

2019 RC Laser Australian National Championship

25 – 28 April 2019



Hosted by Dobroyd RC Laser Sailors
at
Dobroyd Aquatic Club on Rodd Point



Dobroyd Aquatic Club

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2019 RC Laser Australian Nationals Committee

Noel McPherson	Class Captain, Dobroyd RC Lasers
Cliff Bromiley	Secretary, Dobroyd RC Lasers
Graham Brown	DAC Member
Robin Tickner	DAC Member
Stephen Deane	DAC Member

Race Management

PRO:	To be advised
Official Scorer:	Jayne Fleming

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Message from the DAC Commodore

The DAC RC Lasers class have hosted many regattas including the first NSW championships in 2006 and the first National Championships in 2009. In 2015, we hosted our second National Championship, and now 2019 will be our third. What a great opportunity for those from interstate and in NSW to embrace this peak event.

The RC Lasers are exciting to watch, from the split second starts and luffing matches to the downwind duels. They bring many challenges, particularly in regattas, and in the end it all comes down to experience and skills.

DAC is a family friendly sailing club where our competitive, and very friendly, members have been sailing on Iron Cove for nearly 80 years. Hosting many different sail classes at DAC and being an Australian Sailing authorized training centre we recognize the different level of experience and skills needed for the various boat designs.

Because the club is positioned on a peninsular in quiet Iron Cove it provides a very safe and enjoyable venue for skiffs, dinghies, windsurfers and RC Lasers. This allows for excellent racing with easy access and a good field of vision for competitors and spectators.

I am delighted to say welcome to our visiting competitors and guests. I look forward to seeing you on the water, have fun, stay safe and bring on the Nor'easter's.

Good luck and Fair Winds to all skippers.

Greg Shore
Commodore, Dobroyd Aquatic Club
Rodd Point, New South Wales.



2019 National Championships



For 2019, the RC Laser National Championships return to the [Dobroyd Aquatic Club](#), the host club and venue of the inaugural RC Laser National Championships held a decade earlier in 2009, shortly after the club house was rebuilt.

DAC offers superior sailing under most conditions all year round, with a unique elevated platform to sail from. The waters are a part of the Parramatta River, so are salt water and tidal; with sea breezes usually kicking in from early afternoon onwards. In April, as it is in the middle of the Autumn, when seasons change, we could get any conditions from extremely warm to rather cold; with winds that could be anywhere from benign millpond conditions to serious westerlies off the land or nor'easterly breezes off the sea. Winds with any south in them are very tricky, and will test you with rather changeable conditions. The water conditions change with the winds; with a long fetch for the nor'easter which can produce a chop and a swell to deal with; and essentially flat water with the westerlies. In other words, there will be a challenge there for each of us, whatever the conditions.

The Championships will be held over **Thursday 25th April – Sunday 28th April 2019**
at DAC, Rodd Park, Henley Marine Drive, RODD POINT, NSW

[You can download the Entry Form here](#) (PDF)

[You can download the Notice of Race \(NOR\) here](#) (PDF)

Please mail your completed entry forms to Radio Control Sailing Australia, 11 Whaling Rd, North Sydney NSW 2060 or scan and email to info@radiosail.com.au

Previous Championship (2018)

The 10th Australian RC Laser National Titles were sailed at Mawson Lakes, South Australia from Friday 28th September to Monday 1st October 2018. The titles were sailed in good weather with moderate to light breezes.

The first day started with a light and variable south-westerly, and the seeding races were all sailed on A. By the end of the next set of heats, most sailors were down to B rigs. Scott Fleming and Scott Mitchell continued to dominate for the rest of the day as the wind steadily increased to 15 knots.



On Sunday the wind had swung 180 degrees to the north-east and B rigs were the choice of the day. Graham Brown had some excellent races in the morning and began to present a threat to Scott Fleming's dominance. By the last two races A rigs began to appear in the fleet, but Scott Fleming's two firsts in the A division heats all but sealed his win for the series.

The wind remained in the north during Monday morning with big shifts due to a left-hand breeze coming from NNW and a right-hand breeze coming from the north-east. It was hard to pick which breeze was going to dominate on the first windward work and most sailors had a difficult race where they picked the wrong side of the start line. In the middle of the day the wind slowly moved to the west causing a delay in sailing, and then later dropped to very light conditions for

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the last race. Scott Fleming, Graham Brown, Scott Mitchell, Peter Burford and Brad Hein filled the top five places.



