



**NSW&ACT ILCA Incorporated
Annual General Meeting Minutes
2nd February 2025 South Lakes ASC**

Meeting was deferred from 17th November 2024 at Georges River Sailing Club.
Meeting opened at 9.05 am

Present

Kevin Phillips (Gosford SC), Sue Phillips (GSC), David Edmiston (MHASC/GSC), Elaine Edmiston, Brett Beyer (WSC/DBSC), Lyndall Patterson (RPAYC), Rob Lowndes (MHASC) Stephen Reid (DBSC), Richard Longbottom (CYC), Chris Rodowicz (VYC)

Apologies Geoff Lucas (MHASC)

Minutes from 2023 Annual General Meeting

Minutes from the AGM held on 19th November 2023 at Canberra Yacht Club were tabled. Moved and seconded that the minutes be accepted – approved.

Business arising from the Minutes

Nil.

Chairman's Report

Report presented by Kevin Phillips as attached.

Financial Report

Report was presented by Treasurer Geoff Lucas. The report attached is prepared on a cash basis.

Moved David Edmiston seconded Rob Lowndes that accounts be accepted. Report accepted.

Election of Office Bearers

- Chairman
Elected Kevin Phillips

- Vice Chairman
Elected Ben Byford
- Treasurer
Elected Geoff Lucas
- Race Secretary
Elected Sue Phillips
- Measurer
Elected David Edmiston
- Masters Representative
Elected Jeff Rob Loosemore
- Youth Representative
Open
- Women's Representative
Elected Sylvie Stannage
- Training Representative
Elected Brett Beyer

Thanks were given to all committee members for their sterling work throughout the year.

Kevin Phillips advised that as this would be his 14th year as Chair he would not stand again in 2025 and that it would be desirable to get some fresh ideas and initiatives.

Special Constitutional Resolution Amendment

The Special Resolution to the ILCA NSW & ACT Inc. Constitution was passed This amendment to the Constitution covering distribution of property on winding up is required of all not-for-profit incorporated organisations by the regulator Fair Trading NSW. The amendment is attached.

General Business

- 2024/25 venues and dates are all set however venues for 2025/26 season are open.
- Clubs wishing to host an association regatta should express their interest to Kevin Phillips as we try to plan a few seasons ahead.
- We are continuing with support for the Oceania Solidarity Program for ILCA 4 girls at the Oceania & Australian Youth Nationals in Brisbane.
- The Women's Regatta will return this season at Vacluse Yacht Club. ILCA NSW & ACT will continue to provide financial support.
- Sailors wishing to participate in 2025 ILCA World Championships are reminded that the 2025 Open & Youth Nationals (RQYS Brisbane) and the Oceania & Australian Masters (WYC Westernport Vic) are respectively the Open & Youth Worlds and the ICA 6 and ILCA 7 Masters World Championships ranking events.
- Demand for places in the World Masters Formia, Italy is expected to be strong, and unranked sailors are unlikely to gain a place.
- We continue to promote through web and email channels which is good for informing our regular sailors.
- We are looking for material and initiatives to reach the broader sailing community and would be sailors with our message of ILCA economical competitive and fun sailing for life.

Meeting Closed 9.55 am



Chairman's Report

ILCA NSW & ACT AGM 17th November 2024

We settled down to a less hectic season after hosting the 2023 Oceania & Australian Open & Youth Championships at Georges River sailing Club and the Oceania & Australian Masters Championship at Bay Sailing Centre Port Stephens. This year the big events were focussed on Adelaide with the Open & Youth Championships followed by two Worlds the ILCA 7 Men's and the World Masters mostly sailed in strong winds at Adelaide Sailing Club at Glenelg.

Congratulations to Brooke Wilson who sailed a fantastic series to take out the ILCA 6 Open Championships.



Brooke Wilson in action Adelaide Nationals

International Sailing

WA sailors Matt Wearn and Zoe Thomson represented Australia in 2024 Olympics in Marseille. Matt won his second and Australia's fourth gold in succession in the event. Vai Ripley who sails at MHASC represented Samoa in Marseille.

Local sailors were well represented in the six ILCA World and some EurILCA Championships in the past year. Notable local sailors were Healy Ryan who won the U17 in the European ILCA 6 Youth Championships in Northern Island and Evie Saunders who finished 2nd in the 80 boat U21 Worlds in Portugal.

28 Australian sailors competed in the ILCA 7 Worlds in Adelaide and 130 Masters sailors competed in the Masters Worlds later at the same venue. Matt Wearn finished on top in the ILCA 7s. Australian sailors won four of the Masters categories. Notable local Masters performances were from Brett Beyer winner ILCA 7 GM, Tim Alexander and Rob Lowndes 2nd and 3rd ILCA 6 Legends, Bruce Savage 3rd ILCA 6 GGM, Rick Longbottom 3rd ILCA 6 GGM.

NSW & ACT sailors Evie Saunders and Tom Farley were selected as part of the eight-sailor team to represent Australia in the Pacific Games to be held in Honiara, Solomon Islands from 19 November 2023. These games held every four years include Men's and Women's ILCA 6 and ILCA 7 and Sailboard competition among 24 sports.

ILCA NSW ACT District Sailing

For our NSW & ACT events we had 60 sailors competing in each of the Coast Championships at Gosford SC in 2023 and a new venue for us Mannering Park ASC on Lake Macquarie in 2024.

Our States was a combined Open, Youth and Masters event at Canberra YC which saw some great competition from the 90 sailors competing.

