



**NSW&ACT ILCA Incorporated
Annual General Meeting
19th November 2023 at Canberra Yacht Club**

Meeting opened at 9.15 am

Present

Kevin Phillips (Gosford SC), Ben Byford (RPAYC), Sue Phillips (GSC), David Edmiston (MHASC/GSC), Elaine Edmiston, Brett Beyer (WSC/DBSC), Lyndall Patterson (RPAYC), Rob Lowndes (MHASC) Sylvie Stannage (HHSC) Chris Stannage (HHSC)

Apologies Geoff Lucas (MHASC)

Minutes from 2022 Annual General Meeting

Minutes from the AGM held on 20th November 2022 at Wangi Amateur Sailing 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 Ben Byford 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 Rob Lowndes
- Youth Representative
Open Chris Stannage
- 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 13th year as Chair he would not stand again in 2024 and that it would be desirable to get some fresh ideas and initiatives.

General Business

Event Venues for 2023/24

- Dates and venues for 2024/25 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.

Training

- Discussion was held on ways to increase the number of sailors entering the 4.7 and options for training both the new ILCA 4 sailors and improving the skills of all aged sailors.
- Chris Stannage offered suggestions on youth coaching. There are AusILCA/Oceania programs like ILCA 4 girls Solidarity underway. We are planning to resume the Women's Regatta.

ILCA Naming and Class Promotion

- We have fully moved to ILCA naming and branding as have now Aus ILCA and most districts.
- We continue to promote through web and email channels which is good for informing our regular sailors. We will continue to look for material and initiatives to reach the great sailing community and would be sailors with our message of economical competitive and fun sailing for life.

Meeting Closed 10.15 am



Chairman's Report

ILCA NSW & ACT AGM 19th November 2023

We had a very big season in 2022-23 running three NSW & ACT District events along with the Oceania & Australian Open & Youth Championships at Georges River sailing Club and the Oceania & Australian Masters Championship at Bay Sailing Centre Port Stephens.

ILCA NSW ACT District Sailing

We had a great roll up with 127 boats competing in the Youth, Open and Masters combined State Championships at Wangi ASC on Lake Macquarie. This was a great event in very good conditions and very well run by the experienced crew at Wangi.

The Metropolitan Championships saw us return to the iconic sailing venue Double Bay Sailing Club. With strong local club support there were 83 entries and good conditions for the event.

So far in season 2023-24 we have run the Coast Championship at Gosford Sailing Club. This was a great event with 64 sailors with a sprinkling of interstate and international visitors competing.

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 2024/25 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.

Oceania & Australian Open & Youth Championships

The 180-boat Oceania & Australian Open & Youth Championships were run from Georges River Sailing Club 1-8 January 2023. There were 150 Australian and 30 international sailors from 12 countries competing.

Two race per day were sailed on days 1 and 2 in very good conditions. Racing was not possible on days 3 & 4 due to wind 27 gusting to 35 knots. On day 5 three races were held in testing 18-20 knot southerly winds while the final three races on day 6 were sailed in ideal 15 knot southerly conditions.

The 83 boat ILCA 6 gold fleet saw some great racing with the last race determining the top four places. These were contested between Tokyo 2020 Olympic Women's ILCA Laser sailors from Belgium, Switzerland, Hungary, and Australia. Emma Plaschaert from Belgium finished second in the final race to take a narrow win from Maud Jaynet (SUI) and Maria Erdi (HUN). Maria just pipped Queenslander Mara Stransky by a single point. Mara Stransky was the Australian Women's champion and the overall Australian Champion. Casey Imeneo from Victoria topped some consistent results with two wins on the last day to finish fifth overall.



ILCA 6 Winners – Some of the best ILCA 6 Sailors in the World – Mara Stransky (AUS) 4th , Maud Jaynet (SUI) 2nd, Emma Plaschaert (BEL) 1st, Maria Erdi (HUN) 3rd, Casey Imeneo (AUS) 5th - Photo by Jon West

The under 19 ILCA 6 division was won by Australian Sailing Youth Sailor of the Year and silver medallist in the World Sailing Youth Championships Evie Saunders from Manly Yacht Club

The ILCA 7 fleet was hotly contested with four Australians, four from Great Britain and two from New Zealand finishing in the top ten.

In a drama packed final race Michael Beckett (GBR) needed to win to take the title after Australia's Matt Wearn had some issues and was a DNF. Michael finished second and so Matt Wearn won his fifth Australian Laser/ILCA Championship on a close countback. Elliot Hanson (GBR) was third in front of popular WA sailor Swifto Elliott and leading Kiwi George Gautrey.

The leading youth sailors (under 21) was Stefan Elliott-Shircore from Western Australia.

The ILCA 4 fleet of 55 boats consisted of up-and-coming youth sailors under 18 and under 16 years of age. The first three placegetters were young sailors from Victoria. Aidan

Simmons and Angus McIntyre both won four of the ten heats, with Aidan the overall ILCA 4 champion by two points. Riley Cantwell finished third overall and was the under 16 junior ILCA 4 champion.

Thanks to Georges River Sailing Club and volunteers from other Botany Bay clubs and our own ILCA volunteers for on shore and on water management of this very successful series.

Oceania & Australian Masters Championships

The 2023 Oceania & Australian Masters Championships 10-13 March were run from the Bay Sailing Centre Port Stephens.

There were 147 boats sailing in three fleets. There were sailors from all Australian mainland states and territories. The most travelled competitor was GGM Helio Araujo from Rio de Janeiro Yacht Club. It was pleasing to see keen competition in the ILCA 4s. We are keen to promote this rig for Masters as well as Youth age categories going forward.

