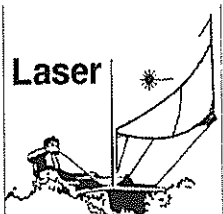


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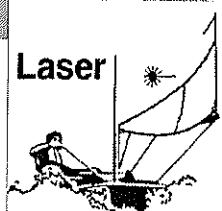
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Contributions to this publication are always welcome, sent to the above address, on Microsoft programmes or email to paulhargan@hotmail.com Next deadline - February. 2003

Chairman's Message

This is my first message as the new chairman, and a natural lead in is to thank Mark Schroder and his team for all the work they put in to developing the NSW & ACT Association. Having now been part of the Association for three years I have seen the great results that have been achieved - the well run regattas, the continuation of talent and youth development, the representations to other associations and federations, and the spirit that is endemic to the class. Thanks, Mark.

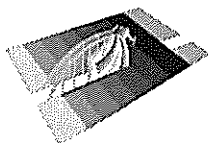
The year ahead of us has some excitements and some challenges. The Olympic selection regimen is now in place, we are planning the 2005 National championships, and we are looking to continue the talent and youth development. Sailing in general has changed over the last few years. Regatta proliferation, transparency of communications and qualification recognition, dependency on international regattas for these qualifications, multi-levelled coaching availabilities and requirements - the list goes on. Whilst these are all factors in the change, at the base levels some things have not changed. We are members of an extraordinarily strong class; we are attracting new members to the class (and these are often from a different demographic than have previously been attracted to the class); and we have a strong cadre of sailors who continue to put an enormous amount of time into continuing the internal development of the class and its sailors.

We now need to continue the good work. Talent and youth development is both an internal and external activity. We will continue to provide class-based skills development programs, and will push to have further recognition of our sailors' efforts with state and federal associations. Targeted development of elements such as women and intermediate level sailors will grow. Professionalism in regatta conduct and fairness in all its aspects on the racetracks will continue to be aims of the Association. Communication (outward and inward) will be increased both in scope and flexibility. Elsewhere in this issue of Lasernews you will see the reports of our sailors' results from regattas. To all who have placed and participated in these regattas - congratulations. To those who are now embarking on campaigns I wish you fair and successful sailing.

Col Chidgey
Chairman NSW & ACT District laser Association

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2002/3 Events Calendar

JAN 2003

27 Dec - 5 Jan	2003 Australian Championships see Web Page	Largs Bay SC, SA
11-16 Jan	Sail Melbourne 2003 Full details	Sandringham YC
18-23 Jan	Inaugural Commonwealth Sailing Championships Full details	Sandringham YC

FEB 2003

8, 9 Feb	NSW State Championships NoR	Lake Illawarra SC
23 Feb	4.7 Interclub Championship - Race 1	Hunters Hill SC

MAR 2003

2 Mar	4.7 Interclub Championship - Races 2,3	Woollahra SC
24 - 28 Mar	Trans Tasman Masters Games	Belmont 16ft SSC

APR 2003

MAY 2003

5 May	NSW Interclub Teams Racing	HHSC
15 to 24 May	2003 Asia Pacific Laser Championships. See web site	Darwin

JAN 2004

2 to 10 Jan	2004 Australian Laser Championships. See poster	Royal Geelong YC
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Association Members ONLY!

For anyone wishing to access the above web site's restricted pages as a member of NSW & ACT Laser Association, the following user name/ password has been set up.
 Username.....NSW&ACT
 Password.....01asnmem

**We're on the web at
www.laser.asn.au**

Editor's Lay Line



Rob Lowndes has hung up his hat as Web Master, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Organiser, stalwart of the association and all round nice guy, to just go Lasering like the rest of us. It happened without a fanfare at the AGM held at the Toronto A S C's Coasts regatta in early October.

Rob first came onto the committee to my knowledge during the AGM of 1998 at Gosford SC's Coasts and has worked tirelessly since then towards the betterment of our district association. During his stewardship, member numbers of the NSW & ACT district have jumped from 230 to 315 members. I was privileged to work with him to set up the 1999 Nationals at my Club, Georges River S C and he impressed all of that club's committee as a stickler for detail and a cool headed manager of a very successful regatta for 210 sailors from, not only Australia, but, being the pre-Olympic year, they came from all over the world. That was the regatta which also, by the way, set a healthy balance up in the associations coffers.

By the time he gave away the hat of Chairman a couple of years back, he had taught himself the fine art of Website management and fulfilled that role until this season, setting up huge amounts of information in new website pages to make our www. Laser.asn.au, not only the best in Australia but the website that the rest of the world logs onto when they think of sailing in OZ.

Rob has also held committee posts, so I understand from Yorkie and Frank Walsh, in West Australia with WALA, where he was secretary in 1979 & 1980 and Vice Chairman of NSW & ACT district under the steady hand of Ralph Ellis until he moved to NZ with his family in 1987. In New Zealand he spend some five years as Sailing Master and on the committee at the Hohimarama Yacht Club. (*I think sailing a Heron with his children?*) but we won't mention that dark period of his life will we???

Rob's finest hour, I think, was probably the latest World Masters Championships at Hyannis in the USA where he managed a cube for forth place in the Masters Category to add to the twenty other cubes on his shelf at home collected through the years.

He introduced Hugh Leicester to the 'Chair' and Hugh has moved on now to a seat on the World

Council.

I'm sure you'll all join me in saying a heart felt 'Thank you Rob', from the committee and members of NSW & ACT Laser Association.

While I'm on the subject of 'Thank yoos', we had better say thank you to the committee members who gave their time and effort over the last year or two.

The Cath and Gordon Azzopardi team, Mark Schroder, and the inimitable (*the dictionary says 'impossible to imitate!'*) Dianne Sissingh.

Also, at the AGM in Toronto, the committee had a face lift



Colin Chidgey and we

would like to extend the hand of welcome to the new-look committee which includes volunteers from Hunters Hill SC. Chairman, **Colin Chidgey** and Vice Chairman Brian Conolly and

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Secretary,
Lynne
Hayes-
Wade) from
Belmont 16ft
SC. Brian
will also be

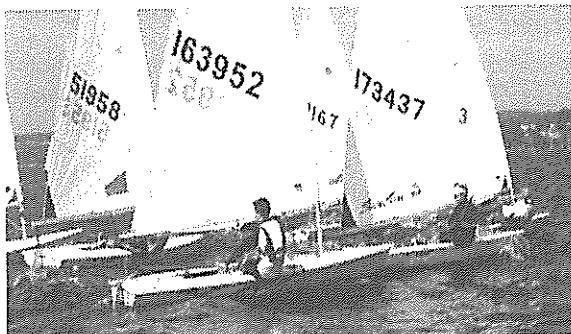
taking over the webmaster's
portfolio so if you or your
club want publicity or any-
thing of interest brought to

the public view contact Brian through *Page 5*
the links on the site.

I'll get out of your way now,

Hang by your toes.

Paul Hargan



First Radial start at the Coasts, Toronto.



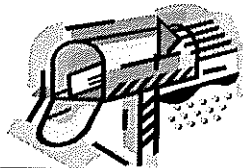
Brian Conolly



**Mike Mills
Masters Rep.**

Welcome Aboard New Members

Dean Clark	Double Bay SC
Tom Scully	Big River SC
Paul Slaughter	Woollahra SC
Phil Peglar	RPEYC (welcome back)
Jeff Finnegan	Dobroyd SAC
Edward Quartly	Northbridge SC
Lloyd Edmunds	Middle Harbour YC
Andrew Wilson	GRSC (welcome back)
Brad Cox	Gosford SC
Warwick Nichols	Belmont SC
John Way	Port Stephens SAC
Terry Lee	Lake Jindabyne SC (<i>must be a first</i>)
Andrew Finney	Georges River SC
David Robinson	Northbridge SC
Darren Davis	Vaucluse YC
Rachel Feeney	Belmont 16ft SC
Mark Langford	Belmont 16ft SC
Steven Ford	Belmont 16ft SC
Michael Murray	Belmont 16ft SC
Henry Sabella	Belmont 16ft SC
Peter Hersey	Belmont 16ft SC
Dennis Spruce	Belmont 16ft SC
Andrew Brothers	Belmont 16ft SC
Chris Kirbyshire	Belmont 16ft SC
Louis Anderson	Belmont 16ft SC
Ben Barzach	Royal Sydney YS
Geoff Dale	None as yet
Rizwan Akhund	Middle Harbour Amateurs SC
John Conroy	Middle Harbour Amateurs SC
Jim O'Keefe	Big River SC
William Ker	Brunei YC (<i>another first</i>)
Chris Rodowicz	Vaucluse YC
D. Emsley	Lane Cove SC
D. Beak	Lane Cove SC
P. Oxbay	Lane Cove SC



Mail n' e-mail

Samba@SaoSebastiao

To all districts of ILCA

Dear friends,

This message is an invitation for your sailors to participate in the Campeonato do

Hemisferio Sul - Southern Hemisphere Championships, which will be held in the city of Sao Sebastiao, Brazil, from December 11th to December 15th, 2002. Full information may be found at <<http://www.esportelube.com/hemisferio>><http://www.esportelube.com/hemisferio>. The event's organization kindly ask the district secretaries to forward this message to all Laser sailors as well as to post this information in Laser-related web-sites.