Our Metropolitan Championships earlier this year was held at Vacluse YC which is a fabulous small club however the waterway proved quite challenging for sailors and officials alike with 18 footers, ferries, tide and leisure boating traffic all having to be negotiated. It proved that the RRS can help bring order to proceedings even if not all the 90 competing sailors fully complied.

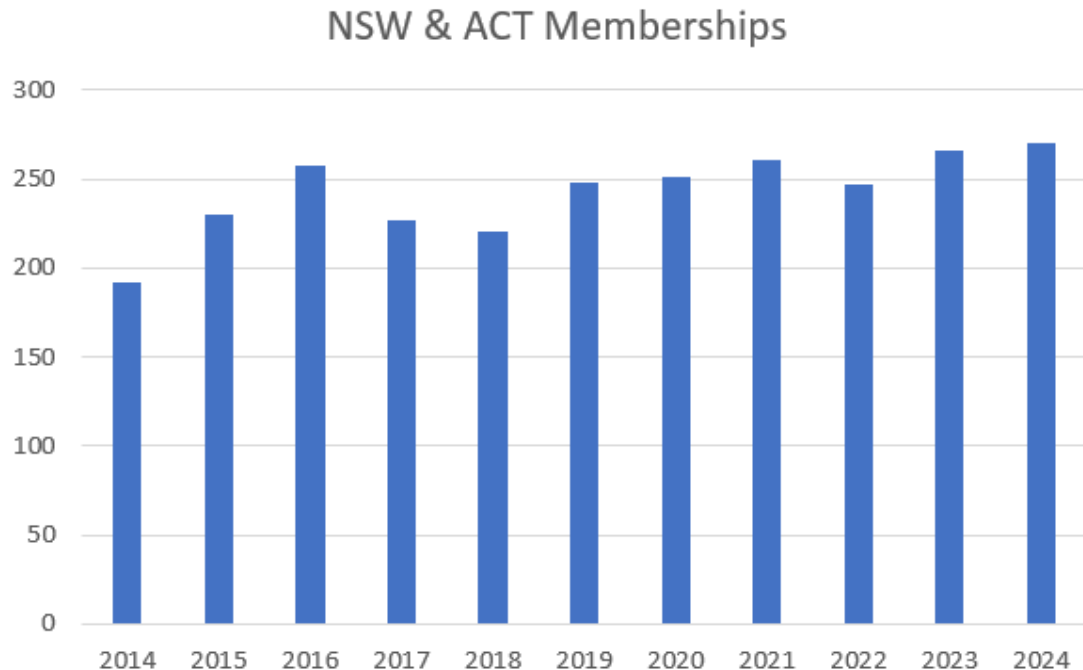
Thanks to the host clubs for putting on a great show for us. The on the water and in the club house teams make the events work. They do it just for the love of the sport and we thank them one and all.

All our events, documents, information, results, and photos are posted on our ILCA NSW & ACT web site at <https://laser.asn.au>

We attempt to share regatta venues around. Our program for season 2025/26 is still open so if your club has an interest in running any of our events please be in touch. We manage and fund prizes, handouts, entry registration, scoring etc and we pay the host club to cover their costs incurred in running the event for us.

Everyone knows that the cost of everything is up as well the costs for clubs hosting our events and our own costs are way up. We have had to increase the entry fees to reflect these costs with our aim /to break even running events overall.

NSW/ACT Membership



Our District membership for the year increased slightly to 270 (from 266 in 2023 season). Our 10-year average membership is 248.

We pass more than half of our collected membership fees onto ILCA Australia and ILCA International through affiliations (\$23 per member to be exact) to help to support their activities. The greater the number of Australian Laser sailors we have as members the larger our allocation of places in limited entry World Championship events.

From this season we are including membership with race entry so anyone who sails in any of our events in a season is a financial member and can sail in other interclub, national and world championships. This arrangement makes our job of managing membership much easier. Sailors who wish to sail in other events (nationals, worlds etc.) but who haven't entered any of ours can still simply pay \$40 (\$20 if under 21) online.

Changed Name & New Constitution

The fabulous work of our Treasurer and Public Officer Geoff Lucas has managed to navigate us through the constitution, banking and administration changes required for our name and banking changes. One small step remains to keep on the right side of the bureaucracy which is to modify our wind-up clause which is the subject of the special resolution for this AGM.

District Administration

Hopefully we are keeping sailors informed on sailing, events, results and Laser sailing happenings through laser.asn.au. We try not to barrage members and others on our email list with too many messages. We currently have 600 people on our email distribution list.

A special thank you to our own small team of helpers R.O. Andrew McLachlan, our treasurer Geoff Lucas, race secretary Sue Phillips, regatta helpers David & Elaine Edmiston and VC Ben Byford. Dave wears the Measurers hat as well. Thanks also to Masters Representative Rob Lowndes for his work, wise advice, and support.

Thanks to the many people who helped out with administration and on the water for our events. Without people just stepping up as required we could never have managed the tasks involved in staging these events.

Cheers

Kevin Phillips
Chair NSW/ACT Laser Association





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Treasurer's Report for Year Ended 30 September 2024

The Association continues to remain financially buoyant with total funds on hand as at 30 September 2024 of \$81,326.42 which is a small increase on last year's cash on hand amount of \$79,247.30.

The Association regattas held during the sailing season 2023-2024, resulted in a net surplus of \$9,389.02 from the season's events.

After also taking into account Total Other Expenses of \$7,939.27 as detailed in the Income & Expenditure Statement, operations for the year ended with an excess of income over expenses of \$2,079.12 as compared with the previous year's loss of \$12,430.98 (in which year the Nationals were conducted by ILCA NSW & ACT).

Thank you

Geoff Lucas
Hon. Treasurer
15 October 2024

