



2015-16 Taipan Catamaran Australian Championships

27 December 2015 - 2 January 2016

Notice of Race

Organising Authority:

Taipan Catamaran Association of Australia Inc. (TCAA)

In conjunction with the host club:

Mt. Martha Yacht Club Inc. (MMYC)



1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by:

- The rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 2 – off-the-beach classes.
- The Championship Rules of TCAA.
- The Class Rules of TCAA.
- This Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising shall only be displayed in accordance with the ISAF Advertising Code (Refer ISAF Regulation 20).
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to boats of the Taipan catamaran classes:
 - 3.1.1 Whose skipper and crew (if applicable) are financial members of a sailing club affiliated with a State Yachting Authority and have a Silver Card as issued by Yachting Australia.
 - 3.1.2 Whose skipper is a financial member of the TCAA.
- 3.2 Taipan 5.7 competitors are required to nominate a sail configuration, to be fixed for the entire regatta, on the Entry Form. Taipan 5.7 boats which nominate to carry a spinnaker will be handicapped relative to those Taipan 5.7 competitors who do not so nominate, regardless of whether a spinnaker is actually used at any time during the regatta. This handicap will be applied in accordance with current VYC yardsticks.
- 3.3 The Organising Authority reserves the right to combine classes with less than 5 entries in the same Division.
- 3.4 It is compulsory for boats competing in the regatta to be covered by an appropriate insurance policy, including whilst racing, which shall include third party cover of not less than AUD \$5 million (recommended \$10 million) for any one incident.

Insurance certificates should be available for inspection at registration.

Notwithstanding the requirement that insurance certificates be available for inspection, submission of an entry will be taken by the Organising Authority as confirmation in writing by the relevant skipper and/or boat owner that the required insurance cover is in place for the regatta.

- 3.5 Eligible boats can enter by:
 - Completing an Entry Form online and making payment via the TCAA's PayPal facility, on or before 24 December 2015 (**preferred method**);
 - Completing the Entry Form at Appendix 2 and posting it to the TCAA, on or before 21 December 2015, along with either a cheque or evidence of payment via PayPal; or
 - Completing the Entry Form at Appendix 2 and making payment by cash or cheque, including a \$20 late fee, at Registration.

3.6 TCAA will accept entries lodged either online or by post:

- Online – entry form, TCAA membership and PayPal on the TCAA website at:
<http://www.taipan.asn.au/natregistration.php?ID=91>
- Snail mail - post a completed Entry Form, along with a cheque or PayPal payment details, to:

The President
TCAA
9 Kelso Street
Mentone VIC 3194

Cheques should be made payable to “Taipan Catamaran Association of Aust.”.

3.7 Closing dates for entries:

- To reserve a shirt in your preferred size – 31 October 2015
- Post – 21 December 2015
- Online – 24 December 2015
- Beach – 1300 on 27 December 2015

Note that entries received after 24 December 2015 will incur a late fee of \$20.

4. ENTRY FEES

- 4.9 cat - \$270 *
- 4.9 sloop & 5.7 - \$360 *

* Excludes late fee of \$20 (if applicable) and TCAA membership of \$40 (if required)

5. EVENT POLO SHIRTS

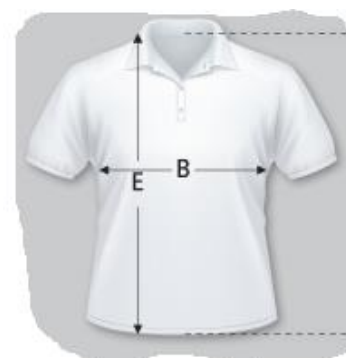
Enter and pay by 31 October 2015 to reserve a shirt in your preferred size – otherwise it’s first in, best dressed at registration. Cost of shirt(s) included in entry fee.

Please indicate your preferred size on the Entry Form, where indicated. Sizing options:

<u>ADULTS</u>	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
Chest (B)	53.5	56	58.5	61	63.5	66.5	70	73.5
SP length (E)	70	72.5	75	77.5	80	81	82	83

<u>KIDS</u>	4	6	8	10	12	14
Chest (B)	38.5	41	43.5	46	48.5	51
SP length (E)	48	52	56	60	64	67

<u>LADIES</u>	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
Bust (B)	43.5	46	48.5	51	53.5	56	58.5	61	63.5
SP length (E)	62	64	66	68	70	72	73	74	75



6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Refer Appendix 1 for schedule of events.

Refer Appendix 2 for cost of functions.

7. MEASUREMENT

7.1 Each boat shall comply with the measurement requirements of its respective Class Rules and hold a valid measurement certificate (if required).

