

## SA RC Laser Series Round 6 – Mawson Lakes 22/7/18

Skipper	Sail #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total	Disc.	Nett	Place
L Sawyer	171	1	2	3	2	3	4	7	1					23	11	12	1
J Berry	256	9	9	6	7	9	8	9	8					65	18	47	9
A Heard	192	7	5	1	3	1	3	3	3					26	12	14	2
J Nieuwen	148	8	8	9	8	8	7	5	7					60	17	43	8
M Easton	165	2	6	5	5	4	9	6	2					39	15	24	7
B Whitehead	259	3	4	8	6	5	1	4	5					36	14	22	4
P Trenorden	7	6	3	2	1	6	5	2	9					34	15	19	3
A Hayter	312	4	1	4	9	2	6	8	6					40	17	23	6
S Cibich	279	5	7	7	4	7	2	1	4					37	14	23	5

There were several notable things about yesterday. Firstly, we had nine sailors in attendance, even though Don Turnbull, Kym Stringer, Scott Mitchell, Stewart Ross and Jurgen Luther did not sail – that demonstrates the depth of the Mawson Lakes fleet at present. Secondly, we have yet another new sailor amongst us – Stephen Cibich, who won a race in his first ever regatta – an excellent effort Stephen, and we will all be keeping an eye on you from now on. Thirdly, we had a very evenly matched fleet with six out of the nine sailors winning a race, and Mark Easton getting two second places. John Nieuwenhuizen and John Berry also had moments at the front of the fleet.

The day began with a northerly breeze of around 20 knots. The whole fleet started with C rigs, but the wind gradually decreased during the afternoon to about 12 knots and we all swapped to B rigs for the last two races. Lindsay Sawyer started well all day, and was unlucky not to win race 3, where he hit a calm patch on the final leg to the finish line and was passed by Peter Trenorden and me. Peter Trenorden and Bob Whitehead were nearly always in the front half of the fleet. Peter had his boom come adrift before the start of one of the latter races which cost him some places, and Bob did more 360s than he would have liked.

The windward mark was a long way offshore and Mark Easton, John Nieuwenhuizen and John Berry found this particularly difficult. It was hard to see what your boat was doing out there, and there were some big wind shifts in the region of the mark.

I thought it was excellent to see both Alex Hayter and Stephen Cibich winning a race. Even racing is what RC Laser sailing is all about and we had it in spades yesterday. The fact that Bob Whitehead finished fourth on 22 points and Mark Easton seventh on 24 points shows just how close things were in the midfield of the fleet.

Many thanks to Garry Polomka and Brian Marshall on the recovery boat. Brian also helped with starting races. Dean Bonnett organised the setting of the course and Lorraine Berry did the scoring. Thanks to a great team of volunteers.

After sailing was completed Alex Hayter was presented with a present by the RC Laser organising committee for the exceptional services he has given to Laser sailing in this state. Congratulations Alex.