This is a very good opportunity for all Laser sailors to compete against the best sailors in Central & South America (Robert Scheidt included), as well as to compete in one of the best sailing venues that exist in Brazil. Actually, Sao Sebastiao is the venue where Robert does much of his on water training.

Further, this is a great opportunity for sailing in Brazil since our country is very under-priced at this moment due to the Brazilian currency recent devaluation. Finally, since December is low season in most of the Northern hemisphere, this is a nice chance to keep sailors well trained throughout winter.

This is the third time that the Central & South American Region of ILCA organizes the event. The first events happened in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 2000 and Algarrobo, Chile, in 2001. Both were very well attended and attracted sailors from many countries in the Region.

Please visit our web-site, where most of the information that anyone needs may be found, and come sail with us! The organization will be very happy to help you in anything that may be necessary!

Regards,

Carlos Fanucchi

ILCA Central & South American Region

Paul,

Recommended Reading from Yorky

I sent the following to some friends recently and it occurred to me over the Coasts weekend that this classic prose may be right at home in the Lasernews. It has been out of print for so long I doubt if Garry would be concerned especially if we referenced it. He would probably be chuffed that some

of his book is being read by another generation of sailors.

For those of you who have not been enlightened by the classic sailing prose of Garry Hoyt from yesteryear I attach the following excerpt.

The whole book is written colloquially and is a lot of fun to read.

How could you not love a book with chapters titled: Don't Kid Yourself, The Perils of the Inside Lift, Each Class is a Classroom, Jibing a Finn and, Thoughts from Deep in the Tank.

If you are inspired to get a copy there are some available second hand on Amazon (quality is like new).

There is a great psychological message throughout the book and I would recommend that you do get a copy.

Go for the Gold (Somebody has to lose... but why you?) by Garry Hoyt.

First published in 1971 but now out of print.

Andrew York.

Read it on page 11. Ed.

Hi Paul,

Photo Forwarded

I recently received Laser news. There is a picture on page 14 of me, on the top left. Could you send it to me as you have offered please?

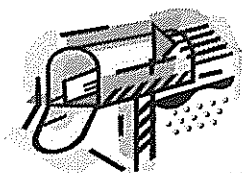
Hamish Nicol

Fadden ACT

Do you need any money to cover costs?

Thanks

Hamish.



Mail n' e-mail

Dear Paul

My daughter is 14-years-old, in Yr 8 -- and we do have a family Laser. We're located at Lindfield, and had been referred to your active sailing program at Northbridge. Do you have any advice on the age/weight profile needed for young kids to begin on Laser's? Our daughter's weight is just over 50 kgs. She completed sail training last Xmas at Royal Prince Alfred youth squad, and is keen.

Finally, have you any other recommendations for young kids getting into skiffs?

Regards

Martin Riordan

Hello Martin,

At 14 and fifty kilos, your daughter would fall between the range of a Laser 4.7 Rig and a Laser Radial Rig. If she is tall then she could probable get used to the Radial. In any case, I would suggest that you contact Hunters Hill Sailing Club by the link in Our website and talk to the people down there (Brian Conolly) as they have fleets of both classes. They have a very safe sailing environment, good facilities, and are very pleased to welcome new people to the class. They are sailing a number of other classes which might also interest your daughter. The only advice that I can give is for her to get on the water at every

opportunity to improve her skills.... Page 7 which may mean a lot of driving to and from for you!!! Oh, and get into a shop called Boat Books at Crow's Nest and read all she can.....That'll keep her out of your hair at other times!!! All the best, Paul Hargan

Brett Beyer wins ACT Champs.

Hi Paul,

The ACT Dinghy Championships were held over the weekend of 2-3 November at the YMCA Sailing Club. The winds on Saturday were frustratingly light Easterlies and only 2 of the scheduled 3 races were sailed. Sunday was a completely different weather pattern with a gusty 15-25 knots for the morning race and 12-18 for the two afternoon races. Once again top Sydney sailor Brett Beyer won the Laser title and the coveted Bethewaite prawn bucket. The level of competition was raised significantly with 5 interstate Laser sailors attending. Martin Linsley (3rd) was the best placed local sailor hotly pursued by the rapidly improving Josh Paine (4th). The Canberra Yacht Club will host the ACT Dinghy Championships again in 2003.

Cheers,

Dave Holt Canberra

PS. I've attached a scanned GIF image of the results sheet as I couldn't get an export from the results computer. I hope this format and resolution is OK for the newsletter. If not the first 3 places were.

Results:

Full rig

1. Brett Beyer 1,1,2,1,1
2. Sean Feeney 2,4,1,2,2
3. Martin Linsley 5,6,5,9,4

Radial rig

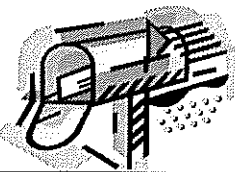
1. Anita Faulks 1,2,1,2,1
2. Tom Austin 2,1,3,1,2

Yorky's thanks

Paul,

The benefits I have received from what I have done in Lasers and my association with Lasers over the last 25 years have been of immeasurable value to me. Decades ago I knew that I would always have a Laser and that I would always treasure the sailing I do in it and my friendship with others who sail Lasers. I know that anything I give back to Lasers has already been paid for in full.

Yorkie



Inflation@themasters

Sent: Wednesday, November 06, 2002 7:33 AM
Subject: Masters States

Mail n' e-mail

Could someone with a vacuum cleaner that can be run in reverse please bring it to the Masters States. We need to inflate the marks. If you can bring one, please let us all know, so we don't end up all bringing one.

Regards

Alan Downes

I don't have one.

Diane does...

The vacuum cleaner is the thing in the cupboard that makes heaps of noise, air can go in and out. Now I know what the vacuum cleaner purpose is, to inflate the Marks. My mother keeps trying to show me another use of it, but that doesn't make sense to me. Yes I'll put in the car. Diane

Olympicsnews@ILCA

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2004 OLYMPIC GAMES

As you will know, preparations for the 2004 Olympics in Athens are well underway. ISAF is providing up-to-date coverage of the event at www.sailing.org/olympics2004, and the official Olympics website is live at www.athens.olympic.org/Page/default.asp?la=2. Information on the Laser event is available on the ILCA website at www.laserinternational.org/olymp2004, this contains information on qualification, as well as a list of nations qualified so far.

brianconolly@thehelm

The Web Site is now mine!

It has no new content yet, just the basic site with a new face. I will be making real changes gradually. Feel free to give me ideas.

I need to do some homework to work out how to add forms and databases, to enable membership login, password protection and online registration to regattas. That will take some time to work out.

Meanwhile, expect the frontpage to change again, and many other things. The photo library has gone, but some of these photo's will come back in an ar-

chive page. Stay tuned.

I want to get reports written regularly, with photos, and establish closer links to Lasernews and other publicity campaigns / press.

I want to establish an association members email list and a club captain email list.
Brian Conolly

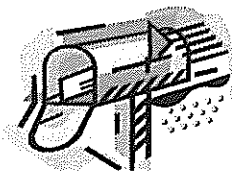
Ben Ainslie's latest

From ILCA

Ben Ainslie was awarded the male ISAF Rolex World Sailor of the Year Award 2002 by ISAF President Paul Henderson in recognition of his outstanding transition from the Laser to the Finn Class.

On being presented with the World Sailor Trophy, Ben commented: "It is really a huge honour to be voted the ISAF Rolex World Sailor of the Year. I would like to congratulate all of the other shortlisted sailors for their successes this year and thank David Howlett who coached both myself and Star World Champions Iain Percy and Steve Mitchell." Ben went onto say: "The Olympics are the real focus right now, but after that it's my ambition to sail in the Volvo Ocean Race and be part of a winning America's Cup team."

Having jumped from the Laser to America's Cup sailing, Ben returned to the Olympic circuit at the beginning of 2002 with his sights set on the Olympic men's single-handed event in the Finn Class. After only six months in the class, Ben had won the Finn Europeans, to be followed by the Finn Gold



Mail n' e-mail

master chronometer and an ISAF Rolex World Sailor of the Year Trophy; which is a sphere of soladite depicting the world, crowned by five silver spinners representing the continents.

Cup and then the 2002 Athens Test Event leaving the more experienced Finn sailors in his wake. His plans evidently include another Olympic Medal in 2004.

The winners were each presented with a Rolex Yachtmaster chronometer and an ISAF Rolex World Sailor of the Year Trophy; which is a sphere of soladite depicting the world, crowned by five silver spinners representing the continents.

4.7 Interclub Championship

Dear Laser people,

The "4.7 Interclub Championship", will be held at HHSC on the 23 February for Race 1, and at WSC on the 2 March for races 2 and 3.

Details are now announced on the site.