7.2 At registration, all Taipan 4.9 catamarans will be weighed and their sails checked for compliance with the Class Rules.

7.3 A boat may be inspected for compliance with its respective Class Rules and the Sailing Instructions at any time during the regatta, at the discretion of the Race Committee.

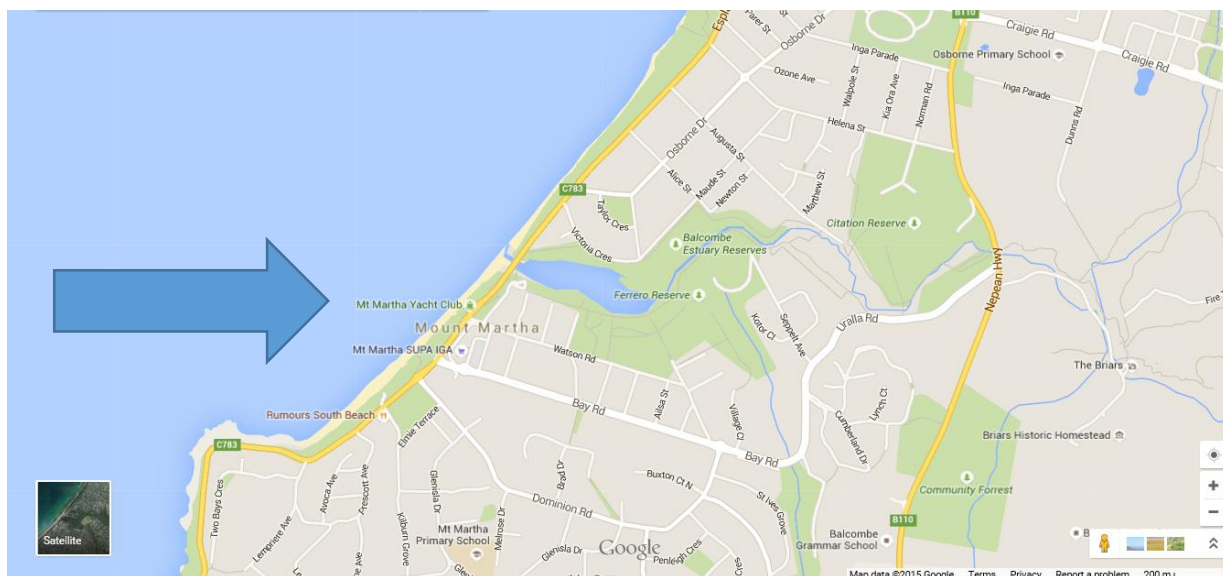
7.4 Subject to the availability of a class Measurer, there may be an opportunity for boats to be weighed and sails checked prior to the regatta. Details will be posted on the TCAA websites if and when dates and venues become available.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration on Sunday, 27 December 2015.

9. VENUE

The host club is Mt. Martha Yacht Club, The Esplanade, Mt. Martha, VIC



10. SCORING

10.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply, except that when 9 or more races are completed, a boat may discard its two worst scores.

10.2 When 5 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst race.

10.3 When 4 races are completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

10.4 Up to 10 races are scheduled, of which at least 4 races must be completed to constitute a series.

11. COURSES

The course will be a Windward, Return Course as described in the Sailing Instructions.

12. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the first three place getters in each Division where there are five boats or more, otherwise first place only. Further prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

13. RACING AREA

The racing area will be Port Phillip Bay, and will be detailed at the briefing.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

None of MMYC or TCAA, nor their respective members, officers and sponsors and all others involved in the management and conduct of this regatta, shall be liable for any loss of life or injury, or for any loss of property or damage thereto, whatsoever or howsoever occurring, from participation in this event. The race documents and instructions in no way limit or reduce the complete and unlimited responsibility of a competitor for the management and care of a boat that they have entered in the event. **ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO RRS 4 (DECISION TO RACE).**

16. AUTHORISATION

By participating in the event the participant automatically authorises the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event the right to make use of and show from time to time names, images, sound recording and any other reproductions taken during the event and any other material related to the event without compensation.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please refer to the Events forum on the TCAA website.

