



**NSW&ACT ILCA Incorporated
Annual General Meeting Minutes
16 November 2025 Wangi RSL Sailing Club**

Meeting opened at 9.05 am

Present

Kevin Phillips (Gosford SC), Sue Phillips (GSC), Brett Beyer (WSC/DBSC), Diane Sissingh (MHASC), Julian Taylor (DBSC/WSC), Bruce Paine (CYC), Alan Downes (GSC), Max Williams (RQYS), Ben Byford (RPAYC), Sylvie Stannage (HHSC)

Apologies Geoff Lucas (MHASC)

Minutes from 2024 Annual General Meeting

Minutes from the delayed 2024 AGM held on 2nd February 2025 at South Lakes ASC 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 Diane Sissingh seconded Brett Beyer that accounts be accepted. Report accepted.

Election of Office Bearers

- Chairman
Interim Kevin Phillips
- Vice Chairman
Elected Ben Byford

- Treasurer
Elected Geoff Lucas backup elected Max Williams
- Race Secretary
Elected Sue Phillips
- Measurer
Elected David Edmiston
- Master's Representative
Elected Jeff Loosemore
- Women's Representative
Elected Sylvie Stannage
- Training Representative
Elected Brett Beyer

Kevin Phillips had advised at the last AGM that as this was his 14th year as Chair he would not stand again in 2025. No nominations were received for the position of Chairman. As there was interest from Diane Sissingh it was resolved that she, Vice Chair Ben Byford and current Chair Kevin Phillips would develop a succession arrangement for the position while Kevin Phillips would continue in the position in the interim.

Our long term Treasurer and Public Officer Geoff Lucas expressed the need for a backup in this role. Geoff also has these duties for ILCA Australia and ILCA Oceania. Max Williams offer to provide this backup.

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

General Business

- 2025/26 event venues and dates are all set. Venues for 2026/27 season are open.
- Clubs wishing to host an association regatta should express their interest to Kevin Phillips.
- We are continuing with support for the Oceania Solidarity Program for ILCA 4 girls at the Oceania & Australian Youth Nationals 1-8 January 2026 in Hobart.
- The Women's Regatta ran very successfully at Vacluse Yacht Club. ILCA NSW & ACT will continue to provide financial support to assist to keep this fabulous initiative viable.
- All 54 of the Australian Masters sailors who applied were ultimately offered places in the 2025 ILCA Masters Worlds in Formia, Italy. There were 30 from NSW & ACT and they won 3 first place cubes in the event.
- We continue to promote through web and email channels which is good for informing our regular sailors.

Meeting Closed 10.05 am



Chairman's Report

ILCA NSW & ACT AGM 16th November 2025

ILCA NSW ACT District Sailing

We ran four very successful NSW & ACT events last season with a total participation of 280. Our largest event was the State Masters at South Lakes with 107 boats. We had 75 boats at the State Open & Youth Championships at GRSC, Metros at HHSC (53) and Coasts at GSC (45) all sailed in great conditions.



A frequent winner at our events – Sylvie Stannage in action photo by DBSC

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.

A quick count of ILCA District, National and Australian Sailing events each year comes to 26 add to that 9 World Championships and an increasing number of individual club organised interclub regattas and our ILCA calendar is pretty much full to overflowing.

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 2026/27 is 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.

International Sailing

NSW & ACT sailors were well represented in the 48 sailors who competed in 8 of the 9 Open and Youth ILCA World Championships in the year. There were 29 men and boys and 19 women and girls in the 8 teams.

Congratulations to Healy Ryan who along with Queensland sailor were selected by Australian Sailing to represent Australia in the World Sailing 2025 World Youth Championships in Portugal in December. Good luck and good sailing for them.

30 NSW & ACT sailors competed in the 450 boat ILCA 6 & 7 World Championships. The Australian team of 54 won four first place cubes in the event with locals Lyndall Patterson, Brett Beyer, Rob Lowndes on the podium.