The idea is to get the 4.7's to sail in a bigger fleet at a regular club event, to help promote the class, but also to perhaps begin a new tradition. Perhaps we will have the event with three clubs next year.

There will be a boys and girls trophy.

We have ten 4.7's at our club Hunters Hill, and so I would like to see triple that at the event. Book it in, and tell all your 4.7 sailors.

Brian Conolly
Hunters Hill SC

Radial Hunting

From: Stephen Reynolds

Date: Sun, 24 Nov 2002

Hi,

Do you know of any sites that sell secondhand Laser sail? I'm looking for a Radial sail and bottom mast section?

Thanks,

Anne Reynolds

From: Paul Hargan

To: stereyno@tassie.net.au

Sent: Monday, November 25, 2002

Hi Stephen,

A good guy to try would be Mike Mills of Nelson Bay Laser Sales, available by email through NSW & ACT Laser website link. I wouldn't recommend buying a second hand Radial bottom section of any kind however, as they are not the most reliable product and a new one does have some kind of guarantee if not

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ing. If you do find a good one though.... hang onto it!!!

I have sold my old Radial sails before to the dealer in South Australia. who may be available through the S A L A website, again linked from www.Laser.asn.au.

Good luck,
Paul Hargan

Thanks for your help and advice.

Stephen

Membership Q & A

Hello Paul, earlier this year I purchased laser #166832 and joined Belmont 16's with a view to doing the odd race. It was my understanding that my sailing membership at Belmont also included class membership (I think that I have filled out the form that is downloadable from the website). Can you let me know if I'm already a member or do I need to do something else ?? Thanks, Ian Humphries.

Hi Ian,

I received your membership form with a pile of others at the Masters Championships a few weeks ago from Belmont.

The next newsletter will be in your mailbox in a couple of weeks along with your boat sticker for the 2002/3 season and hopefully the new LaserWorld International Newsletter.

Cheers,
Paul H.

The first regatta of the 2002/3 season, the NSW & ACT Laser Coast Championships were held at Toronto on Lake Macquarie over the 19th and 20th of October. The regatta was held in predominantly light SE winds after an expected southerly before the first race quickly died.

The 'Coasts'

from Richard Howard

The 72 boat fleet comprised of 35 Standard rigs, 33 Radials and 4, 4.7's. Attending were a sprinkling of Victorians and Gary Martin from Darwin Sailing Club, Northern Territory.

The 4.7's were convincingly won by Edward Quartly with four firsts, while the Radial fleet enjoyed close racing with the regatta being decided in the 4th and final heat. Belmont sailors Richard Howard, Andrew Williams and Will Howard placed first, second and third respectively with Alana Slingsby winning the womens division and placing overall 4th.

The full rigs saw the return of Sydney Olympic Bronze medallist Michael Blackburn who after a slow start, *(and almost a swim before the first race, just to prove that he is only human after all. Shame that my camera was not at the ready on the start boat at the time. Editor.)* impressed on the second day of the regatta to take two heat wins. Brett Beyer, not long back from a 2nd place at the Laser masters worlds in the apprentice division, showed good speed and consistent sailing to place second overall while Ben Lamb finished 3rd.

The regatta was well run by Toronto Amateur Sailing Club on their beautiful stretch of water, especially having never set out a trapezoid course before with downwind gates, and was seen as a good warm up regatta to the Australian Championships which will be held at Largs Bay in South Australia directly after Christmas.

Richard Howard Belmont

NSW & ACT District Laser Association 2002 Coast Championships 19. 20 October 2002 Toronto Amateur Sailing club

4.7 RIG

Sail No	Boat	Helm	Club	Points	Place	R1	R2	R3	R4
172265		Edward Quartly	NSC	3	1	1	1	1	1
154291		Janeene Boyd	HHSC	6	2	2	2	2	3
163213	Bunghole	Lynne Hayes-Wade	B16'SC	10	3	5	5	3	2
175982	Laser4.7	Rachel Feeney	B16'SC	15	4	5	5	5	5

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RADIAL RIG

Sail No	Boat	Div	Helm	M/F	Club	Points	Place	R1	R2	R3	R4
174341	Hehy Richy	O	Richard Howard	M	B16'SC	4	1	1	5	2	1
172255	Sour	O	Andrew Williams	M	B16'SC	6	2	5	1	3	2
167078	Willy or Won't He	O	Will Howard	M	B16'SC	6	3	4	2	1	3
169681	Nelson Bay Laser	W	Alana Slingby	F	GSC	10	4	3	3	4	31
161189	Mandate	Y	Peter Wilson	M	Blairgowrie	17	5	2	7	8	8
175292	Kathleen	A	Brian Conolly	M	HHSC	20	6	17	8	5	7
17335	Sailmaster 2	Y	Alex Godina	M	Mordialloc	24	7	9	6	9	31
173437	In Good Nick	JW	Nicky Souter	F	MHASC	26	8	18	4	20	4
166787	Catamanne Laser	W	Megan De Lange	F	RBYC	26	9	13	10	11	5
167110	Team Sailing Scene	O	Jason Marks	M	B16'SC	26	10	6	14	6	31
163952	Japness	J	Michael Chidgey	M	HHSC	26	11	8	16	12	6
169433	Figjam	A	Gary Cutts	M	B16'SC	29	12	10	9	16	10
168162	meg	O	Lloyd Edmunds	M	MHYC	34	13	12	12	10	14
165831	Phantom Menace	M	Chris Meech	M	GSC	37	14	11	24	13	13
51958	Sterile Virgin Tadpole	A	Martin Wilson	M	GRSC	42	15	19	15	15	12
160268	Racing on	J	Scott Sinclair	M	A12'FS	44	16	22	18	17	9
148654	Fringe Benefit	M	Warwick Nichols	M	B16'SC	46	17	14	26	21	11
176168	Blue Eyes	SJW	Sam England	F	Blairgowrie	47	18	20	23	7	20
169713	Katatrophic	JW	Katherine Wade	F	B16'SC	49	19	7	11	31	31
171125	Old Girls Blouse	AW	Diane Sissingh	F	B16'SC	49	20	15	19	18	16
168167		SJ	Ian Quartly	M	RSYS	51	21	24	17	19	15
173455	Bird bum Inc	JW	Samantha Boyd	F	B16'SC	52	22	21	20	14	18
167094	Scotch Mist	M	Gary Martin	M	DSC	61	23	23	21	23	17
16970	When Boats attack	JW	Sam Chidgey	F	HHSC	62	24	25	13	24	31
135315	Trick Shot	A	Peter Bubb	M	B16'SC	63	25	26	22	22	19
151980	Vertically Challenged	SJ	Ian Dorling	M	RSYS	73	26	27	27	25	21
148668	Vision	JW	Ciara Dewane	F	A12'FS	73	27	31	25	26	22
167050	Veneta	GM	Geoff Lucas	M	HHSC	75	28	16	28	31	31
130813	Coutre Jour	A	David Sommerville	M	B16'SC	93	29	31	31	31	31
166803	Hot Shot	SJ	Andrew Brothers	M	B16'SC	93	29	31	31	31	31

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STANDARD RIG

Sail No	Boat	Div	Helm	Club	Points	Place	R1	R2	R3	R4
3	Sailing Scene	O	Michael Blackburn	MHASC	4	1	2	8	1	1
171104	IF	OA	Brett Beyer	WSC	6	2	1	4	2	3
176897	NB Laser Sales	O	Ben Lamb	B16'SC	8	3	6	1	5	2
166826	JPMorgan	O	Jon Holroyd	WSC	9	4	4	2	3	4
168683	Eddid.Com	O	Nick Skulander	GSC	12	5	8	3	4	5
1	Sailmaster	Y	Ricky Ironmonger	Blairgowrie	19	6	7	11	6	6
163917	The Naked Zebra	O	Tom Lowndes	MHASC	22	7	3	12	8	11
175985		A	Sean Feeney	MHASC	27	8	5	6	16	22
173476	Frosty	O	Richard Bott	MHASC	28	9	15	13	7	8
17599	VVV	Y	Ashley Brunning	WSC	29	10	9	29	13	7
172252	Dominator	Y	Mark Dorling	RSYC	31	11	16	9	12	10
176902	Catamarine laser	O	Mark Bulka	McCrae Y.C	31	12	10	10	11	14
148683	Nugget	O	Josh Fabby	GRSC	37	13	14	14	9	36
169682	Nothin	Y	Jason Groves	MHASC	38	14	27	7	15	16
175983	Mitmorl	O	Stuart Holdsworth	MHASC	41	15	13	15	21	13
169701	On the Gas	Y	Luke Birch	GSC	42	16	18	5	19	23
150820	AXIOM	OM	Andrew York	GRSC	42	17	20	23	10	12
173454	Wiggle	GM	Rob Lowndes	MHASC	48	18	12	20	18	18
174356	Vivacious	Y	Lee Dewane	A12'FS	50	19	21	21	20	9
166812	Tonal's Surprise	A/C	Andrew Wilson	GRSC	55	20	26	32	14	15
175286	Rack	O/C	Russell Bowden	GRSC	56	21	22	25	17	17
172264	Marksman	Y	Mark Langford	B16'SC	61	22	29	18	24	19
174357	J/R	O	Martin Watt	ASC	62	23	23	17	22	24
176000	Bella	GM	Phil Peglar	RPEYC	63	24	11	16	36	36
168138	Painful	Y	Josh Paine	CYC	64	25	19	24	25	21
176169	6169	O	Brad Cox	GSC	68	26	33	19	29	20
170559	Vroom Fondel	A/C	Alan Downes	MHASC	69	27	17	27	30	25
167081	Don't Know Name	O	Martin Addinal	B16'SC	74	28	25	26	23	36
175984	Imagine	A	Brett Kimmorley	RPAYC	80	29	24	30	28	28
176170	Add Water	OM	Bide Haas	IYC	81	30	28	31	27	26
175988	Marees Computer	OMC	Steve Wawn	RPEYC	81	31	31	28	26	27
171111	NB Laser Sales	M	Michael Mills	B16'SC	83	32	30	22	31	36
175987		M	Doug Wade	B16'SC	93	33	32	33	32	29
150817	QV	M	Mick Gray	B16'SC	108	34	36	36	36	36
170529	Ice	A	Peter Anstey	B16'SC	108	34	36	36	36	36

