

## **MHASC – Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Do I need previous sailing experience to sail a Laser dinghy?**

One of the big benefits of the Laser dinghy is that it is a single person boat. That however means that from a safety and also learning point of view it is best if you have had some experience in dinghy sailing.

### **Do I need to own my own Laser Dinghy?**

MHASC have a Club Boat courtesy of our sponsor NB Sailsports which we offer for visitors to use for a small fee and subject to safety requirements. We usually make this available for a few sails to help you establish whether Laser sailing feels right for you. After the trial we can help you find your own boat and continue with the Club.

Often members post boats for sale on our website <http://mhasc.org.au/for-sale/> and you can also try one of our valued sponsors websites [www.nbsailsports.com.au](http://www.nbsailsports.com.au) who has new and used boats for sale.

### **How much will a Laser Sailing Dinghy cost me?**

Fortunately being such a large sailing dinghy Class it is an active market and there are usually several boats on offer.

You can likely get a reasonably good boat to begin with for around say \$3,000. A very good and more recent boat might cost say \$5,000 - \$7,000. A much more recent boat closer to \$8,000 or \$9,000. A brand new boat fully kitted out up to say around \$12,000. If you need a trailer then this can be an additional \$1,000 - \$2,000 depending on style and condition.

### **Can I store my Laser at MHASC?**

Members are offered a storage rack (subject to availability) and a Club key.

### **Isn't parking a big problem at The Spit?**

Popular Sydney waterfront locations almost everywhere have parking problems. Fortunately MHASC has its own leased area where members can park on race days and during the week for any practice sessions. Some of these car spaces are accessed with the member's Club key.

### **Does MHASC offer sailing lessons and coaching?**

Each season the Committee arrange various information sessions and guest speakers ranging from topics like Race Management, Racing Rules of Sailing and other subjects of interest to the members.

There is also a wealth of Laser sailing experience in the members who are always willing to assist and help.

From time to time the Club arranges external coaching sessions to be run at the Club, and some members participate in other Club coaching programs as well.

Plus there is a large amount of material available online at the Club website and more generally on Laser sailing from people all over the World. Here is a great example from the Club website:

[http://mhasc.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Sailing-Clinic\\_Laura-Baldwin.pdf](http://mhasc.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Sailing-Clinic_Laura-Baldwin.pdf)

**Does MHASC offer Juniors Sailing?**

MHASC is well set up for experienced sailors over say 16 yrs old. Junior sailing has specialized requirements that aren't available at the Club at this stage. We do have a number of Senior Youth/Young Adult members who find the Club very convenient for added competition and easy access for mid week practice sessions. We are always happy to talk about your situation and requirements.

**Where do I get Laser sailing gear from?**

For boat parts and equipment we would suggest our valued sponsor [www.nbsailports.com.au](http://www.nbsailports.com.au).

We also have a valued sponsor [www.zhik.com.au](http://www.zhik.com.au) that supplies excellent personal sailing gear online.

March 2020