YEAR	HOST STATE	CHAMPION (Gold Medal)	RUNNER UP (Silver Medal)	2 ND RUNNER UP (Bronze Medal)
2009 (Inaugural)	NSW	Graham Brown	Paul Derwent	Pat O'Brien
2010	VIC	Scott Fleming	Graham Brown	Dave Pruden
2011	QLD	Scott Fleming	Nigel Price	Graham Brown
2012	WA	Graham Brown	Dave Pruden	Rod Moss
2013	SA	Scott Mitchell	Scott Fleming	George Fish
2014	QLD	Graham Brown	Jurgen Luther	Paul Derwent
2015	NSW	Kirwan Robb	Scott Fleming	Graham Brown
2016	VIC	Kirwan Robb	Graham Brown	Scott Fleming
2017	QLD	Scott Fleming	Scott Mitchell	Malcolm Kampe
2018	SA	Scott Fleming	Graham Brown	Scott Mitchell

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Programme of Events

Day One: Thursday 25 April, 2019

Registration, measurement and inspection: From 12.30 p.m. To 3.30 p.m.

Practice sailing: From 12.30 p.m. To 3.30 p.m.

There will be a welcome BBQ during the afternoon.

Day two: Friday 26 April, 2019

Registration, measurement and inspection: From 8.30 p.m. To 9.30 p.m.

Briefing commences: 9.30 a.m.

Warning signal for first race: 10 a.m.

Racing concludes: No heat will commence after 4.30 p.m.

Day three: Saturday 27 April, 2019

Briefing commences: 9.30 a.m.

Warning signal for first race: 10 a.m.

Racing concludes: No heat will commence after 4.30 p.m.

The Nationals dinner will be held during the evening

Final Day: Sunday 28 April, 2019

Briefing commences: 9.30 a.m.

Warning signal for first race: 10 a.m.

Racing concludes: No heat will commence after 3.30 p.m.

Presentation function: 4.30 p.m. in Hall upstairs

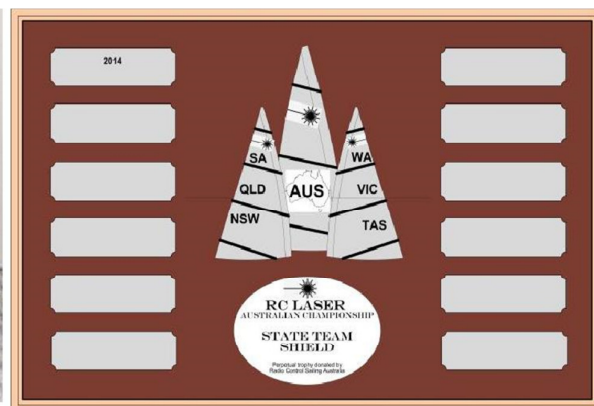
Launching details: Dry launching from a pontoon

Trophies

Trophies will be presented at a ceremony at 4:30 pm on Sunday 28 April 2019.

