



2016 Taipan Catamaran Victorian Championships

12 March 2016 - 14 March 2016

Notice of Race

Organising Authority:

Taipan Catamaran Association of Australia Inc. (TCAA)

In conjunction with the host club:

Altona Yacht Club Inc. (AYC)



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 (refer TCAA website) and making payment via the TCAA's PayPal facility, on or before 11 March 2016 (**preferred method**); or
 - Completing the Entry Form at Appendix 1 and making payment by cash or cheque, including a \$20 late fee, at Registration.

Cheques should be made payable to "Taipan Catamaran Association of Aust."
- 3.6 Closing dates for entries:
 - Online – 11 March 2016
 - Beach – 1100 hrs on 12 March 2016 (\$20 late fee applies)

4. ENTRY FEES

- 4.1 **An EARLY entry fee DISCOUNT of \$20 will apply to all online entries.**
- 4.2 Entry fees are as follows:
 - Discounted entry fee (if paid by PayPal before 10.00pm on 11 March 2016) - \$130
 - Late entry fee (if paid after 10.00pm on 11 March 2016) - \$150
 - TCAA membership - \$40 (current if paid at Mt Martha Nationals).

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1 The schedule is flexible to allow for unfavourable weather and provides for 4 sessions over 3 days. Details of the number of races per session will be displayed on the official notice board in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.
- 5.2 The Race Committee will aim for a series of 8 races, with each race to be approximately 40-45 minutes duration.
- 5.3 Session details:

Day	Date	Event	Time	No warning signal before	No warning signal after
Saturday	12-Mar-16	Registration	1000 hrs – 1100 hrs		
		Briefing	1200 hrs		
		Session 1		1330 hrs	1630 hrs
Sunday	13-Mar-16	Session 2		1030 hrs	1330 hrs
		Session 3		1430 hrs	1630 hrs
Monday	14-Mar-16	Session 4		1030 hrs	1430 hrs
		Presentation	After racing		

- 5.4 When more than one race is to be held in a session, flag “L” shall be displayed on the finish boat, along with the applicable divisional flag(s).

6. MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 Each boat shall comply with the measurement requirements of its respective Class Rules and hold a valid measurement certificate (if required).
- 6.2 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. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration on Saturday, 12 March 2016.

8. VENUE

Altona Yacht Club Inc.
W.G. Cresser Reserve
10 Beach Street
Seaholme VIC 3018

10. SCORING

- 10.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply, except that when 5 or more races are completed, a boat may discard its worst score.
- 10.2 When 4 races are completed a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.3 Up to 8 races are scheduled, of which at least 4 races must be completed to constitute a series.

11. COURSE

The course will be a Windward, Return Course as detailed 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

Racing will take place on Port Phillip Bay, in the vicinity of AYC.

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 AYC 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**Camping**

Camping will be available at AYC.

For further information, please refer to the TCAA website.

Attachments:

Appendix 1 – Entry Form

ENTRY FORM

APPENDIX 1

<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. (if known):		Club:		
Address:				
Phone:		State:	Postcode:	
Email:				
<u>CREW DETAILS</u>				
Name:		Age:		
AYF No. (if known):		Club:		
Address:				
Phone:		State:	Postcode:	
Email:				
<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 AYC 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 DETAILS

(due at or before registration)

Entry fee (all boats)	\$	130
Late fee (if entry received after 11 March 2016) - \$20	\$.....	
TCAA membership fee for 2015/16 (if not already paid) - \$40	\$.....	
Total	\$.....	

Method of payment (please circle): PayPal Cash Cheque