Go for the Gold

by Garry Hoyt

(The last chapter in the book)

Whither and Why the Quest

Having exhorted you to Go for the Gold and in the name of the Holy Grail lightened your ballast by several dollars, compassion calls for at least two bits of philosophy to restore a semblance of trim.

The reason why men go down to the sea in ships has long baffled farmers, infidels and weekend widows. Better authors than I have had a crack at this mystery and if you have not read Conrad, Melville or Masefield you would do well to consider them as useful counterpoints which will help you fully savor a blunt Elvstrom Truism.

From my own view I happen to believe we take to the water in racing ships because this brings us back to the land in the way no shore bound course can. Sailing offers the sinfully attractive indulgence of combining recreation and restoration. It's a tonic that tastes good - a cure in a swinging sanatorium that's blessedly free of the landlocked logic from whence our troubles spring. Short of oral attentions from Rachel Welch it's hard to think of a more intensely

The racing competition? Well, that's the stone that sharpens our skills. And it takes sharpened skills to read the complex score of sights and sounds that weave wind and wave together.

This is where Sunday sailors and powerboat guys miss out. The same ocean is there for them, and, in fact, it's there in far greater comfort and convenience. But they're seeing it in black and white because they haven't been forced to develop the sensitivities that are needed to see all the colors of the sea spectrum. The saving grace is they don't know what they are missing and you can't really tell them because it's a different sort of language.

Like when, after a long hard drive from back in the pack, you finally close the lead boat on the last leg. He flops to cover, but that agile ape he has for a crew finally butterfingers one and you punch a bow free to leeward. Eating a little backwind gives skipper and ape further cause for pause and then just a hair short of the layline you lay on a classic go-about, one of those gems where she shoots into the wind like a javelin and clicks into the other slot without missing a beat. They cast a beseeching glance at the line but they're short. But if they bear of and pass astern... ha, no way! Touche, checkmate, Viola!

Not too loud because you know they know you underscore their dilemma with a quiet call of "starboard." Anything more would be gauche - "starboard" says it all.

In this rare moment God's in his heaven, you're lifting to the mark and all's right with the world. It's a moment laden with subtleties that are reserved for the racing sailor.

It matters little if this victory is as rare as the event itself is minor or that it comes shadowed by a regular diet of lesser luck. Frequent despair is just part of your qualifying fee for the quest. And the quest, the getting there, is more than half the fun - it's all the fun, because the voyage with its mixed bag of travails and triumphs is the real gold.

*Sent in for your edification by
Andrew York Association Life Member*



NSW & ACT LASER ASSO- CIATION

Treasurer's Re-
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tember 2002.

It is with pleasure that I am able to present the financial statements for the Association. A cash balance of \$3612. (WPAC) and \$13776 (MACQ.CMA) continues to ensure that the association is in a healthy financial position.

This year membership income has fallen slightly as has the income from the State championships and the Masters championships. Both events this year lacked the strength in attendance of prior years. Hopefully greater numbers of entrants this year will once again see numbers bolstered.

In these reports no accrual has been made for ILCA (\$3600), Insurance (\$2000) and YA fees as all these items are due for the 2002/3 year. It is envisaged the premium for insurance will not be beyond \$2200. This amount has risen gradually over the last three years from \$1600 without any claim having been

made. I would also recommend that with the increase in coaching clinics occurring, organisers of the clinics ensure that adequate numbers of attendees are gathered so as to effectively cover the cost of the hiring of the coach.

In my opinion the results year to date however negate the need to increase fees & pre-supposing healthy regatta turnout for next years events would recommend that no increase in fees be made.

I would like to thank the committee for its endeavours this year & look forward to a busy forthcoming season.

Philip Lucas

Hon. Treasurer

NSW & ACT LASER ASSOCIATION

PROFIT & LOSS	2001/2002	2000/2001	1999/2000
INCOME			
Membership	8,617	9,330	10,155
Coasts Regatta	4,052	990	2,970
Masters Regatta	4,909	7,656	2,505
Masters Dinner	150		
Metro Regatta	4,223	3,895	4,094
State Championships	5,939	7,092	5,991
Miscellaneous	655	279	1,136
Ladies training	702		
Youth Development Program	840		
Talented Athlete program	300		
IRL Clothing	122	3,182	
Interest Income	467	655	318
	<u>30,976</u>	<u>33,081</u>	<u>27,169</u>
EXPENSES			
Coasts Regatta charge	400	750	2,850
Master regatta expenses	2,816	2,645	2,106
Metro Regatta expenses	1,500		1,770
State Regatta Expenses	1,800		6,619
other event expenses			3,081
	<u>6,516</u>	<u>3,395</u>	<u>16,426</u>
GROSS PROFIT	24,461	29,686	10,743
ILCA Fees	469	3,723	3,453
ALA Fees	1,455	190	1,136
YA Fees	0	138	125
Insurance	0	1,918	1,627
Internet	329	329	339
Annual Return	0	0	199
Depreciation Expenses	1,247	1,143	0
Postage	227	143	179
Bank Charges	202	250	107
Newsletter	2,939	3,631	3,281
taxes paid			81
membership refund	20	40	
trophies/prizes	5,771	5,229	
coaching	900		
IRL clothing cost	270	3,254	
T Shirts/Shorts	4,821	5,745	
	<u>18,451</u>	<u>25,732</u>	<u>10,528</u>
OPERATING PROFIT	6,010	3,954	215
less extraordinary expenses	21	300	0
NET PROFIT	5,988	3,654	215
BALANCE SHEET			
ASSETS			
Westpac Bank	3,613	4,654	
Macquarie CMA	13,777	13,314	
prepaid expenses note 1	600	2,084	
buoys	1,100		
Laptop & Printer	3,742	3,742	
less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-2,390</u>	<u>-1,143</u>	
	<u>20,441</u>	<u>22,652</u>	<u>0</u>
LIABILITIES			
Creditors	0	8,510	7,477
Prepaid Membership note 2	310	0	436
GST	<u>n/a</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-321</u>
	<u>310</u>	<u>8,510</u>	<u>7,592</u>
CAPITAL			
O/Bal	14,142	10,488	11,410
Profit/Loss	<u>5,988</u>	<u>3,654</u>	<u>215</u>
C/Balance	<u>20,131</u>	<u>14,142</u>	<u>11,624</u>

note 1 Float held by Paul Hargan for newsletter expenses

note 2 m'ship subs for 2002/3 year received.

The Masters@Sunshine

80 Masters contested the State Championships at South Lake Macquarie Sailing Club at Sunshine near Morisset on the second weekend of November 2002. They attended from as far apart as Brisbane and Canberra with the largest contingents from Georges River (13), Belmont (12), and Middle Harbour Amateurs (8).

The regatta was well run by the incoming association Chairman, Colin Chidgey with assistance from the South Lake Macquarie SC team, the only real glitch being the two hour wait for the wind on the Sunday morning. When it did arrive, however, it arrived with a fanfare, a 20+ knot southerly and played havoc with a few boats that had been rigged on the foreshore facing anyway but south.

The Saturday races were a more sedate affair with an 8 to 12 knot easterly incorporating huge shifts for the unwary, and I was unwary! From 4th to 24th of the 30 Radials on the second windward leg

of race two.

One thing overall impressed me though, and that was the new (to me) courses including a downwind gate which thins out the crush at the bottom mark especially for the Standard Rig boat who run downwind from the first mark.

Congratulations to all the winners including Colin Cain of Middle Harbour Amateurs SC who won the prestigious 'Golden Bung' award on the Saturday night for a tale of embarrassment about a fellow club member who should remain nameless.....But won't! It was David Flakelar.

We'll do it all again next year? Hope so!

