHN COATES	14182
136	25	GRAHAM GILBERT	9988
141	26	MICHAEL SPIES	12816
141	27	JOHN HURST	12814
143	28	HENDRIK VISSER	14216
144	29	JOE COOPER	14172
148	30	DAVID BOWERS	11021
162	31	MICHAEL STOVIN-BRADFORD	14159
164	32	ROBERT MUNDLE	14210
173	33	PAUL SLADE	12872
173	34	JOHN CASEY	12805
177	35	FRANK SKINNER	9939
178	36	IAN ROBSON	9942
187	37	ROGER MOORE	12830
190	38	GARY LINACRE	11403
194	39	KATHLEEN BOWMER	10664
199	40	JOE BRAMBLE	14154
206	41	W. BROWNLEE	9948
211	42	JOHN CAIN	12824
224	43	JOHN HEARNE	12841
224.7	44	J. CAMPBELL	14146
228	45	NIGEL PLUMRIDGE	8998
248	46	ROGER WALLACE	12857
250	47	PHIL YEOMANS	14127
254	48	KEVIN WADHAM	12868
264	49	WILLIAM WHITE	12851
266	50	JOHN BACK	9038
270	51	STEPHEN GOSLING	14240
270	52	DAVID STEWART	10103
271	53	PETER LONG	12880

<u>POINTS</u>	<u>PLACING</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>BOAT NO.</u>
280	54	RUSSELL BROWNETT	11026
282	55	RAY BRACHER	14100
283	56	DAVID CATTERNS	14185
286	57	ROHAN DALGLEISH	11031
294	58	DAVID MAITLAND	14130
296=	59	DAVID POSTLE	14103
304	60	PETER COOK	9964
305	61	DAVID BYE	10159
307	62	B. MACAULEY	12847
316	63	REX POLL	14120
317	64	COL TINGLE	14116
320	65	WILLIAM SWITZER	10085
325	66	JOHN BIDDLECOMBE	11600
328	67	PHILIP LUDOWICI	14148
338	68	MAL KAMPE	10100
338	69	K. FIELD	14110
340	70	PHILIP BAKER	14229
344	71	IAN WINTER	14168
348	72	ALAN PRIESTLY	14251
350	73	PAUL FIDDLE	10667
351	74	WAYNE ROGERSON	14202
360	75	KEN MAY	14131
361	76	JEREMY CREECH	8960
376	77	JOHN ADAM	9951
377	78	MARY-ANN GRANT	12873
378	79	MICHAEL DU CHATEAU	9013
379	80	OWEN HOLDEN	8994
380	81	PETER COWMAN	12885
386	82	IAN DOWNING	14243
387	83	GEORGE MUNDLE	14181
388	84	H. CARL	10671
390	85	GRAHAM COLE	14114
395	86	RAY COTTRELL	9959
397	87	DAVID GIBSON	9929
401	88	TONY BENNETT	12836
402	89	PETER MITCHELL	14214
406	90	JOHN WILKINSON	12833
407	91	COLIN O'NEIL	11018
408	92	BRUCE GLOVER	14121
412	93	OWEN DOOLEY	8992
414	94	FRANK WINDEYER	12849
415	95	HOWARD ROGER	12869
416	96	PAUL BENNIE	10012

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