



# **Regional News**

### **Upcoming Events**









WHEN: 20-22 MARCH 2021

WHERE: STILBAAI YACHT CLUB

ENTRY FEE R550 SENIOR/ R450 JUNIOR

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#### 2020 Laser National Championships - Stilbaai Yacht Club, Vaal dam

2020 Laser Class National Championships were successfully hosted by Stilbaai Yacht Club on the Vaal Dam. With Youth Nationals in its current format cancelled for 2020, the Laser Class jumped at the opportunity to incorporate the Youth Laser National championships into the main event. It's always a big ask to have all 3 fleets make class. But with the enthusiasm of the Cape youth sailors, it did not seem to be a problem. A huge thank you to the Cape parents who chaperoned several sailors not just their own offspring.

John Samuel, the RO for the event and a local made good use of the conditions and managed to complete 12 races for the series. The conditions varied but unfortunately never delivered the blow the coastal sailors hoped for.

The Standard fleet was made up of mix of the "heavies" like Campbell, Rudolph and Alan, the up-and-coming U21's Kai, Niels and Cameron and some "wild cards" Justin, Bradley and the Urban Boys who sailed their first regatta. Rudolph showed the fleet the way for several races with the next 5 places changing frequently.

The 16 boat Radial Fleet was made up entirely of Youth sailors making for a true Youth Nationals championship. Sailors that have been in the Laser class since they aged out of Optimists were challenged by sailors who have achieved great results in in the 420 class. The results do not quite represent the tussle that went on the front of the fleet in the variable conditions. The Radial National and Youth National title was decided on 1st place count out tie break between Keagan Nel and Alex Flacon. Matt Inglis made his presence felt in the top 3. He was also awarded the Cullen Keytel Memorial Shield as the winner of the First Race. A Thank you to the Keytel Family for the prize money for the Youth Winners of the First Race of the event. Kyle Koeries from Eden District finished 4th overall and the 2nd Western Cape sailor. A wonderful achievement for his first Radial event. The leading Youth Girl was Siena-Rose Jones making it into he the top 10 of the fleet.

The 4.7 fleet although the feeder class for the Radial has never been contested lightly. A 7 boat fleet had its share of drama and excitement. James Matchette from the Tera and 420 classes, Elisa Falcon from the Optimist Class and Chiara Fruet the veteran of the fleet kept the spectators on their toes as to the outcome of each race as none was decided until the last moment. Duncan Urban was the "struggler" of the fleet, working to finish every race in his first regatta.

Final Results were as follows:

1st Youth Under 19 - Niels Tiaden 1st Master - Rudolph Holm 1st Grand Master- Campbell Alexander 1st Great Grand Master - Alan Keen 1st Woman- Shellee Nel

#### **Standard Fleet**

1st Overall- Rudolph Holm 2nd Overall - Alan Keen 3rd Overall - Kai Leslie

#### **Radial Fleet**

1st Overall- Keagan Nel 2nd Overall - Alex Falcon 3rd Overall - Matt Inglis

#### 4,7 Fleet

1st Overall- James Matchette 2nd Overall - Elisa Falcon 3rd Overall - Chiara Fruet

#### **Youth Nationals - Radial Fleet**

1st Youth Boy - Keagan Nel 2nd Youth Boy- Alex Falcon 3rd Youth Boy - Matt Inglis 1st Girl Youth- Siena- Rose Jones Cullen Keytel Memorial Shield- Matt Inglis

#### **Youth Nationals - 4,7 Fleet**

1st Youth Boy - James Matchette 1st Youth Girl - Elisa Falcon