Weather for the event varied from character building to excellent and from NE to SW.



Brett Beyer winner of ILCA 7 GM Division – Photo by Jon West

Thanks to the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club (NCYC) who manage the Bay Sailing Centre (BSC) for hosting this event for us. The BSC is only a small club on some of the best dinghy sailing water on the east coast so the NCYC did a great job recruiting the 30 on water volunteers needed to run this event.

The focus in 2024 will be Adelaide Sailing with the National as well as World Masters and World ILCA 7 Open Championships all being run there.

- 2024 Oceania & National Open & Youth Championships 1-8 January 2024
- 2024 Mens ILCA 7 World Championship 24-31 January 2024
- 2024 Masters World Championships 2-9 February 2024

International Sailing

Congratulations to Brooke Wilson named a finalist in Australian Sailing's NSW Female Sailor of the Year award. Brooke has had an amazing year with fantastic results in the ILCA 6 both domestically and internationally, as well as a string of successes in the Elliot 7s Match Racing here in Australia, America and Europe.

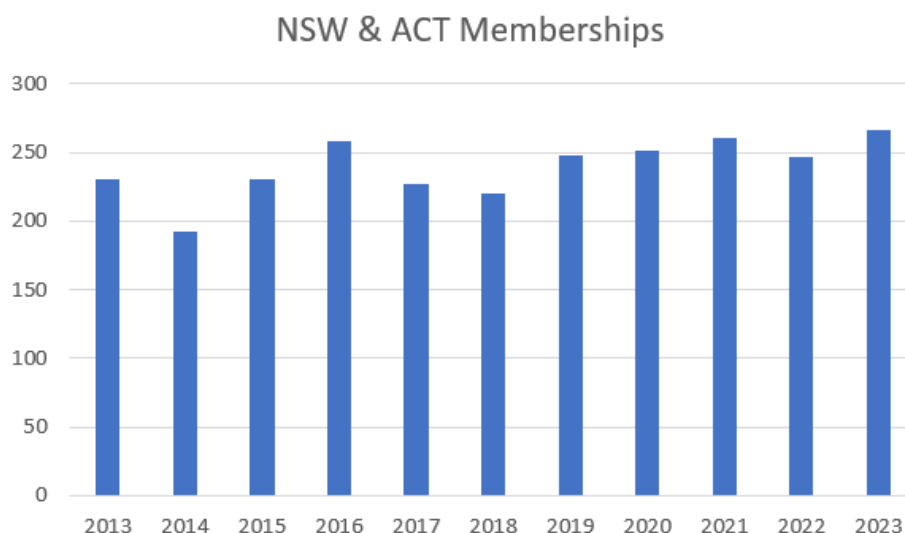
NSW & ACT sailors Evie Saunders and Tom Farley have been selected by Australian Sailing as part of the eight-sailor team to represent Australia in the Pacific Games to be held in Honiara, Solomon Islands from 19 November 2023. These games held every four years include Men's and Women's ILCA 6 and ILCA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

In the 2023 World Masters in Pattaya, Thailand Brett Beyer won the ILCA 7 GM with Jan Scholten second.



The all-Australian podium in the iLCA 6 GGM Division of 2023 World Masters Pattaya, Thailand Lyndall Patterson, Jeff Loosemore, Steve Gunther and Martin White

NSW/ACT Membership



Our District membership for the year increased slightly to 266 (from 247 in 2021/22 season). Our 10-year average membership is 240.

We pass more than half of our collected membership fees onto ALCA and ILCA 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.

Changed Name & New Constitution

In 2019 the ILCA was forced to change the name and trademark for the Laser to retain the Class' Olympic status. If you need reminding, or are curious, there is a good explanation of the reasons and the strategy which lead to the change to ILCA naming in a 2019 letter from ILCA Chair Tracy Usher [Here](#).

We have followed the majority of the ILCA world to adopt ILCA naming with NSW & ACT Laser Class Association Inc. becoming ILCA NSW & ACT Inc. To make this change we also needed to change our constitution, registration with the regulator (Fair Trading NSW) and our bank accounts. We took the opportunity to update our constitution not just the naming as the old one dated 1986 was well past its use by date. The regulator required us to have a majority of members support the changed constitution. This was completed with a unanimous vote for the change in the on-line ballot.

All this has been completed largely due to the fabulous work of our Treasurer and Public Officer Geoff Lucas. Thank you Geoff.

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 2023

The Association continues to remain financially buoyant with total funds on hand as at 30 September 2023 of \$79,247.30 however this is a reduction from last year's cash in hand amount which was \$91,678.28.

The Association regattas held during the sailing season 2022-2023, resulted in a net loss from regattas of \$9,389.02 as shown in the 2022-2023 Regattas' report. This overall loss was mainly due to large unexpected expenditure from the Australian Open held at GRSC which saw a cost overrun from that regatta of \$14,201.76. In order to keep costs down, those associations running future Australian Open Regattas, may consider whether there is a need to hold a welcoming function which in this case cost \$3,304.80.

After taking into account Total Other Expenses of \$6,185.96 as detailed in the Income & Expenditure Statement, operations for the year ended with an excess of expenses over income of \$12,430.98 as compared with the previous year's loss of \$4,087.59.

During the year the bank account was moved from Westpac to an interest paying Cash Management Account with Macquarie Bank.

Thank you

Geoff Lucas
Hon. Treasurer
24th October 2023

