

Australian Laser Championships Perpetual Trophies

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Battens trophy

Presented to the best performed state Label:
Australian Laser Association
State Team Perpetual Trophy, 1975

History of the Battens trophy – all to be verified: At the second Laser Nationals in Adelaide it was pretty tough getting in and out through the surf. A competitor was rolled in the surf and broke everything, all his spars and all his battens as well as tearing his sail. The broken battens were removed bit by bit from his sail. Rob Mundle (then the boss at PSA) had them made into a trophy for the best state team.
(information provided by Mark “Freddy” Phillips)



Frank Walsh believes that it was the First Australian Championships at Easter 1975 at Holdfast Bay.

The sailor who managed to break all of his spars and all of his battens was “Chas for Tas”
The trophy was constructed using his broken battens and believed to have been produced by Chas, but this needs to be verified.
Was Chas Charles Blundell?

Most likely the first Australian Championships as first recorded champion is 1975.
To be checked: Who made the trophy, Chas or PSA?

Australian Laser Champion

Label: Australian National Laser Champion
Performance Sailcraft

Trophy was made in 1990 and engraved with previous winners back to 1975

Construction (details inscribed on back):

Timber plaque – Queensland maple

Sails – Huon Pine, Tas

Masts – Ebony, India

Hulls - Queensland walnut

Logo – Inlaid seedlac & dye

Finish – Tung oil.

To maintain, buff with lint free cotton or bristle brush

Ken Martin – wood sculptor 1990



Recipients

1975 - Peter Burford SA
1976 - Peter Burford SA
1977 – Ian Gibson NSW
1978 – Andrew York NSW
1979 – Peter Conde QLD
1980 – Colin Beashel NSW
1981 - Colin Beashel NSW
1982 – Andrew Hodder VIC
1983 - Andrew Hodder VIC
1984 – Anthony Walsh NSW
1985 – Alister McClure VIC
1986 – Stuart Wallace VIC
1987 – Stuart Wallace VIC
1988 – Glenn Bourke NSW
1989 – Glenn Bourke NSW
1990 – Glenn Bourke NSW
1991 – Scott Ellis NSW
1992 – Matthew Faddy NSW
1993 - Glenn Bourke NSW
1994 – Joshua Faddy NSW
1995 - Brad Anderson QLD
1996 - Glenn Bourke NSW

1997 – Michael Blackburn NSW
1998 - Michael Blackburn NSW
1999 - Michael Blackburn NSW
2000 – Brendan Casey QLD
2001 - Michael Blackburn NSW
2002 – Ben Lamb NSW
2003 – Brendan Casey QLD
2004 - Michael Blackburn NSW
2005 - Brendan Casey QLD
2006 - Brendan Casey QLD
2007 - Michael Blackburn NSW
2008 – Tom Slingsby NSW
2009 – Ashley Brunning NSW
2010 - Tom Slingsby NSW
2011 – Tom Burton NSW
2012 - Tom Burton NSW
2013 - Tom Burton NSW
2014 – Matthew Wearn WA
2015 - Tom Burton NSW
2016 - Tom Burton NSW
2017 - Matthew Wearn WA
2018 - Matthew Wearn WA
2019 - Tom Burton NSW
2020 - Matthew Wearn WA
2021 & 22 - No Event
2023 – Matthew Wearn WA

2022
2023



Australian Laser Women Champion

Label:

Woman Champion
Australian National Laser
Championship presented by
Rob Mundle Sailboat Centre

Silver ice bucket

Recipients

1978 – Vanessa Dudley
1979 – Susan J Pepper
1980 – Susan J Pepper
1981 – Margaret Hibbert
1982 – Vanessa Dudley
1983 - Margaret Hibbert
1984 - Margaret Hibbert