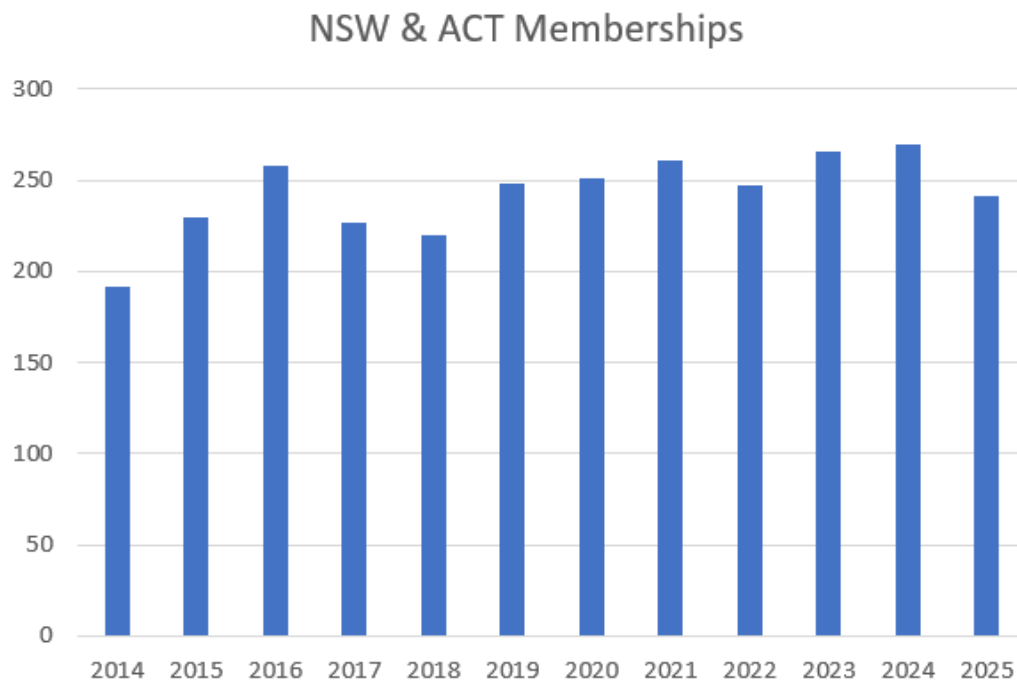
Women's Regatta Vacluse Yacht Club

The Women's Regatta at VYC on 22 March saw an impressive turnout, with 38 sailors hitting the water, including 10 in the combined Green Fleet.

The day started with a morning yoga session, providing a calm and energizing start for the sailors. It was followed by workshops. After racing on the Vacluse YC Sydney Harbour iconic course the event concluded with a prize-giving ceremony a quite special discussion on the VYC veranda at sunset with three guest panellists, all world class women sailors.

Thanks to session leaders, panellists and to the VYC and their enthusiastic volunteers for a great and informative day.

NSW/ACT Membership



Our District membership for the year was marginal down at 241 which is also the average overage of membership over the past 12 years.

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.

For the past two seasons we have included 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.

Laser Sailors Re-union Lunch

Over 90 current and past Laser sailors pictured below enjoyed a long lunch reunion at Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club Newport NSW on Sunday 8 June.

The lunch was organised and MC'd by Andrew York and concluded with a Q & A with hugely successful Olympic sailor, coach and six times Laser Australian Champion Michael Blackburn.



Australian Class Builder PSA

The Spencer family of New Zealand decided to exit their long held interest in Performance Sailcraft Australia and the business was sold to Performance Marine Group owned by British fin-tech entrepreneur Nick Ogden. Nick has set up a fabulous new factory facility at Morisset and began production mid-year using original PSA Laser moulds.



Due to a dispute (currently before the High Court in New Zealand) about ILCA's requirement for PSA to move hull production to using new ILCA supplied moulds as used by all nine other World builders, on 27 August ILCA withdrew PSA's builder permission. The NZ court instructed ILCA to restore PSA builder's approval on 30 October pending its final decision.

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 more than 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 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.

I have now been Chair of NSW&ACT Laser and ILCA for 14 years and it has been a greatly positive experience. I am not standing at this AGM. It is time for new leadership with fresh vision and ideas.

Cheers

Kevin Phillips
Chair NSW/ACT Laser Association





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Treasurer's Report for Year Ended 30 September 2025

The Association continues to remain financially buoyant with total funds on hand at 30 September 2025 of \$64,749.56 which is a decrease of \$16,576.86 on last year's cash on hand amount of \$81,326.42.

The Association's regattas held during the sailing season 2024-2025, resulted in a net deficit of \$1,554.35 from the various events. The Association also contributed an additional amount of \$3,000.00 towards the Womens' Regatta held this year at Vaucluse Yacht Club.

After taking into account Total Other Expenses of \$11,332.41, as detailed in the Income & Expenditure Statement, overall operations for the year ended with a deficit of \$8,168.81 as compared with the previous year's profit of \$2,079.12.

Thank you

Geoff Lucas
Hon. Treasurer
28 October 2025

