



South Lake Macquarie Amateur Sailing Club Inc.
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SAILING RESUMES

Restricted sailing resumes

Dinghies from 13 September 2020.

Yachts program to be confirmed, twilights from 9 October 2020.

Sailing can only resume if we follow the NSW Health and Australian Sailing COVID-19 requirements. A Covid-19 Safety Plan is being prepared to assist all members resume sailing competition.

See full details of conditions on websites of Australian Sailing and NSW Health

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

In response to increased cases of COVID-19 in NSW, Dr Kerry Chant (Chief Health Officer - NSW) is advising of further public health measures to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission related to participation in community sports. These updated recommendations will help clubs to meet the NSW Government's aim of achieving no community transmission in NSW and will support community sports to continue operating safely.

Major Regions for Sailing based on the participants usual place of residence as per Australian Sailing guidelines.

Sydney (4 regions) • Botany Bay • Port Hacking • Wollongong/Illawarra • Central Coast • Lake Macquarie • Newcastle Hunter •

Clubs should be ceasing the participation of people who normally reside in different regions to where the club is based until 30 September 2020. **If you live outside the Lake Macquarie area you cannot attend the club for sailing until after 30 September 2020. SLMASC will be in touch if you are one of these members, if unsure please contact: treasurer@slmasc.org**

GET IN - SAIL - GET OUT

Presentation of trophies will be organised as soon as we can have gatherings again, as will the Annual General meeting.

NSW YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS – CANCELLED October 2020

SLMASC was to host one of the race courses along with Wangi and Mannering Park for the NSW Youth Championships to be held at Point Wolstoncroft.

SLMASC would like to thank all the fabulous volunteers that put their hand up to assist yet again, helping on the water or around the grounds as beach marshalls or radio operator. We may call on you next year.

Thank you SLMASC Youths Committee

RESULTS 2019/2020 POINTSCORES

OPTIS

Spring Pointscore	Funky Monkey	Max Owen
Summer Pointscore	Rusty	KB De Villiers
Overall Pointscore	Pocket Rocket	Ellen Murray
Club Championship	Pocket Rocket	Ellen Murray

IMPULSES

Spring Pointscore	Comedy of Errors	Bruce Crundwell
Summer Pointscore	Groot	Allan Young
Overall Pointscore	Comedy of Errors	Bruce Crundwell
Club Championship	Ignition	Michael Brown

MISCELLANEOUS

Spring Pointscore	Millenium Falcon	Paul & Ryan Foster
Summer Pointscore	Rebel Alliance	Andrew & Samson Foster
Overall Pointscore	Millenium Falcon	Paul & Ryan Foster

YACHTS - SUNDAYS

	RK Robertson	Karl Schneider	Winter	Overall
1st	The Stig	Chateau	Phoenix	The Stig
2nd	Sail la Vie	Sail la Vie	Nereus	Sail la Vie
3rd	Anarchy	Nereus	Oh No	Nereus

TWILIGHTS DIVISION ONE

	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Overall
1st	Anarchy	Wings	Wings	Wings
2nd	Sea Ya	Anarchy	2xcess	Anarchy
3rd	Sorceror	2xcess	Sorceror	Sorceror

TWILIGHTS DIVISION TWO

	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Overall
1st	Chateau	Phoenix	Oh No	Phoenix
2nd	Sail la vie	Chloelle	Phoenix	Oh No
3rd	Oh No	Sail la vie	Chloelle	Chloelle

Results from Regattas

Mal Dean - National and Queensland State Champion Australian Sports Boat Association

Joel Beashel – National Champion Optis

Joel Beashel and Logan Radford - National Champion Flying Ant

Michael Brown – National and NSW State Champion Impulse

Michael Brown - Queensland State Champion Australian Sports Boat Association

Australian Sports Boat Association National Titles 2020, Royal Motor Yacht Club Toronto NSW

The 2020 ASBA National Titles was held at the Royal Motor Yacht Club Toronto with a range of 11 Sports Boats competing in the 11-race series. The bulk of the fleet were made up of a Leech 650, Shaw 650s, The REO 7.2 and 7.7s, a T7, Viper 640, A K8 with a semi ridged wing for a mainsail and a Boat Speed 23. The crew from “The Stig”, Shaw 650, claimed the ASBA National Titles for SMS which is their 2nd in a row.

The first day (Sunday) greeted sailors with cloudy, light to moderate conditions. 3 races were run with wins The Stig, Re-Heat, and REO Speedwagon.

Day two (Monday) was a stormy wet day. With constant storms rolling through for the majority of the day, the Race committee had no option but to call racing off.

Day three (Tuesday) was a different story. There was a light breeze to get 4 windward/leeward races in. With racing under way there were winners and losers all over the course with the light and shifty conditions. I am sure the best wind conditions were between races where it would come down off the surrounding hills for about 5 minutes and die out again. A good day was had by our winners on SMS -Fly and The Stig and on ASBA LTP- Fly, Depth Charged Ethel and REO Speedwagon.

Rolling onto day four (Wednesday) saw another sunny day of light and shifty conditions with 3 windward/leeward races being held. The big story of the day was the wrap up of SMS champion from Malcolm Dean on The Stig with a day to spare.

The last day (Thursday) with the SMS championship all wrapped up the minor places were still to be decided and ASBA LTP was still yet to be locked in on the podium. The Race committee sent the fleet on the scheduled passage race around Pulbah Island and back to Toronto.