1985 – Felicia Sallmann
1986 - Margaret Hibbert
1987 - Margaret Hibbert
1988 – Jacqueline Ellis
1989 - Jacqueline Ellis
1990 - Jacqueline Ellis
1991 - Jacqueline Ellis
1992 - Jacqueline Ellis
1993 - Jacqueline Ellis
1994 - Jacqueline Ellis
1995 – Heidi Skye Gordon
1996 – Elizabeth Roberts
1997 - Jacqueline Ellis
1998 Alison Casey
1999 - Alison Casey
2000 - Alison Casey
2001 – Melanie Dennison
2002 – Alana Slingsby
2003 – Krystal Weir
2004 - Krystal Weir
2005 - Krystal Weir
2006 – Sarah Blanck
2007 - Krystal Weir
2008 - Sarah Blanck
2009 – Gabrielle King
2010 – Laura Baldwin
2011 - Krystal Weir
2012 - Krystal Weir
2013 – Ashley Stoddart
2014 – Krystal Weir
2015 - Ashley Stoddart
2016 - Ashley Stoddart
2017 - Ashley Stoddart
2018 - Zoe Thompson
2019 - Mara Stransky
2020 – Mara Stransky
2021 – No Event
2022 - No Event
2023 - Mara Stransky

Laser Standard Under 21

Title:

Australian Laser Association
Quarterdeck Marine Perpetual Trophy
Australian Junior Champion
Laser Standard Under 21

Silver Cup

It appears the cup may have first been awarded in about 1990 and engraved with previous winners back to 1975.
To be checked



Recipients

1975 – Shane Deussen	1996 – Ben Durham
1976 – Neville Wittey	1997 – Josh Beaver
1977 – Peter Conde	1998 – Josh Beaver
1978 - Peter Conde	1999 – Shane Guanaria
1979 – Willie Packer	2000 – Ben Austin
1980 – Trevor Butcher	2001 – Ben Lamb
1981 - Bruce Harmsen	2002 – Tom Slingsby
1982 – Stuart Wallace	2003 – Ricky Ironmonger
1983 – Campbell Rose	2004 – Simon Morgan
1984 – Robert Zahn	2005 – (not engraved)
1985 – Richard Stanning	2006 – James Burman
1986 – Philip Thompson	2007 – Jye Murray
1987 – Geoff Wood	2008 – Tom Burton
1988 – Joshua Faddy	2009 – Kip Sulkowski
1989 - Joshua Faddy	2010 – Mark Whittington
1990 - Joshua Faddy	2011 – Matthew Wearn
1991 – Andrew Maher	2012/13 – Matthew Wearn
1992 – Dean Barker NZL	2013/14 – Matthew Wearn
1992 – Jason Farnell	2014/15 – Matthew Wearn
1993 – Brett Ellis	2015/16 – Lachy Gilham
1994 – Brendan Casey	2016/17 – Finn Alexander
1995 – Brendan Casey	2017/18 – Finn Alexander
	2019/20 – Ethan McAullay
	2020/21 – No Event
	2021/22 – No Event
	2022/23 - Stefan Elliott-Shircore

Radial Open

Label:

Australian Laser Championship, Radial
Open Champion

Timber Laser half model 1:15 on timber
plaque, made by Bruce Keir

Construction:

Hull - Australian red cedar;

Waterline – Huon pine

Plaque – coconut rock hard maple;



Recipients

2008 – Sarah Blanck

2009 – Richard Bott

2010 – Benjamin Franklin

2011 – Matthew Wearn

2012 – Tristan Brown

2013 – Tristan Brown

2014 – Tristan Brown

2015 – Alistair Young

2016 – Conor Nicholas

2017 – Rhett Gowans

2018 – Zac Littlewood

2019 – Zac Littlewood

2020 – Brody Riley

2021 – No Event

2022 – No Event

2023 – Mara Stransky

Laser 4.7

4.7 Open

Label:

Australian Laser Championship

4.7 Open Champion

Timber Laser half model 1:15 on timber plaque, made by Bruce Keir

Construction:

Hull - Australian red cedar

Waterline – Huon pine

Plaque – coconut rock hard maple



Recipients

2002 – Michael Chidgey NSW

2003 – Samantha Chidgey NSW

2004 – James Burman NSW

2005 – Christian Rohr NSW

2006 – Klade Hauschildt Qld

2007 – Chris Jones Tas

2008 – Rohan Langford Tas

2009 – Megan Darby NSW

2010 – Lloyd Collings VIC

2011 – Ben Walkemeyer WA

2012 – Jack Felsenthal VIC

2013 - Jack Felsenthal VIC

2014 – Hamish Wiltshire NT

2015 – Brody Riley VIC

2016 – Romë Featherstone WA

2017 – Jack Littlechild NSW

2018 – Michael Compton WA

2019 – Kristen Wadley Qld

2020 – Toby Coote WA

2021 - No Event

2022 - No Event

2023 - Aidan Simmons

4.7 Women

Label:

Australian Laser Champion

4.7 Women Champion

Timber Laser half model 1:15 on timber plaque, made by Bruce Keir

Construction:

Hull – coconut rock hard maple

Waterline – Australian red cedar

Plaque - Australian red cedar



Recipients

2008 – Ashlie Lane NT

2009 – Megan Darby NSW

2010 – Ella Evans QLD

2011 – Megan Darby NSW

2012 -

2013 – Charlotte Llewellyn VIC

2014 - Charlotte Llewellyn VIC

2015 - Zoe Thomson WA

2016 - Hailey Johnson WA

2017 - Kristen Wadley QLD

2018 - Kristen Wadley QLD

2019 - Kristen Wadley QLD

2020 - Kristen Wadley QLD

2021 – No Event

2022 - No Event

2023 - Sara Bruce

Women Under 21

Label:

Australian Laser Championship
Women U21 Champion

Timber Laser half model on timber
plaque, made by Bill Bollard

Construction:

Hull – silky oak

Waterline – Australian red cedar

Plaque - Australian red cedar



Recipients

2008 – Sarah Blanck

2009 – Gabrielle King

2010 – Ashley Stoddart

2011 – Alex South

2012 - Alex South

2013 – Louise Evans

2014 – Madison Kennedy

2015 – Jacinta Ainsworth

2016 – Zoe Thompson

2017 - Elyse Ainsworth

2018 - Zoe Thompson

2019 - Mara Stransky

2020 – Paige Caldecoat

2021 – No Event

2022 - No Event

2023 - Brooke Wilson

Masters Trophies

Radial Great Grand Master

Label:

Colin Cain Memorial Trophy for Radial Great Grand Master Australian Champion

Trophy: – 1:15 timber half model, crafted by Bruce Keir.

Construction:

Hull - Australian red cedar

Waterline – Huon pine

Plaque - Silver quandong



Recipients

2012/13 Hobart Kevin Phillips NSW

2013/14 Paynesville Robert Lowndes NSW

2014/15 Mandurah David Edmiston NSW

2015/16 Port Stephens Robert Lowndes NSW

2016/17 Adelaide Kevin Phillips NSW

2017/18 Mooloolaba Robert Lowndes NSW

2018/19 Devonport Jeff Loosemore NSW

2019/20 Sandringham Jeff Loosemore NSW

2020/21 No Event

2021/22 Westernport Jeff Loosemore NSW

2022/23 Port Stephens Michael Pitt QLD

Colin Cain, a keen Laser sailor, was active in the Laser Association. Colin was the NSW & ACT District Chair from Oct 2008 until Oct 2011 and Vice Chairman of ALCA for the latter two years. He worked hard to change the constitution to allow a separate Masters Nationals. Colin died in July 2012, age 67.

Standard Grand Master

Michael Max Heath Perpetual Trophy for Standard Grand Master Australian Champion

Michael Heath has had a long and successful career as a Laser sailor. He purchased one of the original lasers (Sail Number: 1032 *editorial note should this be 10032 or 10320?*) to arrive in Australia in the early seventies. He sailed as an Apprentice (one of two Australians entrants) in the first International Laser Masters Championship on Ile de Bendor (Bandol, France) in 1980 and in many subsequent National and International events with a number of good placings.

The Michael Max Heath Perpetual Trophy is awarded to the winner of the standard rig, Grand Masters Division at the Australian Laser Masters Championships. The trophy shows a classic sailing watch embedded in a clear plastic cube, which reflects Michael's career as a watchmaker and Laser sailor.

This perpetual trophy was first awarded in 2016 to Brad Taylor.

Label:

Michael Max Heath Perpetual Trophy

Australian Laser Master Champion

Standard Grand Master

Recipients

2016 Brad Taylor QLD

2017 Gavin Dagley VIC

2018 Gavin Dagley VIC

2019 Gavin Dagley VIC

2020 Gavin Dagley VIC

2021 No Event

2022 Brett Beyer NSW

2023 Brett Beyer NSW

