## 2024 ILCA World Masters Adelaide Sailing Club Wrap

Of the nine divisions Australia won five, with New Zealand, Argentina, USA and Great Britain one each.

ILCA 6 Apprentices Franco Riquelme Antonetti BRA

**ILCA 6 Masters Simon Small AUS** 

ILCA 6 GM Andrew Holdsworth GBR

**ILCA 6 GGM James Mitchell AUS** 

ILCA 6 LKegends Bill Symes USA

ILCA 7 Apprentices Luke Deegan NZL

**ILCA 7 Masters Brendan Casey AUS** 

ILCA 7 GM Brett Beyer AUS

ILCA 7 GGM Steve Gunther AUS



Brett Beyer cruising to a big win in the ILCA 7 GMs. His drop was a second place.

## Wrap Division by Division

In the ILCA 7 Apprentice division, it was New Zealand's Luke Deegan who was far too good, holding a strong lead all regatta to clinch the win ahead of Ireland's Colin Leonard in second and Italy's Lorenzo Cerretelli in third.

In the ILCA 6 Apprentices, a three-person battle quickly became clear early in the event, with Argentina's Franco Riquelme Antonetti ending up atop the podium after being able to play defence on the final day, while Tokyo 2020 Olympian Svenja Weger (GER) finished second overall and first female, and Adil Khalid of the United Arab Emirates finished third.

In the ILCA 7 Masters, Brendan Casey (AUS) made a triumphant return to the ILCA class with a dominant display that saw him clinch the world championship ahead of David Whait (AUS) in second and Scott Leith (NZL) in third.

In the ILCA 6 Masters, a great battle ensued between Scott Small (AUS), Phil Wild (NZL) and Jon Emmett (GBR), but it was Small who edged clear and claimed a great win after only returning to the sport a few months ago. Wild finished second and Emmett third.

In the ILCA 7 Grand Masters division, Australian Brett Beyer was only one position off a perfect picket fence scorecard, discarding a second from the opening race and then carrying only bullets for each remaining race. He finished well clear of Andrew Dellabarca (NZL) in second and Mark Lyttle (GBR) in third.

In the ILCA 6 Grand Masters, Australian Mark Tonner-Joyce held a solid lead throughout the entirety of the event, however with an 18th as his discard from Day 1, he could not afford any large scores late in the regatta.

Unfortunately for Tonner-Joyce, a Black Flag starting penalty in Race 11 today forced him to carry the 18 from Day 1, and even after winning the final race he fell short by just two points.

American Andrew Holdsworth was crowned World Champion, Tonner-Joyce finished second and Australian Bruce Savage was third.

In the ILCA 7 Great Grand Masters, Australian Steve Gunther won nine of the 12 races to clinch the title in emphatic fashion, while rival Tim Law (GBR) finished second and Michael Wilson (AUS) finished third.

In the ILCA 6 Great Grand Masters, a huge fleet assembled for what ended up being a great battle.

James Mitchell, Australian ILCA stalwart and the organiser of the 2020 ILCA Worlds events in Melbourne, ended up clinching a maiden world championship, finishing 10 points clear of Briton Terry Scutcher in second, while Richard Longbottom (AUS) finished third.

Finally, in the ILCA 6 Legends division it was American Bill Symes that came away with a dominant win, claiming the title 24 points clear of Tim Alexander (AUS) in second, and a further six points to Robert Lowndes (AUS) in third.

Congratulations to all the volunteers and the competitors for working hand-in-hand to put on an exceptional event.

For full results, and more information about the even click <u>Here</u>