Paul Hargan

2002 NSW & ACT District Masters - Standard Apprentice

Series Place	Sail No	Boat	Helm	M/F	Club	Series Points	Race 1	Race 2	Race 4	Race 5
1	171104	if	Brett Beyer	M	WSC	3	3	1	1	1
2	176154		Larry Kleist	M	RPSYC	9	5	2	4	3
3	175985		Sean Feeney	M	MHASC	10	10	3	2	5
4	172247	hueggeraut	Hugh Leicester	M	GSC	12	2	9	6	4
5	168666	GRUNT N GROAN	Grant Lovelady	M	RPYC	13	1	5	7	8
6	172242		Mark Skelton	M	B16	13	8	8	3	2
7	169708	Barry Crocker	Tan Young	M	GRSC	21	7	4	10	10
8	166812	Tonia's surprise	Andrew Wilson	M	GRSC	21	11	10	5	6
9	170559	vroom fondel	Alan Downes	M	MHSC	21	6	15	8	7
10	168126	H2OLD	J.Hanrahan	M	CYC	24	4	7	13	14
11	148662	voodoo chilly	Darren Davis	M	VYC	26	9	6	20	11
12	168166	dejavu again	Mark Hooper	M	GRSC	31	13	13	9	9
13	175964	IMAGINE	B. Kimmorley	M	RPAYC	35	12	11	12	15
14	175989	rat in a hat	Gary Ratcliffe	M	GRSC	38	15	16	11	12
15	55755	tank	David Parsons	M	RMYC	40	14	12	14	23
16	175996	RUDDER CHAOS	Peter Smits	M	GSC	49	16	18	20	13
17	176153	flash jack	John Clark	M	GSC	49	19	17	15	17
18	170529	ice	Peter Anstey	M	B16	50	16	14	20	20
19	167099	wild instinct	Phil Lucas	M	HHSC	52	17	19	20	16

Series Place	Sail No	Boat	Helm	M/F	Club	Series Points	Race 1	Race 2	Race 4	Race 3
1	175288	FINE WINE	MARK BETHWAITE	M	RSYS	3	1	1	17	1
2	1697	Geriatric Jack Elation	JACK SCHLACTER	M	GSC	5	6	2	1	2
3	170544	SID KNEE	PETER STEPHINSON	M	HHSC	11	2	5	4	5
4	163879	BRAIN FLOSS	TIM ALEXANDER	M	NSC	13	7	11	2	4
5	163210	UFO	GREG ANNESLEY	M	A12FSC	13	3	4	6	10
6	176170	DAD'S MISTRESS	BOUDY DE HAAS	M	IYC	15	5	12	3	7
7	171130	ENDLESS FICTION	IAN C	M	NSC	18	11	7	5	6
8	171111	NBLASER SALES	MICHAEL MILLS	M	B16	21	4	8	17	9
9	150820	AXIOM	ANDREW YORK	M	GRSC	23	17	3	17	3
10	161195	ULTIMATO CROSSING	GEOFF DALE	M	RMYC	23	9	6	8	14
11	175992	ZOOM ZOOM	WARWICK CROSSMAN	M	RMYC	24	8	9	7	11
12	175987		DOUG WADE	M	B16	27	10	13	9	8
13	167081		ALLAN WOOLLARD	M	B16	36	14	16	10	12
14	174358	FINESSE 111	ANDREW FINNEY	M	GRSC	36	13	10	17	13
15	150817	QU	MICK GRAY	M	B16	44	12	15	17	17
16	169722		DAVID ROBINSON	M	NSC	46	15	14	17	17

2002 NSW & ACT District Masters - Standard Grand Master

Series Place	Sail No	Boat	Helm	M/F	Club	Series Points	Race 1	Race 2	Race 4	Race 3
1	176000	BELLA	PHILIP PEGLAR	M	RPEYC	3	2	1	1	1
2	173454	WIGGLE	ROB LOWNDES	M	MHASC	7	1	4	2	8
3	169679	UNFINISHED BUSINESS	DAVID EDMISTON	M	HHSC	7	3	2	3	2
4	166834	LITTLE RED ROOSTER	COLIN CAIN	M	MHASC	12	4	3	5	5
5	163949	BUM STEER	GREG MARSHALL	M	QLSC	13	8	5	4	4
6	165818	PARK BENCH	FRANK WALSH	M	MHASC	15	7	6	6	3
7	166805	BONNIE TUESDAY	DAVID WYLLIE	M	RMYC	19	6	12	7	6
8	153176	VENOM	BILL BOLLARD	M	A12FS	24	9	9	8	7
9	175286	FORTUITOUS	CHRIS BOWDEN	M	GRSC	28	10	11	9	9
10	176906	U2	JON SIMONDS	M	RPEYC	29	5	7	17	17
11	168149	UNSHACKLED	PHIL MARSH	M	ABSC	32	12	10	17	10
12	168150	BEYOND REDEMPTION	NEIL HIBBARD	M	A12FS	36	11	8	17	17
13	114457	MISHKA	PETER BEHR	M	LC12SSC	36	14	14	10	12
14	148682	SLOW DOWN	GARRY BRYNE	M	NSC	37	13	13	17	11
15	65858	TIME & TIDE	PETER DOYLE	M	NSC	41	17	17	11	13
16	121054	STRENGTH	WARWICK THOMPSON	M	LC12SSC	51	17	17	17	17

MASTERS 2002-2003

Series Place	Sail No	Boat	Helm	M/F	Club	Series Points	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4
1	163213	Bunghole	Lynne Hayes-Wade	F	Belmont	4	1	1	2	2

2002 NSW & ACT District Masters - Radial Apprentice

Series Place	Sail No	Boat	Helm	M/F	Club	Series Points	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4
1	170550	THE EXPRESS	DAVID EARLY	M	GRSC	4	2	4	1	1
2	159138	WRECKED EM	GREG BELL	M	GSC	6	1	1	4	4
3	175292	KATHLEEN	BRIAN CONOLLY	M	HMSC	7	4	2	2	3
4	176158	STERILE VIRGIN NEWT	MARTIN WILSON	M	GRSC	8	3	7	3	2
5	169433	FIGJAM	GARRY CUTTS	M	B16SC	16	9	5	6	5
6	171125	OLD GIRLS BLOUSE	DIANE SISSINGH	F	B16SC	17	6	6	5	6
7	135315	TRICK SHOT	PETER BUBB	M	B16SC	21	8	3	10	10
8	170513	BELLE AMIE	STEVE LEICESTER	M	CYC	23	5	8	10	10
9	160307	VICTIM	VICKI KORNMAN	F	LC12SSC	23	7	9	7	10

2002 NSW & ACT District Masters - Radial Master

Series Place	Sail No	Boat	Helm	M/F	Club	Series Points	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4
1	173434	STRAIGHT UP	ADAM FRENCH	M	GSC	3	1	1	1	1
2	150085	WOT'S IN A NAME	BILL MEANY	M	B16SC	7	5	3	2	2
3	172260	GO LEFT	DAVE ROBSON	M	GRSC	10	10	2	5	3
4	163949	BETTER LATE THAN NEVER	MARK JOHNSTON	M	GRSC	11	6	4	3	4
5	176161	PHANTOM MENACE	CHRIS MEECH	M	GSC	12	3	9	4	5
6	160282	OSCAR	GORDON AZZOPARDI	M	HHSC	13	2	5	6	9
7	170543		JOHN SMIDMORE	M	NSC	18	4	7	7	8
8	148654	FRINGE BENEFIT	WARWICK NICHOLS	M	B16SC	19	7	6	8	6
9	151965	PIGLET	JOHN WOODS	M	BRSC	24	9	8	10	7
10	170552	SMILEY	ROB GREEN	M	VYC	27	8	10	9	10

2002 NSW & ACT District Masters - Radial Grandmaster

Series Place	Sail No	Boat	Helm	M/F	Club	Series Points	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4
1	156736	INCA IV	GARY TYRILL	M	GRSC	5	1	4	3	1
2	163971	SUCH IS LIFE	LEW VERDON	M	MHASC	5	2	2	1	5
3	167035	WIRONG	ANTHONY DENHAM	M	RPEYC	9	7	5	2	2
4	155663	GYPSY JOY	BARRY POWNALL	M	PSSAC	9	3	3	6	3
5	174343	CALECHE	DAVID FLAKELAR	M	MHASC	12	6	1	5	6
6	159145	FLIGHT V	PAUL HARGAN	M	GRSC	13	5	6	4	4
7	176908	HELEN H	FRANK HILLIER	M	GSC	18	4	7	7	7
8	140206	BLUE TWO	JIM BROWN	M	MHASC	26	8	8	10	10
9	163890	COSMIC CIRCUS	I.E. BRYDEN	M	VYC	30	10	10	10	10

Michael Blackburn Update!

