



# **2016 Taipan Catamaran South Australian Championships**

6 February 2016 – 7 February 2016

## **Notice of Race**

**Organising Authority:**

Taipan Catamaran Association of Australia Inc. (TCAA)

**In conjunction with the host club:**

Milang Regatta Club

**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 29 January 2016 (preferred method);**
  - Completing the Entry Form at Appendix 2 and making payment by cash or cheque, at Registration. Cheques should be made payable to "Taipan Catamaran Association of Aust."
- 3.6 TCAA will accept entries lodged either online or on the weekend:
- Online – entry form, TCAA membership and PayPal on the TCAA website at <http://taipan.asn.au/home.php> and follow the links.
- 3.7 Closing dates for entries:
- 1000hrs on the morning of 6 February 2016

**4. ENTRY FEES**

- 4.9 cat - \$90
- 4.9 sloop & 5.7 - \$100
- TCAA membership of \$40 (if required)

**5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Registration: 0800hrs -1000hrs 6<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Race Day 1: 1030hrs -1730hrs 6<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Race Day 2: 1030hrs -1600hrs 7<sup>th</sup> February 2016

**6. 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 and 5.7 catamarans may 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 Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

**9. VENUE**

The Milang Regatta Yacht Club in the township of Milang.

**10. SCORING**

- 10.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 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 8 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 at the discretion of the Race Committee.

**13. RACING AREA**

The racing area will be Lake Alexandrina, 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 MRC 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.

Appendix 1 – Entry Form



