

Lindisfarne "In The Drink" Sabre Nationals 2005-2006

When: 28th December 2005 – 4th January 2006

The Club: Lindisfarne Sailing Club, Hobart, Tasmania

Located just upriver from the Tasman Bridge. The club is only 6 minutes drive from the Hobart City Centre and the main shopping Centre on the Eastern Shore (Eastlands).

The suburb of Lindisfarne offers a small shopping village with a Woolworths Supermarket, Chemist, Doctors, Hairdressers, Commonwealth Bank, Post Office, Coffee Shop and several bakeries.

The sailing club shares the bay with the Rowing Club and The Motor Yacht Club of Tasmania. These clubs work co-operatively together to provide quality aquatic and social activities.

Season 2005/2006 will see LSC celebrate its 50th anniversary of operation in providing training and racing in small boats. LSC is a Yachting Australia accredited training facility and has considerable experience in conducting regatta's and championships.

The Club boasts a large clubroom area, canteen, showers and toilets. Three large launching ramps, with deep water and no sand! There are grassed and sealed rigging areas with car parking close by. Good vantage points to watch the racing are a short walk from the Club. The club conducts racing for Sabot, Sabre, Heron, F11, 29er, B14 and NS14 classes.

The Regatta

We have set ourselves a target of 40 plus boats for the 28th Sabre National Championship with a goal of making the half-century for only the second time in Hobart, Tasmania (you know down under, the island that is always left off the map). But wouldn't it be great to break the record of 53 boats, what a feeling that would be with the Tasman Bridge (with the Lake Illawarra beneath) as a backdrop.

During the "Taste of Tasmania" week, we'll be looking at a 10 race series, racing of an afternoon in the unpredictable Hobart breezes. We don't want SABRES drifting around in the morning (you can't get lost here, but you can drift through the bridge). The course length will be varied to suit the challenging breezes around the Tasman Bridge.

This National event is always well known for the racing to be anybody's event, but off the water, those who can maintain a reasonable pace with us two headed Tassie sailors are welcome to participate. We are well known for a Q.L.D (Quiet Little Drink, for those who don't know our language). To make a great National Championship, it's what you make of it !!!!

We are planning a welcome BBQ plus drinks and a snack BBQ every night after the days racing (just what you need). Just remember what happens on the water, doesn't stay on the water. You could be reminded later on (we hope you have a sense of humour).

We are hoping to organise a New Years Dinner to kick-start a New Years Party with a Pub Crawl towards the waterfront festivities. Those who dare !!!

You may know someone who is competing in the Sydney to Hobart or Melbourne to Hobart races, just hop onto their boat for a drink or two. Hobart is known as the friendly state.

The Presentation Dinner should not be missed by anybody. The details are under tight security, but a rumour has escaped of a high profile sail to be drawn on this night.

Most importantly, you need to bring your support crew. Arrangements can be made for them for a close up viewing of the races. Or they can do the touristy things, whilst you get wet. The more people the merrier, with sitting around telling everyone a story (tell tales) or two at the end of each days racing.

Where would we be without the “Top Ten” reasons for making the trip south to Hobart?

Kindly donated by a keen sailor from Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron.

- 1. A Sailing Regatta at a great place for a holiday.** Of all the venues the Sabres visit for our National titles, Tasmania is the best place for having a combined holiday AND a sailing regatta at the same time.
- 2. The Sydney-Hobart fleet.** See them finishing and docking, and be part of the great atmosphere of Constitution Dock where they all gather in the days that follow.
- 3. The fantastic 'Taste of Tasmania' food and wine festival** that goes on all week while we're there - atmosphere, great food, plentiful fresh raspberries - all right on the riverfront in downtown Hobart. And then there is New Year's Eve on the waterside - mixing with the Sydney Hobart and other sailors whilst enjoying those great Tassie beers.
- 4. The adventure of the ferry trip.** It's not something you do every day - going on a large ocean going, well equipped ship during the 10 hour journey. Sailing down the bay, watching the sunset, meals at seas, going out on deck and watching the waves, exploring the ship - it's a great experience.
- 5. The buzz of a big sailing regatta.** A whole week of sailing, time to watch the series unfold, sailing in a much bigger fleet than you're used to in normal club racing, not as rushed as a typical 2 or 3 day state title, chasing the divisional or age-group title - and just the feeling of being part of a great event. The 40 boat fleet in 2000 was just right to give great fleet racing, without getting out of hand.
- 6. All ages, all experience levels.** You don't have to think that Sabre nationals are just for the hot shots. They're for everyone. You'll gain great experience and you'll find people of all ages and sailing ability taking part.
- 7. Tasmania is so picturesque.** Take the time to get to Port Arthur, or to Wineglass Bay and Bicheno on the East Coast. It is full of delightful and peaceful coastlines, countryside and villages. Here's your excuse.
- 8. Easy to get to.** Take the overnight ferry which now days operates each day in each direction - and you don't 'lose a day'. The cost of taking the car is heavily subsidised by the government (as long as you put your boat on the roof), and great Apex fares exist for passengers. In turn, you have the choice of cabin or sitting in a seat. Of course there are daytime trips every day as well.
- 9. Hobart is a really nice town.** Like other harbour cities such as Wellington or Sydney, the wide Derwent River and imposing Mt Wellington creates a wonderful backdrop to this city. And our sailing is only 6 minutes from the centre of town - not stuck out in the middle of nowhere.
- 10. Great facilities, great sailing.** Lindisfarne is a friendly club with a nice glassy clubhouse. There are lawn rigging areas, and parking right next to the club. The sailing takes place on a nice broad section of the river, which easily accommodates a full-length triangular course. The emphasis will be on afternoon sailing to take full advantage of the afternoon sea breeze.

Accommodation

Clarence Tafe Accommodation – 03 6244 3611 (Sabre Price \$100/night, sleeps four) See PDF

Beltana Hotel – 03 6243 8677

Lindisfarne Motor Inn – 03 6243 8666

Apex Holiday Apartments – 03 6243 8594

Orana House – 03 6243 0404

Bowen Park Holiday Cabins – 03 6243 9879

Cosy Cabins – 03 6244 7070

Mornington Inn – 03 6244 3855

Shoreline Hotel – 03 6247 9504

City View Motel – 03 6243 8388

City View Motel River Lodge – 03 6243 8155

The Pines Resort – 03 6248 6222



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