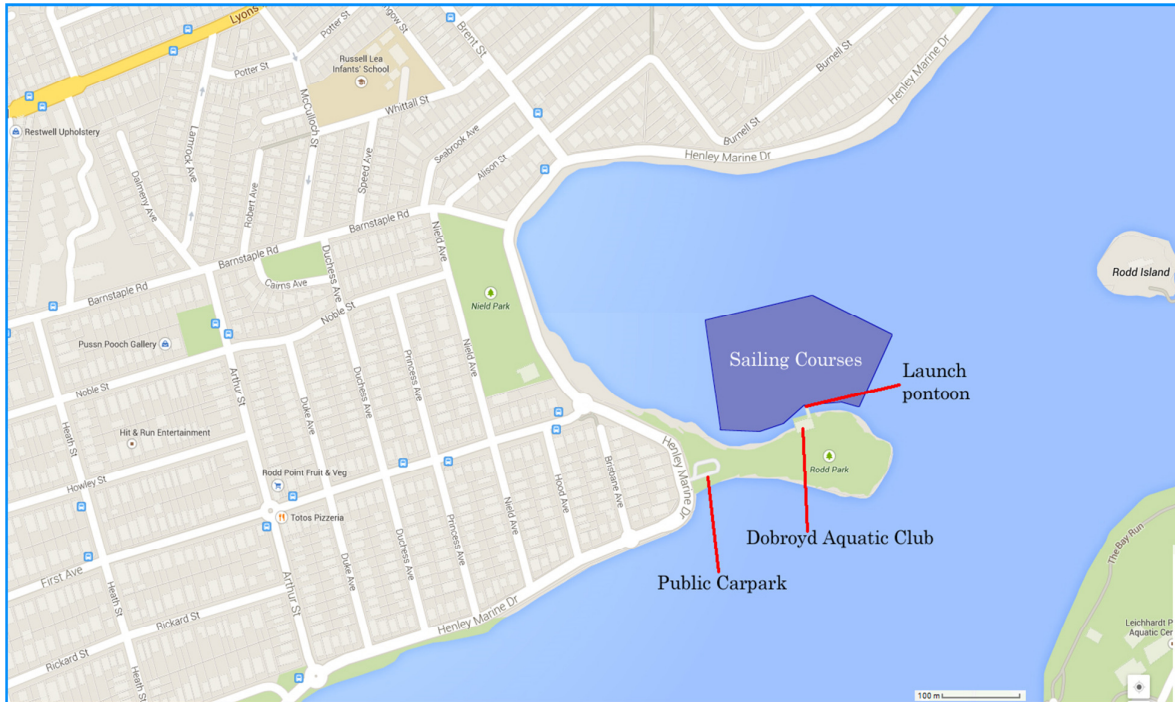


Champion Trophy, Second and Third
Places, &
Sportsman's Trophy



State Team Shield donated
by
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Sailing Location



DAC is just outside Sydney CBD, but definitely in touch with it.

Parking:

There are a limited number of parking spots at the back of the clubhouse but you will have to be very early to get them. Use the public carpark or kerbside on Henley Marine Drive, where permitted. You are advised not to park on the grass on Rodd Point as Park Rangers do visit occasionally and have been known to issue parking fines.

Raffle

A raffle will be run at the time of registration, with all participants and friends invited to buy tickets. Tickets will be \$5.00 each or \$15.00 for five.

First prize will be a Spektrum transmitter and receiver.

Second prize will be a RC Laser sail of your choice.

Third prize will be a selection of the smaller spare parts for the Laser that we always need to have around , but never do.

The raffle will be drawn at the Nationals Dinner on Saturday night.

Nationals Dinner

Saturday 27 April 2019 18:30 for 19:00 until 22:00

We will be holding a dinner at nearby Barnwell Park Golf Club. The cost for a two course meal is \$50.00 per head. Drinks can be purchased at the bar at very reasonable prices. It would be great to see as many competitors, partners & friends as possible to join us on the night.

Accommodation Suggestions

Hotel, Motel, B&B, etc.

Rodd Point is about 10km by road from Sydney CBD and you may prefer to be based closer to the city.

There are numerous hotels, motels and B&Bs in the Ashfield/Haberfield/Drummoyne area.

We suggest you try the popular online booking sites such as Wotif or Booking.com and search on RUSSELL LEA NSW or RODD POINT NSW. There is something there for every taste.

Home Stay

A few locals have offered to host a competitor for the event. If you are interested in finding out if there are any places left, please send Noel McPherson an email at nmcp@optusnet.com.au and he will pass on your name and contact details to those offering Home Stay. They will contact you. Arrangements will be between you and the host.

Camping

Camping areas are a bit sparse, but you could try Lane Cove River Tourist Park (9888 9133); NRMA Sydney Lakeside Holiday Park (1800 008845) at North Narrabeen; or for something rather different, but perhaps a little difficult to get to, Cockatoo Island Camping (8969 2111)

Special Sailing Instructions

Your attention is drawn to the following:

1. LiPo (Lithium Polymer) batteries are not permitted in the boat.
The current version of the RC LASER CLASS International Racing Rules dated June 7, 2011 together with the Addenda for Australia dated February 2018 shall be used. Note that the gooseneck location noted in Clause C.5 of the Addenda will not be applied.
2. No smoking is permitted in the immediate area of the Clubhouse.

Acknowledgements

The organising committee would like to thank and acknowledge Dobroyd Aquatic Club for the use of their clubhouse for this event; Cliff Bromiley from Radiosail for donation of prizes, and Steve Crewes for donation of prizes

For any queries please contact Noel McPherson by email at nmcp@optusnet.com.au