

GRSC Dominate the Radial Fleet at NSW/ACT Laser Masters 2022

GRSC was represented by 13 sailors at Port Stephens for an exciting regatta where our representatives won 3 cubes and had 3 sailors placed in the Top 5 overall in the Radial Fleet of 73.

On Saturday the sailors were greeted by a strong ESE to S, 15-25 knot wind which led to a long day on the water as a strong tide was pushing the fleet over the line and the anchor on the start boat which would not hold. There were numerous U and black flag starts in the large Radial fleet of over 70 boats – many times when much of the fleet was swept over the line. The Standards and 4.7 fleet was much better behaved and made the life a little easier for our GRSC Commodore, Andrew (Macca) McLachlan who was the RO.





Sunday was not going to give the fleet any respite with a solid 25-30 knot SE blowing all day. The good news for Macca was the finding an enormous start boat anchor and the run-in tide reduced the number of restarts. Almost all sailors had a least one capsized with many reporting nosediving so far that the water went passed the boom gooseneck on the mast, and David Early managing to cartwheel his Laser end on end, with Tim Neale watching in shock from closely behind, only to also roll in. Apparently the short steep waves were to blame!

Despite all this we were well represented with Ian Young sailing brilliantly and having his best regatta ever, winning the overall Radial Fleet and the Grand Masters Division, with Jeff Loosemore second overall and Great Grand Master Champion. David Early was 4th overall and second Grand Master.

The podium Division and Fleet places for the event are below.

Division	1st	2nd	3rd
4.7 Fleet	Sandy Kiernan NSC	Pru Bennett RPAYC	Diana Chen DBSC
Standard Fleet	Matt Blakey PMYC	Brett Beyer WSC	Matthew Faddy VYC
Standard Apprentice	Matt Blakey PMYC	David Newman DBSC	Byron Georgouras VYC
Standard Master	Matthew Faddy VYC	Stuart Holdsworth RPAYC	Rod Barnes DBSC
Standard GM	Brett Beyer WSC	Chris Dawson RPAYC	Chris Rodowicz VYC

Standard GGM	Paul Beath NCYC	Warwick Foy MHASC	John Baird LJSC
Radial Fleet	Ian Young GRSC	Jeff Loosemore MHASC GRSC	Zac Skulander MHASC
Radial Apprentice	Zac Skulander MHASC	Alex Georgouras VYC	Vaimoola Ripley MHASC
Radial Master	Andrew Cox DBSC	Ian Alexander DBSC	Ian Saunders MYC
Radial GM	Ian Young GRSC	David Early GRSC	Anthony Scali VYC
Radial GGM	Jeff Loosemore MHASC GRSC	Tim Alexander NSC	Patrick Levy DBSC
Radial Legend	Kevin Phillips GSC	Kerry Waraker RQYS	Brian Monkhouse VYC
Radial Woman	Jenny Danks RPAYC	Kerrie Shimeld RPAYC	Kate McHugh DBSC

Before the serious racing started GRSC also had a strong showing at the Masters Golf Tournament with Marty Wilson and Dave Early teaming up with Steve McCulloch and Phil Ipsen to win the day by seven shots.

