



2017-18 Taipan Catamaran Australian Championships

30 December 2017 - 5 January 2018

Notice of Race

Organising Authority:

Taipan Catamaran Association of Australia Inc. (TCAA)

In conjunction with the host club:

Manning Park Amateur Sailing Club (MPASC)



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1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by:

- The rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020* (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 Member Number issued by Yachting Australia.
 - 3.1.2 Whose skipper is a financial member of the TCAA (memberships due 1 September 2017).
- 3.2 Taipan 5.7 sail configuration:
 - 3.2.1 Entrants must nominate a sail configuration to use for the regatta on the Entry Form, being either With Spinnaker or Without Spinnaker.
 - 3.2.2 Entrants that nominate With Spinnaker will have their elapsed race times adjusted by the VYC Yardstick for a Taipan 5.7 with spinnaker to calculate corrected time.
 - 3.2.3 Subject to 3.2.5, entrants that nominate Without Spinnaker will have their elapsed race times adjusted by the VYC Yardstick for a Taipan 5.7 without spinnaker to calculate corrected time.
 - 3.2.4 Results will be based on corrected time.
 - 3.2.5 Entrants that nominate Without Spinnaker on the Entry Form, but which carry a spinnaker at any time whilst racing, will be deemed to be With Spinnaker for the regatta and have their race results calculated/recalculated in accordance with 3.2.2, regardless of whether or not the spinnaker is actually used or able to be used.
 - 3.2.6 Entrants that nominate With Spinnaker on the Entry Form but who wish to change to Without Spinnaker may do so up until the close of Registration but must provide written evidence to the Race Committee that at least 75% of registered Taipan 5.7 entrants consent to the change, whereupon their race results will be calculated in accordance with 3.2.3.
 - 3.2.7 Once sail configuration has been determined in accordance 3.2.1, 3.2.5 or 3.2.6, it is fixed for the regatta for the purpose of calculating results.
- 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 cover 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.

Entering this regatta will be taken as confirmation by the Organising Authority that the skipper and/or boat owner has the required insurance cover in place for the regatta.

Boats without the required insurance cover are ineligible to compete.

- 3.5 Eligible boats can enter by either:
- Completing the online entry form and making payment via the TCAA website prior to 1700hrs on 30 December 2017 (**preferred method**); or
 - Completing the Entry Form at Appendix 2 to this Notice of Race and making payment by cash or cheque at Registration. Cheques should be made payable to "Taipan Catamaran Association of Aust."
- 3.6 Entries close at 1330hrs on 31 December 2017.

Entries submitted after 1 December 2017 will incur a late fee of \$40

(NB. Polo shirt sizes and availability prior to the event cannot be guaranteed for entries received after 1 December 2017).

4. ENTRY FEES

- 4.9 cat - \$300* up to and including 1 December 2017. \$340 from 2 December 2017
- 4.9 sloop & 5.7 - \$390* up to and including 1 December 2017. \$430 from 2 December 2017
- Junior skippers and/or crews – a discount of \$50 will be applied per sailor under the age of 18 at 1 January 2018.

* Excludes TCAA membership of \$40 for skipper (due 1 September 2017)

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Refer Appendix 1.

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 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 from the commencement of registration on Saturday, 30 December 2017.

9. VENUE

The host club is **Mannering Park Amateur Sailing Club**, 27 Grace Street, Mannering Park, New South Wales, 2259.

Refer to the Visit Lake Macquarie website for information on where to stay and what to see and do when visiting beautiful Lake Macquarie - [Visit Lake Macquarie](#)



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 12 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 for each Division as follows:

Number of entries (by Division)	Prizes awarded *
3 or fewer boats	1 st place
4 to 6 boats	1 st and 2 nd place
7 or more boats	1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd place

* Further prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

Note: To allow for accurate and timely purchase of trophies, the TCAA Committee will base its decision to award prizes on the number of completed online registrations as at midnight on 1 December 2017.

13. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on the waters of Lake Macquarie, in the vicinity of MPASC, and will be detailed at the briefing.

14. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

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

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

None of MPASC 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 *		Non-sailing	
		Event	Time	Event	Time
Saturday	30-Dec-17	Registration & Measurement	1300 - 1700		
Sunday	31-Dec-17	Registration & Measurement	1030 - 1330		
		Briefing	1400		
		Invitation Race	1500		
				New Year's Eve / Welcome function	1800
Monday	1-Jan-18	Race Day 1 (see * below)	Not before 1300 Latest warning signal 1700		
Tuesday	2-Jan-18	Race Day 2	Not before 1100 Latest warning signal 1700		
				TCAA AGM	Following final race of the day
Wednesday	3-Jan-18	Race Day 3	Not before 1100 Latest warning signal 1700		
Thursday	4-Jan-18	Race Day 4	Not before 1100 Latest warning signal 1700		
Friday	5-Jan-18	Race Day 5	Not before 1000 Latest warning signal 1400		
				Presentation function	1800

* **IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING RACE SCHEDULE**

The racing schedule has been kept open to allow for unfavourable weather patterns. After considering issued weather forecasts and any other factors, the Organising Authority will advise competitors (via SMS, Facebook and the Official Notice Board) of the proposed schedule for the following day's racing by 1800hrs on the preceding day. Up to 12 races are scheduled for the series, with a maximum of 3 races to be conducted back-to-back during any one session (unless more races are required on Race Day 5 to achieve a series). There may be more than one session per Race Day. There is no allowance in the schedule for a lay-day, however the Organising Authority may reschedule one Race Day to be a lay-day after considering weather forecasts. *(NB. Racing will only be held on 1 January 2018 if conditions look unfavourable for the remainder of the event).*

APPENDIX 2

ENTRY FORM

<u>BOAT DETAILS</u>				
Name:		Sail No.:		
Class (please circle):	4.9 cat	4.9 sloop	5.7 With Spinnaker	5.7 Without Spinnaker
<u>INSURANCE DETAILS</u>				
Insurer:		Policy No.:		
<u>SKIPPER DETAILS</u>				
Name:		Age:		
AYF No.:		Club:		
Address:				
Phone:		State:	Postcode:	
Email:				
<u>CREW DETAILS</u>				
Name:		Age:		
AYF No.:		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 MPASC 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, welcome & presentation functions for competitors only)

Cat - \$300

Sloop & 5.7 - \$390

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Late fee (if entry submitted after 1 December 2017) - \$40

\$.....

TCAA membership fee for 2017/18 (due 1-Sep-17) - \$40

\$.....

Less: Junior skipper/crew - \$50 per sailor

(\$.....)

Total sailing activities

\$.....

Method of payment (please circle):

Online

Cash

Cheque

PAYMENT FOR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

(due at registration)

New Year's Eve

\$.....

Pricing TBA

Welcome function – extras only (competitors included in entry fee)

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Pricing TBA

Presentation function - extras only (competitors included in entry fee)

\$.....

Pricing TBA

Total social activities

\$.....