Go for Gold Regatta

Melbourne Nov 2002

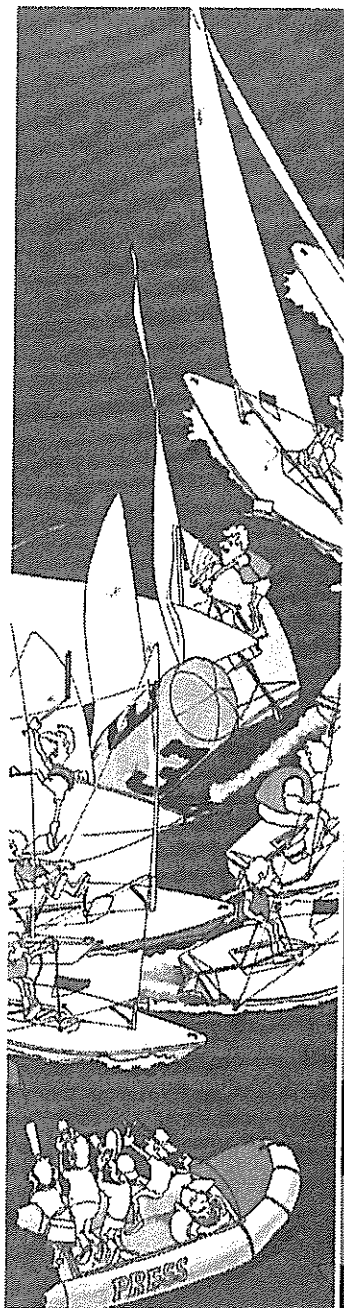
I travelled to Melbourne last week for a few days training and the 3-day Go for Gold regatta and was pleased to have a win. The wind on the Sunday was a dud but the heavy schedule of the regatta meant the 30 or so Lasers completed 7 races over the Friday and Saturday. Queenslander Brendan Casey was second, followed by one of my training partners, Nick Skulander.

Some interesting statistics: the fleet included 4 past winners of the Laser Nationals, one previous Laser World Champion and a Laser Worlds runner-up! Personally, this was a good test to see what stage I'm at a month out from the first of the Olympic selection trials. I used my brand new boat for the first time (#176910 - my lucky 13th Laser!) and put on a new sail as well to make sure I'd have no excuses not to go fast. I learnt that I have relatively good speed on some points of sail but still need to tweak my execution on other legs to get back to (or better than) my past form.

So I'd have to say I'm very happy with my progress to date after three months back in the Laser. I'm also confident of making further improvements that will get me round the track quicker.

On the way home from Melbourne I took a big detour via Perth for the Australian Match Racing Championships, which was the first proper Match racing regatta for me. I did the mainsheet and some tactics for steerer Sean Kirkjian on the 36 footers. We qualified for the finals in 4th place and then went up against the round-robin leader Simon Sutherland. We got a penalty against him at the top mark in the first race and went on to win the initial race of the best of three semi-final. However, our lack of practice (ie, about two hours in total) showed up and we lost the remaining two races and then also the 3rd/4th place sail off against Gordon Lucas. First was Michael Dunstan of Sydney. Overall, an interesting learning experience and I'm sure I'll do some more one on one racing in the future.

Regards,
Michael



Third Party Insurance ?

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: 5th November 2002

TO: The Secretary
The President
Chief Executive Officer
Commodore

FROM: Andrew Hamilton

SUBJECT: Third Party Insurance

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you would be aware, the end of Gold Membership also meant an end to the Third Party Insurance cover that was a benefit of the Gold Membership.

However, as the YA of NSW, and other State MYAs felt that the Third Party cover was an important benefit to our sailors, this policy has been retained although in a slightly different form and can still be purchased by financial Silver or Junior YA members. This portable personal marine liability policy is available at a cost of \$75. Cover commences from the date of payment and expires June 30, 2003. The attached fact sheet provides a basic outline of the policy and of the cover that this policy provides.

In retaining this policy, the YA of NSW, has agreed to underwrite their share of the policy and is committed to selling a minimum of 1,000 policies in this financial year; at the time of writing, we have sold 350 policies.

The YA has undertaken this commitment on behalf of its members and we therefore, need the support of our members to reach the target.

It would be appreciated if you would be able to advertise and promote and encourage your members to purchase this policy through your:

- Sailing Committees
- Board Meetings
- Club and Class newsletters
- Websites
- Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions
- and any other means that would see the policy purchased

Copies of the policy with the application forms are enclosed but application forms can also be downloaded from the AYF and YA websites (www.

yachting.org.au and www.nsw.yachting.org.au), or by contacting Bob Masterman directly on (03) 9820 9277. The cover is applicable to any member who requires third party cover to meet race entry requirements.

We thank-you for your support of the YA and of this request.

Yours sincerely
Andrew Hamilton
General Manager
Yachting Association of NSW

Summary

Cost.

\$75.00 per member (gst inclusive). This product is an additional option available to AYF members who are financial (ie. Already paid their AYF/MYA silver/youth fee.)

Eligibility.

Financial Silver and Youth members over the age of 10 years.

Where to direct members for verbal information.

Robert Masterman Insurance
Tel: 03 9820 9277

Information and Applications available from: Robert Masterman Insurance

Fax: 03 9820 0402

email: bobmast@ozemail.com.au
AYF website - www.yachting.org.au
YA website -

Brochures also available from affiliated clubs or the YA NSW (9660 1266).

Application forms and payment to:

Robert Masterman Insurance
Suite 8, 456 St Kilda Road
Melbourne Vic 3004

Policy wording available from:

Robert Masterman Insurance
Tel: 03 9820 9277 Fax: 03 9820 0402
email: bobmast@ozemail.com.au

AYF website – www.yachting.org.au

Claim forms available from:

Associated Marine Insurers (Agents) Pty Ltd.
Tel: 02 9233 4177 Fax: 02 9233 4718
AYF website – www.yachting.org.au

Marketing text as supplied by the Insurers

This portable personal marine liability policy is exclusively available for purchase by fully paid up Members of the AYF at a cost of \$75. **Cover will commence from the date of payment and expire June 30, 2003.** This policy insures the liability of the individual Member and is not intended to replace a boat's normal liability insurance. The premium charged specifically reflects the fact that the cover provided by this policy is in addition to any other marine legal liability insurance which you may have or are protected by.

The policy is underwritten by Associated Marine Insurers (Agents) Pty Ltd as agents for CGU Insurance Ltd and Zurich Australian Insurance Ltd.

What this policy DOES cover:

- The insured Member's legal liability, up to **A \$10,000,000**, for death of, or bodily injury to another person and/or loss or damage to property belonging to someone else arising out of the use of a boat that is not already insured.
- Fully paid up Silver and Youth Members over 10 years of age.
- The liability of the insured Member when they are using a boat up to 200NM off the Australian coastline.
- Yacht racing up to 200NM off the Australian coastline.

What this policy DOES NOT cover:

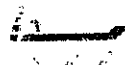
- Category 0 and Category 1 yacht races such as the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race.
- Jetskis or similar PWC.
- Motorboats greater than 20 metres in length or with a maximum designed speed exceeding 50 knots.
- Paragliding, power boat racing, speed tests and time trials, water skiing, aquaplaning and any commercial activities.
- The first \$500 of any claim.
- Liability caused by anyone other than the insured Member.
- The insured Member's liability when they are away from the boat for more than 1 hour.

The above is a summary only and does not include all policy terms and conditions.

Copy of the application form on next page.....



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Page 23 The **Sunshine Sugar** Laser Regatta was the best one in years. A strong fleet of 30 boats contested the 5-race 2-day event in near perfect conditions. There was a bit of biff and barge at the start line, with two starts being recalled as the ebb tide took the fleet over the line before the gun. The short legs of the course kept the boats tightly packed especially at the buoys. One mark rounding saw the domino effect as one boat capsized, then another and another, causing a melee as the rest took evasive action.

The early races had light breezes, and the afternoon races much fresher winds, testing the all round skills of the sailors. The fresh winds generated some fast and spectacular flat water river sailing, which was refreshing and different. The visiting yachts would normally expect rough water to accompany stronger winds in an open bay coastal environment. A strong contingent of visitors came from Southport and Brisbane, and one sailor from Sydney, yet the prize for the farthest distance travelled went to Cameron Ewers from Perth. Outnumbered by 5:1, female sailors were dominant in the place getters in all divisions. Regatta results are for the best aggregate score over the weekend:

Overall - 1st Paul Brinkley, 2nd Brett Murray, 3rd Lyndall Patterson
Full Rig - 1st Brett Murray, 2nd Lyndall Patterson, 3rd Mark Mulligan
Radial Rig - 1st Emily Rockliff, 2nd Simon Hurling, 3rd Jan Kemp
4.7 Rig - 1st Paul Brinkley, 2nd Gabrielle King, 3rd Tom Scully

First in each age category:

Junior, Paul Brinkley. Open, Brett Murrie. Apprentice, Mark Mulligan. Master, Lyndall Patterson, Grand master, Paul Hargan.

The atmosphere was one of friendly competition with great mateship among the sailors. Lots of knowledge sharing, especially appreciated by Big River Sailing Club, as visiting ex-world champion sailors gave some instruction to the local junior Laser sailors. All the participants and their partners had a great weekend. Sailing in the confines of the river gives the spectators a view of the whole race. A thoroughly enjoyable regatta for everyone involved. We'll do it again next year.