Attachments:

Appendix 1 – Schedule of Events

Appendix 2 – Entry Form

APPENDIX 1

Schedule of Events

Day	Date	Sailing		Social	
		Event	Time	Event	Time
Sunday	27-Dec-15	Measurement	1300 - 1600		
Monday	28-Dec-15	Registration & Measurement	0900 - 1300		
		Briefing	1330		
		Invitation Race	1500		
				Welcome function	1900
Tuesday	29-Dec-15	Race Day 1 (up to 4 races**)	Not before 0900 Latest warning signal 1700		
				Sponsors Snags & Beer (TBC)	Following final race of the day
Wednesday	30-Dec-15	Race Day 2 (up to 4 races**)	Not before 0900 Latest warning signal 1700		
				TCAA AGM	1700
				Sponsors Snags & Beer (TBC)	Following final race of the day
Thursday	31-Dec-15	Race Day 3 (up to 4 races**)	Not before 0900 Latest warning signal 1400		
				Sponsors Snags & Beer (TBC)	Following final race of the day
				New Year's Eve *	1800
Friday	1-Jan-16	Lay Day – Mornington Races Family Day (N.B. Not an official TCAA or MMYC event)			
Saturday	2-Jan-16	Race Day 4 (up to 4 races**)	Not before 0900 Latest warning signal 1300		
				Sponsors Snags & Beer (TBC)	Following final race of the day
				Presentation function (at MMYC)	1600

NOTE: No warning signal will be made after 1400 hrs on Thursday, 31-Dec-15 or 1300 hrs on Saturday, 2 -Jan-16.

* MMYC event. \$10 cover charge for Taipan competitors, \$20 for everyone else.

**** IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING RACE START TIMES**

Due to the weather possibilities at MMYC, there will be a wide provision for race times and number of races to be held each Race Day. Up to 4 races per Race Day may be scheduled, with a total of 10 races planned for the series. There shall be no more than 2 races sailed back to back in any one session, unless required on the final day. There may be more than one session per Race Day.

A briefing will be held at the completion of each Race Day to alert competitors as to the possible schedule for the following day, based on current weather forecasts.

Where possible, MMYC will aim to reduce the amount of 'sitting around' time, thus allowing families and visitors to experience the Mornington Peninsula. MMYC will also provide some social activities for those wishing to remain at the club.

Social events to be confirmed in due course.

ENTRY FORM**APPENDIX 2**

<u>BOAT DETAILS</u>				
Name:			Sail No.:	
Class (please circle):	4.9 cat	4.9 sloop	5.7 spinnaker	5.7 no spin
<u>INSURANCE DETAILS</u>				
Insurer:			Policy No.:	
<u>SKIPPER DETAILS</u>				
Name:			Age:	
AYF No.:		Club:		
Address:				
Phone:		State:	Postcode:	
Email:				
Shirt type (please circle):		Adults	Ladies	Kids
Shirt size:			
<u>CREW DETAILS</u>				
Name:			Age:	
AYF No.:		Club:		
Address:				
Phone:		State:	Postcode:	
Email:				
Shirt type (please circle):		Adults	Ladies	Kids
Shirt size:			
<u>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT(S)</u>				
<p>I/we agree to be bound by the RRS and all other rules that govern this event. I/We acknowledge that none of the MMYC or TCAA, nor their respective members, officers and sponsors and all others involved in the management and conduct of this regatta, shall be liable for any loss of life or injury, or for any loss of property or damage thereto, whatsoever or howsoever occurring, arising from participation in this event. I confirm that I have made my crew aware of these undertakings (where applicable) and that my boat is covered by Third Party Liability Insurance in accordance with item 3.4 of the Notice of Race.</p>				
Signed:			(Skipper)	Date:
Signed:			(Crew)	Date:

ENTRY FORM (CONTINUED)

ENTRANTS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

As the parent/guardian of the abovenamed skipper and/or crew, I hereby consent to his/her /their participation in this event on the terms and conditions as outlined in this Entry Form and the Notice of Race.

Signed: (Parent/guardian - skipper) **Date:**

Signed: (Parent/guardian - crew) **Date:**

PAYMENT FOR SAILING ACTIVITIES

(due at or before registration)

Entry fee (includes race fee, polo shirt(s), welcome & presentation functions and 50% of the cover charge for MMYC's NYE function) \$.....

Cat - \$270 Sloop - \$360

Late fee (if entry received after 24 December 2015) - \$20 \$.....

TCAA membership fee for 2015/16 (if not already paid) - \$40 \$.....

Total sailing activities \$.....

Method of payment (please circle): PayPal Cash Cheque

PAYMENT FOR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

(due at registration)

Welcome function – extras only (competitors included in entry fee)
 adults at \$15 each and/or children at \$10 each \$.....

New Year's Eve at MMYC
 Cover charge – competitors at \$10 each and/or extras at \$20 each
 AND/OR \$.....

Cook-it-yourself barbeque - persons at \$15 each

Presentation function - extras only (competitors included in entry fee)
 adults at \$20 each and/or children at \$10 each \$.....

Total social activities \$.....