

Queensland Laser State Titles 2017



A good fleet of 61 Lasers fronted at Mooloolaba for our State Championships. The regatta was hosted by the Maroochy Sailing Club (MSC) who did a great job with all aspect of the weekend. We were treated to a nice 13 -17knt south easterly on Saturday and with these good racing conditions the race committee got the fleets through three races to take the pressure off Sundays program. The sailors were treated to large rolling ocean swells which provided exciting rides once caught. The swells were not from the same direction as the wind being some 20 – 30 degrees skewed and there was also a tricky wind chop on top off the swells. This provided a challenge to all sailors both up wind and downwind. Although rain showers were about in the early morning these had cleared by mid morning. By the time race two was underway the clouds had dispersed and we enjoyed blue skies and the deep blue pacific. The race committee and sailors also worked well together with only one general recall (4.7 fleet).



Rigging area



Standard Rig Start

Sunday brought a clear sunny day but much lighter conditions. Despite concerns that the breeze might be too light for racing it held in well at around 6-10knts from the south-east and the ocean had cleaned up nicely overnight to provide good sailing conditions. There were some large swings in the breeze that kept everyone in the race and on their toes.



Of note was the presence of Mitch Kennedy in the Standard rigs. Mitch is a local Sunshine Coast sailor and a member of the Australian Sailing team. Mitch showed us how fast a world class sailor can make a Laser go by winning all races by large margins. Mitch is ranked just outside the top 10 in the world. Thanks to Mitch for fitting our regatta into his busy schedule. Last week he was training in Sydney and he is back off to Europe very soon. Second in the Standard rigs was Dan Self with Brad Taylor third.

In the Radials Ben Franklin was first followed by Mara Stransky and Indi Laborie.

The 4.7 fleet had the closest racing with Kristen Wadley and Frazer Brew tied after four races. Kristen won the medal race to leave Frazer second and Tom Wright third.

Full results are [here](#)

David Thomson of MSC took some great photos of day 1 which you can see [here](#)

Tony and Olivia Johnson took more photos on day 2 and presentation which you can see [here](#).



Remember when Lasers came in colours?