Harriet Woodrow

Publicity Officer

Big River S.C

There was a City cop on his horse waiting to cross the street when a little boy on his new shiny bike stopped beside him. "Nice bike," the cop said "did Santa bring it to you?"

"Yep," the little boy said, "he sure did!"

The cop looked the bike over and handed the boy a \$20 ticket for a safety violation, "Next year tell Santa to put a reflector light on the back of it" he said.

The young boy looked up at the cop and said "Nice horse you got there, sir. Did Santa bring it to you?"

"Yes, he sure did," chuckled the cop.

The little boy looked up at the cop and said, "Next year tell Santa to put the dick underneath the horse instead of on top."

From Harriet Woodrow BRSC

BIG RIVER
2002
Laser Regatta

Harriet Woodrow
BRSC
Publicity Officer

Scratch Results

Pos.	Sail No.	Class	Skipper	Boat Name	1	2	3	4	5
1	170554	Laser 4.7J	P Brinkley	Knaussie	1	5	2	9	1
2	141902	Laser	B Murrie	Rau	5	4	10	1	4
3	158837	Laser NM	L Patterson	Mad	ONS	2	4	5	3
4	135290	Laser A	Mark Mulligan	Mad Moments	1	1	4	2	3
5	149644	Laser R	E Rockliff	Puqnacout	4	3	6	4	5
6	171097	Laser RJ	S Hurling	Old Marine Gen	2	7	3	3	2
7	149686	Laser RNM	J Kemp	Dogs Day Out	8	6	3	8	7
8	159145	Laser RGM	P Hargan	Flighty	6	7	5	1	DNF
9	114477	Laser 4.7J	Gabrielle King	Shimmer	4	8	1	6	4
10	173480	Laser RA	G Kemp	Edge of Lodge	7	3	7	7	6
11	101	Laser 4.7J	Tom Scully	Mr Torgue	9	1	7	4	8
12	163471	Laser RJ	Jon G. Keefe	Rastus	15	10	4	5	5
13	163805	Laser GM	K Warbur	Subdoh	14	15	7	9	6
14	BLANK	Laser RJ	C Ewers	Uanruce	ONS	6	6	6	1

BIG RIVER 2002 Laser Regatta

Visiting ex-world champion sailor Lyndal Patterson, gave some instruction to the local junior Laser sailors on the Big River training platform. I'm told that these rotating platforms, built from a truck wheel filled with concrete, sell for \$500 and can be ordered through Harriet Woodrow at Big River SC. I don't know how hubby feels about building any more. Also necessary to the purchaser is a fork lift truck! Brilliant idea though? Ed.

Just one more joke!

Three Irishmen were stumbling home from the pub late one night and found themselves on the road which led past the old graveyard.

"Come and have a look over here," says Paddy, "It's Michael O'Grady's grave, God bless his soul. He lived to the ripe old age of 87."

"That's nothing," says Sean, "here's one named Patrick O'Toole, it says here that he was 95 when he died."

Just then, Shamus yells out, "Good God in Heaven, here's a fella that got to be 145!"
"What was his name?" asks Paddy.
Shamus stumbles around a bit, awkwardly lights a match to see what else is written on the stone marker, and exclaims, "Miles from Dublin."

From Roger A-J Sydney

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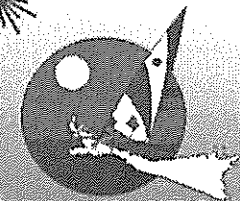
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ALLOCATION OF PLACES - 2003 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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At the recent ISAF meetings a new system for the allocation of places to the 2003 Olympic Qualification events in Cadiz was approved. This new

system affects all Olympic class World Championships when they are also used for Olympic qualification. The system was introduced following International Olympic Committee (IOC) limitations in the number of sailing entries for 2000 and 2004 obliging ISAF to hold selection regattas to determine the number of countries that qualify for the Olympics in each class. As the pressure for qualification increases then the qualification events come under greater pressure and the system for getting to the qualification regatta has to be transparent and fair.

This requirement is even greater following the recent ice skating scandal in the last Winter Olympics. Before November 2002 each Olympic class had a different method of allocating places to their World Championships.

ISAF determined that most of these could be challenged in one or more ways and therefore introduced a common system for 2003.

THE NEW SYSTEM

1. In each Olympic class each ISAF Member National Authority (MNA) will be entitled to enter 2 boats.
 2. Further places will be given to MNA's depending on the number of sailors they have ranked in the top 100 of the ISAF World Ranking List at a date in 2003 to be announced (there will probably also be a limit on the number of places for each country).
 3. A MNA may ask ISAF for additional places.
- Please note that the above system allocates places to countries not individuals. It is the MNA not the National class association that has the right to nominate the sailors to fill the places although an MNA may ask a national class association to run a selection series to select sailors to fill the places.

National class associations that currently run selection systems should contact their MNA to try and get agreement to continue to use their selection system to select competitors.

This is all the information we have at present. I ex-

pect that shortly ISAF will announce more information about how the allocation system will be administered. This will not change the above principles but I am hopeful that there will be an opportunity for the Laser class to get a lot closer to the country numbers that we had at previous World Championships. The entry quota for Lasers in Cadiz 2003 will be 160 so there should be a good opportunity to make up numbers within this total, irrespective of places on the ranking list. It should not be necessary for possible World Championship competitors to increase their travel programme to try and improve their international ranking just for the sake of qualifying for a place at the World Championships.

As soon as I receive any further information I will send it to you.

OTHER ISAF MATTERS

I am pleased to report that various other submissions which could have affected the Laser class were defeated.

LASER 4.7

I am also pleased to report that the Laser 4.7 was granted International Status by the ISAF.

Best regards
Jeff Martin
Executive Secretary
ILCA

Words of Wisdom
from Andrew York
National Olympic Laser
Class coach of 1995
& America's Cup Navigator

Tactics & Strategy

General

You must be confident with your boatspeed and boathandling to mix it & hang in with others.

When choosing a strategy or tactic, weigh up the percentages of

- 1/ How much will I gain if it works.
- 2/ How much will I lose if it does not work.
- 3/ What are the chances of it working.

Sail aggressively (motivated) but do not make rash decisions. Keep your cool.

Pre - think situations so that you are prepared to take the correct option when the opportunity arises. 100 sheep cannot be wrong.

If you are deep in the tank, keep your head and improve when others make mistakes.

Never give up there are always opportunities to improve and there may be an unforeseen huge one coming.

Always maintain concentration even when you have worked into a good lead.

Is there current shear or geographic effects favouring one side. How are your wind and laylines affected.

Start

Establish max, min & mean wind readings before the start to determine if the breeze is oscillating or showing signs of being a persistent shift. Watch for late shifts on the starting line.

When the favoured end is crowded do not go all the way there. Get a higher percentage start with good speed and clear air just on the outside of the bunch. How many good competitors are there in the fleet and at the favoured end.

Do you have to go for it or will a higher percentage start be good enough. Do not tack repetitively after the start.

If the pin end is favoured do not go for THE start there

unless : - 1/ You will be able to tack when you want.

or 2/ The left hand side of the beat is obviously favoured.

Upwind Boat on Boat

Look at your weather quarter when sailing upwind for boats picking up better pressure. Tack over early to get it. Do not match race when you are mid-fleet.

Be observant, look for starboard tackers you may have to avoid when you tack onto port. Look before you tack!

Do not tack onto starboard underneath someone unless you are on the layline or you can leebow the boat above.

Do not let a port tacker cross close behind you near the top mark or the finish.

When it is only a two boat race employ match racing tactics up the final beat.

Upwind

Work out whether you should tack as soon as the shifts hit you or whether you have to sail into it to get the maximum benefit. Check the angles of all the boats to indicate what the breeze is doing across the course. Look around and notice what is happening why and how to take advantage of it. Know where the laylines are and do not sail past them. In an oscillating breeze stay well away from the laylines. Do not sail from one side of the course to the other to get someone elses shift. Sail the breeze you are in. Always take a shift to where you want to go. Do not go on fliers. Do not tack early on a beat which is practically a one tack beat.

Learn lessons from previous beats: Left or right favoured.

- . Oscillating persistent or geographic shift
- . Pressure lines.

. Gusts backing or veering.

Play a side of the beat in light air, there is no gas in the middle in a large fleet.

Offwind

Never sail low on reaches in light air. Low (straight) on reaches is fast in heavy air. When the breeze has backed go high on the first reach (tight) and low on the second reach (broad).

When running pick the best tack to surf the waves.

When running always look behind for lines of pressure.

Match Racing Tactics In Fleets

When to use them.

When two boats have a large gap to the rest of the fleet and a loss of ground will not lead to a loss of places, (at least for the leading boat).

When two boats have a large points gap on the fleet going into the final race of a series. When sailing up the final beat of a race.

What you need.

Excellent boat handling skills. A good understanding of the rules.

Be aware of the basic match racing principles and some tactics.

Match Racing Principles and Tactics

Stay between the other boat and the mark. It sounds very basic but all tactics revolve around this principle. Do not go past the layline unless you have forced the other boat further past it.

