

QLA Newsletter October 2017



Hello again to all Laser sailors and friends. We have a busy season coming up with lots of regattas, the Laser Forums are back and of course we are hosting the Oceania and Australian Open Championships at RQYS over the Christmas/New Year period followed by the Australian Youth Champs and then the Australian Masters at Mooloolaba. Get all the info at our QLA [website](#)

And congratulations to our **Lyndall Paterson and Kerry Waraker** who have both just won their divisions at the Masters World Championships at Split, Croatia. **Lyndall** won the Women's Grand Master trophy by a healthy margin and finished 14th overall out of 63 starters. **Kerry** won the Legends division comfortably beating his long-term rival Peter Seidenberg and remarkably finishing third in the younger GGM division.

These results followed our Queensland State Champion **Mitch Kennedy** finishing 22nd in the Open Standard Fleet World Championships in a hot fleet of 148 **while Dan Self** finished 8th in the Bronze fleet and finished with a high by winning the last Finals race.

Earlier in the year RQYS girls **Ashley Stoddart and Mara Stransky** competed in the Women's Worlds at Medimblik with Mara surprising many to finish second in a heat and then to better that with a win in a Gold fleet race. Mara and Ashley finished 43rd and 46th in a 100 boat fleet. Ashley has yet to hit her straps after her very successful Olympic campaign but it looks like the local club races will be very very competitive. (not to mention Lyndall and Christine)

Well done to all!

QLA Regattas: We have a big season coming up – Make sure you get these into your diaries and plan for lots of good racing:

Metropolitans - RQYS 9th and 10th December: The Metros will be an important warm up regatta for the Oceania and Nationals. The Metro's will once again be held at RQYS on the weekend of 9th & 10th December.

River Titles – Noosa Sunday 12th November: We are heading back to the beautiful Noosa river this year for a sprint series on Sunday 12th November. Enter [here](#)

Oceania and Australian Open Championships – RQYS 28th Dec – 4th Jan: This is the prime Laser regatta in Australia for the year and its in our backyard. We will be bringing a number of innovations to this regatta that will have the Americas Cup organisers checking us out. NoR [here](#).

Australian Youth Championships – RQYS 11th – 15th January: Laser 4.7 and Radials as well as other Classes will be battling it out.

Australian Masters – Mooloolaba 9th – 12th February 2018. This is shaping up as the best Masters regatta ever with its beautiful backdrop of blue water sailing, sand, surf and eating and drinking facilities. Enter [here](#). And don't forget the Brett Bayer Masterclass coaching clinics being held before the regatta. Registrations are filling fast. See [here](#).

Queensland State Championships -Humpybong 10th & 11th March: Plenty of time to prepare for this one.

Big River Single Handed Regatta – Harwood 28th & 29th October. This is not a QLA event (being in NSW) but is always a popular regatta where Lasers can show their superiority over other single-handed classes. The Club puts on a friendly and well organised weekend with free camping available. Big River Sailing Club web site [here](#).

Membership: Your QLA membership is now due if you haven't already paid. The link for joining or renewing is [here](#). Or go to the QLA [website](#). You can't enter in any of our great events without being a member. And remember all QLA members get a 6% discount from Sail 27 for all purchases.



Charters: We have many interstate and even international sailors coming to our regattas looking for private charters. Good condition boats from hull number 190000 and newer can be chartered for up to \$600 depending on condition (sail not included). Youth sailors who don't sail Masters can make some easy money through this. Contact Jan Kemp at gjkemp@aapt.net.au to register your interest.



The Laser Forums: Back this year by popular demand are the Laser Forums. On the evenings of 23rd and 30th November at 7:00pm, BSS clubhouse (Bulimba) we will be holding FREE sessions on the Racing Rules, Tactics and Race Strategy. No booking required.