53rd Flying Ant Nationals, McCrae Yacht Club, Victoria

My experience at the Flying Ant Nationals- by Joel Beashel

At this year's Flying Ant Nationals, Logan and I went into the Regatta as the top boat because we had won the Nationals the year before.

The Flying Ant Nationals try to go to a different State each year and for the first time in a long time moved to Victoria this year, so the fleet size was much smaller than the last Nationals in NSW, but there was still tough competition from NSW, WA and Victoria. The Regatta was mainly light air conditions except for the invitation race which was windy with a good swell. The first and second day of the Regatta were light. The third day was glassed out so there was no racing that day. On the last day the conditions were light and the committee pushed for three races to make up for the lost day. Logan and I were very consistent over the 8 race series with five wins, two seconds and one third. Finishing 6 points ahead of second place boat from NSW, Tardis. Overall McCrae was a great host club for the 53rd Flying Ant Nationals.

2020 Optimist Nationals, Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, Williamstown, Victoria

The Opti Nationals is a very hard event because of the long schedule it has. It starts with two days of measurement then one day of teams racing followed by three days of Qualifying, then a lay day followed by two days of finals to decide the winner. There are over 220 boats competing at all different levels, Green fleet for beginners, Intermediate for middle level Opti sailors and Open fleet for the advanced Opti sailors. I raced in the Open fleet with 131 boats from all over Australia and a big group of International sailors. In the Open fleet there are international spots for the top 25 Australian sailors to represent Australia in overseas events like the Worlds and Europeans.

NSW is allowed 5 teams for the Teams Racing event. On my Team, I had 3 other boy sailors from Middle Harbour Sailing Club. We advanced in a couple heats before getting knocked out by Hunters Hill. The next day was the Invitation Race, then we started the Qualifying Series. Each day the Open fleet gets split in half because there are so many boats. On the first day I was in the first fleet to start and soon after the start a big front arrived and it got windy for the rest of the race forcing us to only have one race that day. I finished second in that race, the next day the wind settled and I got a sixth, first and third. NSW and Victoria were experiencing a very bad bushfire season which affected the visibility and the wind conditions on the course. So on the last day of Qualifying the smoke from the bushfires made it hard to navigate the course but I got fourth and first. I then Qualified for the Gold fleet for the final two days. After the lay day the finals started with 66 Gold fleet boats on the start line. I started the finals well with a second in the first race then later found out that I was black flagged. The second race I finished fifth and the in third race ninth. On the last day it was all on because I needed more races to drop my black flag. We were held ashore waiting for the wind to fill in. Finally we were sent out to race and I finished second in the first race. Then it was all on between Matty Goss from Victoria and Aaron Teo from WA trying to beat the NSW winning streak of winning the Australian Opti Nationals. In the last race I started left of Matty and Aaron then later they got stuck right when there was a left shift that I was in. I held my position around the course to finish sixth in the last race winning the Australian Nationals and the overall for the Regatta. Winning the overall meant that I beat some of the top Irish, American, French and Asian Optimist sailors from around the world.

Here's the Link to the Final Results

<http://sailingresults.net/sa/results/Overall.aspx?ID=80290.5>

Thanks to SLMASC and all their support over the years.

Joel Beashel

36th Australian Impulse Championship, Altona, Victoria

The 36th Australian Impulse Championship was held at Altona, Victoria from 28th December 2019 to 3rd January 2020. With a record 55 boats from Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and South Australia and agreeable the most competitive Australian titles in history.

The regatta was held over 9 heats with on shore breeze varying from very light to 20+ knots providing a wide range of breezes for the fleet. The breeze on shore was making the waves very steep and also allowed the sailors to have a treat by having two lay days as day three of racing was called off due to strong winds.

The heats were constantly contested between Matt Draper, Glen Collins, Mick Brown and David Mann. Our very own Mick Brown was the most constant with only one race outside the top three with only having to drop a sixth.

The top three best of the best champions came from a variety of states, 3rd overall was David Mann, Queensland, who was the current National Champion, 2nd overall was Glenn Collins, Victoria, who was the current Victorian State Champion and 1st overall was our very own Mick Brown who has now won the National Championship 8 times.

Other notable performance from SLMASC club members were Bruce McArthur 17th, Glen Yates 23rd, Gary Bellamy 25th, Alan Caldwell 39th and Bruce Crundwell 44th. All club members did extremely well given the quality of fleet.

Cheers Mick

SPECIAL MOORING OFFER AVAILABLE TO ALL SLMASC MEMBERS

For each Annual Mooring Service (\$220, report includes photos, measurements and a load test), I will donate \$50 to SLMASC. This offer is only for members of SLMASC. When making a booking, members must mention this offer. (No other discounts will apply). The offer will be valid till 01/09/2021.

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CLUB PROGRAM

A draft club program is attached

CLUB/RACE FEES

Membership and race fees for the season 2020/2021 remain the same:

Membership is due 1 October 2020 for all members

Family Membership \$255.00

Senior Membership \$100.00

Junior Membership \$80.00

Affiliate & yacht crew \$40.00

Race fees : Yachts \$10 Senior Dinghies \$7 Opti / Sabot \$5

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Shed Rent \$55 Sabots/Optis \$35

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