All match racing tactics should be tempered with an eye for pressure and shifts which when taken can open up a gap to your opponent more than slamming half a dozen tacks on them. Being on starboard tack when you converge is worth one & a half boat lengths.

Starting

Be aware of where you are in relation to the inside and outside laylines to each end of the start line at all times. Be aware of the significance of these laylines.

The classic circling manoeuvres at match racing pre-starts are an attempt by each boat to get onto the other boats tail and force them away from the line or over it early. If one boat gets on the other boats tail it can maintain control by matching the trim and speed of the boat in front and not allow it to tack or gybe.

Upwind

When both boats are close together the boat in front should try to tack simultaneously with the boat behind. The boat behind should aim to tack as often as is required to end up on split tacks with the leader. (preferably when it is heading the right way)

You will lose out if you tack when you are down on speed and the other boat is not.

When you are in front try to force the other boat the wrong way or past the layline.

You must have a good idea of which side of the beat you want to protect.

Do not let the boat behind cross past the centreline of your transom (i.e. abeam of you when you tack) or they will make a big gain when they knock.

In shifty conditions you must sail the shifts better than the boat behind. You will lose if you try to cover them closely. (Ditto for sailing in a breeze with big pressure variations)

Do not let the other boat cross close behind you on port tack unless :

1/ You tack on them and they cannot tack to starboard (i.e. you maintain control)

2/ You are going the right way.

Do not tack onto starboard underneath the other boat unless you are on the layline or you can leebow them. When you are both on port tack and the other boat is to leeward keep a keen eye on them and be ready for them tacking over to starboard.

Andrew York

4.7

WHICH SIZE RIG introducing the 4.7"

Most Laser sailors know that the Laser is an extremely versatile class, sailors can swap rigs

but many are only now looking at the 4.7 as a viable option for the smaller/older sailor. As long as you are on the water on a Laser sailing it doesn't matter what rig is on the boat as long as it suits you.

The NSW & ACT Laser Association members at the 2001 AGM agreed that there was the need to promote the 4.7 rig in line with the worldwide rise in popularity of the rig, and also as a way of making sure that new sailors

come into the Laser ranks and older sailors can have options if the radial or standard rig is starting to be a bit big in a blow - all aimed at promoting a robust Laser class in NSW & ACT. The 4.7 is 35 % smaller than the standard rig and 18 % smaller than the radial rig. The bottom section has pre-bend to accommodate it being

shorter than the radial bottom section. Although initially aimed at getting light weight youth into the Laser it is also appealing for light weight and older adults. In Europe, women Laser sailors now chose between the 4.7 and radial rig to suit conditions in the same way as the guys do between a radial and standard rig.

I have chosen this season to sail a 4.7 because at times I found the radial a handful

and basically I wanted to be on the water in a Laser not stuck on the shore but then I didn't want to be exhausted at the end of the day. This has worked well for me and although 25 knots at the Masters 2002 did send me back to shore just like others at least I knew that I could get the boat up and back to shore and still drag the boat out of the water and de-rig. At the Masters interest in the 4.7 rig by some older and smaller sailors was obvious - a way for some sailors to stay in lasers in the future and also a way for some

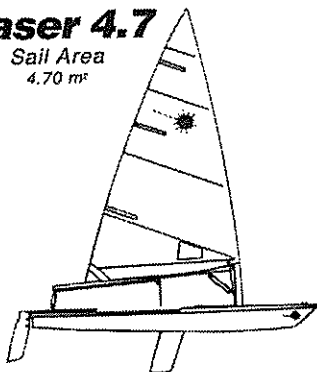
women who sit on the beach to get into sailing.

At my club (Belmont 16' SC) there are 3, 4.7s sailing, Hunters Hill has a small fleet as does RSYS & Woollahra and there is a 4.7 regatta in Feb 2003 at HHSC. Several 4.7 sailors competed in 2002

overseas in the World Laser 4.7 Championships and the success of this type of competition demonstrates that the laser 4.7 is going to be as popular as the radial and standard rigs. See you on the water.

Laser 4.7

Sail Area
4.70 m²





Dept. of Mirth

THE VACUUM CLEANER SALESMAN

A little old lady answered a knock on the door one day, to be confronted by a well-dressed young man carrying a vacuum cleaner.

"Good morning," said the young man. "If I could take a couple minutes of your time, I would like to demonstrate the very latest in high-powered vacuum cleaners."

"F*** off!" said the old lady. "I haven't got any money" and she started to close the door.

Quick as a flash, the young man wedged his foot in the door and pushed it wide open.

"Don't be too hasty!" he said. "Not until you have at least seen my demonstration." And with that, he emptied a bucket of horse shit all over her hallway carpet.

"If this vacuum cleaner does not remove all traces of this horse shit from your carpet, Madam, I will personally eat the remainder."

"Well," she said, "I hope you've got a f***ing good appetite, because the electricity was cut off this morning."

From Roger A-J Sydney

NEWS FROM BRITAIN

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A young girl who was blown out to sea on a set of inflatable teeth was rescued by a man on an inflatable lobster. A coastguard spokesman commented, "this sort of thing is all too common". (The Times)

At the height of the gale, the harbour master radioed a coastguard on the spot and asked him to estimate the wind speed. He replied that he was sorry, but he didn't have a gauge. However, if it was any help, the wind had just blown his Land Rover off the cliff.

(Aberdeen Evening Express)

Roger A-J Sydney

BAD LANGUAGE

A nun was sitting with her Mother Superior chatting. "Mother Superior, I used some bad language this week and I feel absolutely terrible about it."

"When did you use this awful language?" asked the elder.

"Well, I was golfing and hit an incredible drive that was going to go 280 yards, but it struck a phone line over the fairway and fell straight down to the ground after only 100 yards."

"And that's when you swore?"

"No, Mother, after that, a squirrel ran out of the bushes and grabbed my ball in its mouth and began to run away."

"And THAT'S when you swore?" asked the Mother Superior.

"Well, no," says the nun. "You see, as the squirrel was running, an eagle came down, grabbed the squirrel in his talons and began to fly away!"

"Is THAT when you swore?" asked the amazed elder nun.

"No. As the eagle carried the squirrel away in its claws, it flew near the green and the squirrel dropped my ball."

"Did you swear THEN?" asked Mother Superior impatiently.

"No, because the ball fell on a big rock, bounced over the sand trap, rolled onto the green and stopped about six inches from the hole."

The two nuns were silent for a moment.

Mother Superior sighed, "You missed the f***ing putt, didn't you?"

Roger A-J Sydney

(This better be known as the Roger A-J Page in future) Ed.



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'Hello and welcome to the mental health hotline.

If you are obsessive and compulsive, press 1 repeatedly.

If you are co-dependant, please ask someone to press 2 for you.

If you have multiple personali-

ties, press 3 4 5 & 6.

If you are paranoid, we know who you are and what you want, stay on the line so we can trace your call.

If you are delusional, press 7 and your call will be transferred to the mother ship.

If you are schizophrenic, listen carefully and a small voice will tell you what number to press.

If you are a manic depressant, it doesn't matter which number you press, no-one will answer.

If you are dyslexic, press 9696969696.

If you have a nervous disorder, please fidget with the hash key until a representative comes online.

If you have amnesia, press 8 and state your name, address, phone number, date of birth, social security number and your mother's maiden name.

If you have post traumatic stress disorder, slowly and carefully press 000.

If you have bi-polar disorder, please leave a message after the beep, before the beep, or after the beep. Please wait for the beep.

If you have short term memory loss, press 9.

If you have short term memory loss, press 9.

If you have low self-esteem, please hang up, all our operators are too busy to talk to you.'

From Peter Richardson. Vaucluse SC.

In Japan, they have replaced the impersonal and unhelpful Microsoft error messages with haiku poetry messages. Haiku poetry has strict construction and rules. Each poem has only three lines, 17 syllables: five syllables in the first line, seven in the second, five in the third. Haiku are used to communicate timeless messages, often evoking powerful insight through extreme brevity - the essence of Zen.

Your file was so big.
It might be very useful.
But now it is gone.

The Web site you seek
Cannot be located, but
Countless more exist.

Chaos reigns within.
Reflect, repent, and reboot.
Order shall return.

Program aborting:
Close all that you have worked
on.
You ask far too much.

Windows NT crashed.
I am the Blue Screen of Death.
No one hears your screams.

Yesterday it worked.
Today it is not working.
Windows is like that.

First snow, then silence.
This thousand-dollar screen
dies
So beautifully.

With searching comes loss
And the presence of absence:
"My Novel" not found.

Stay the patient course.
Of little worth is your ire.
The network is down.

A crash reduces
Your expensive computer
To a simple stone.

Three things are certain:
Death, taxes and lost data.
Guess which has occurred.

Out of memory.
We wish to hold the whole sky,
But we never will.

Having been erased,
The document you're seeking
Must now be retyped.

Serious error.
All shortcuts have disappeared.
Screen. Mind. Both are blank.

From Andrew York.
(Who else? Ed.)

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