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PAN Australia Shipping Pty Ltd announced as major sponsor of 34th National Tasar Championship

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Paull Van Oost, Managing Director of PAN Australia Shipping Pty Ltd pictured this week with Australian Tasar Council President, Jonathan Ross

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Tasar Major Events

PAN Australia Shipping 34th National Tasar Championship
Royal Perth YC, Christmas / New Year 2006/07

Tasar World Championship
Phuket, July 2007

President's Message

Welcome to another edition of the ATC newsletter which will wrap up season 2005/06 and provide a glimpse of what is in store for 2006/07. I'm writing this report flying somewhere over the Java Sea after having finished a four day visit to Phuket and the Cape Panwa Hotel. Now having been to the 2007 Worlds venue, all I can say is if you can possibly make the trip next July, you will be in for a magnificent sailing event and fascinating Thai cultural experience. Life is short - make sure you get there one way or the other. There is a full report on this visit and a Worlds update later in this newsletter.

A little closer to home, interest in the upcoming Perth Nationals indicates a fleet of 40-50 boats attending which will be easily the best attended WA nationals ever. The organising committee are doing a great job and were pleasantly surprised with a bombshell when Derick Warne announced he'd been able to secure a major sponsor. Pan Shipping Australia have come to the party with sponsorship funds plus they will ship a number of containers (10 to 12 have been mentioned) from Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide to Fremantle and return. Full details in this newsletter so if you were sitting on the fence regarding participating, you've no excuse now! Derick, magnificent effort and well done! You've set your self quite a precedent though - needless to say the entire Aus-

tralian Tasar community will be expecting the same deal for Phuket now!!

On a different front, both Paul and I as ATC Executive are keen to foster as much input and involvement from the various states and territories as possible. As a result, we organised the first national teleconference hook-up for all state Presidents and Secretaries last month. A wide range of topics were discussed and we hope the initiative will be successful. The intention is to do this every two months to keep the channels of communication flowing around the country.

I'd also like to welcome a large number of new faces onto the various state and territory committees and thank those that have devoted their time and efforts on committees that have now passed the baton on to others. This is also Alexandra Almonds first edition as Newsletter Editor and I thank her for volunteering to take on the job. Another tireless worker for the Tasar cause is Tony Keevers who has put up his hand to become the National Promotions Co-ordinator. Please make both Alexandra's and Tony's life easy by providing news and assistance when they holler.

See you in Perth.

Jonathan Ross

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PAN Australia Shipping 34th National Tasar Championship Naming rights announcement

The Tasar Association of Western Australia (TAWA) is pleased to announce PAN Australia Shipping as the naming rights sponsors of the 2006/07 National Tasar Championship, to be held at Royal Perth Yacht Club.

As the naming rights sponsor for the regatta, PAN Australia Shipping will generously provide containers and shipping, free of charge for Tasars travelling to and from the Nationals from Qld, NSW, Vic and SA (please note that this agreement excludes local truck transfers between ports and yacht clubs, and the cost of paperwork, so there will still be minimal costs to competitors for each container).

PAN Australia Shipping offers the following services:

- Dedicated Australian Crewed & Flagged shipping services from Melbourne to Fremantle.
- Dedicated Australian Crewed & Flagged shipping services from Brisbane & Sydney to Fremantle.

PAN Australia Shipping is dedicated to operating an Australian Flagged and Crewed coastal shipping service to give back control of Domestic Coastal Freight Movements to Australian interests which in turn gives certainty of service, creates employment for Australians and assists with the security of our ports and coastline. PAN's service offers non-time critical domestic freight a genuine and reliable alternative to both the rail and road networks.

I strongly urge you to consider PAN Australia Shipping for all your domestic shipping requirements, inside the newsletter is some additional information about the history of PAN Australia Shipping, alternatively you can go to the PAN website www.panlogistics.com.au for full information about PAN Australia Shipping.

I have contacted all State and Territory Association secretaries asking them to nominate a "container co-ordinator" for each state. I will then liaise directly with the "container co-ordinators" with regards to the details of how the arrangements with PAN Australia Shipping will work. I will post a list of "container co-ordinators" under the Perth Nationals



Paull Van Oost, Managing Director of PAN Australia Shipping Pty Ltd pictured this week with Australian Tasar Council President, Jonathan Ross

link on the ATC website. Please contact your state "container co-ordinator" to indicate your interest, do NOT contact PAN Australia Shipping directly.

I think you will all agree that this will represent a significant reduction in cost for many interstate competitors! Please encourage all potential competitors to consider/reconsider coming to Perth, it's going to be a great regatta.

It is an exciting time for the Tasar class, the introduction of mylar sails will reduce the advantage that class stalwarts enjoy, as all competitors will have to learn the quirks of the new rig, this regatta promises to be the most hotly contested championship yet! Make sure you are there to find out "Who will be the fastest Tasar in the West?"

For additional information about the PAN Australia Shipping 34th National Tasar Championship, please go to the website www.tasar.yachting.org.au and click on the Perth Nationals link or contact the regatta secretary, Kayne Binks, via email kayne@graduate.uwa.edu.au

See article on page 20 for further information on PAN Australia Shipping Pty Ltd

State and Territory Reports

South Australian State Titles 2006

Our 2005-2006 series was held in 3 locations—Rivoli Bay in October, Port Pirie in February and Largs Bay in March. The distances involved made it difficult to attend all 3 weekends, and it was decided that average points would be applied to races at the third location as long as the other two had been competed in. It was a clumsy arrangement but in 2007 we return to one weekend-one location with the states being held at Somerton Yacht Club over the Australia Day weekend.

Rivoli Bay is a great place to sail and the 12-18 knot breezes were perfect. More Small Things (Craig Mcphee and Gill Berry) showed their superiority with two comfortable wins. Hudwalloper (Kym Widdows and Peter Nicholson) managed two seconds with local boats Strategy (Lars Gustarvsson and Tysein) and Magic Moments (Evan and Russell Steele) both posting thirds.

Port Pirie is a “different” place to sail, the sailing area being a narrow shipping channel. With 38 degrees celsius and light northerly breezes we were happy to get

the two races finished by 1 pm. Best performed boats were Hard Attack (Sean and Frank Hackett) 1st and 3rd, More Small Things also 1st and 3rd and Game On (Adrian and Rebecca Nicholson) 2nd and 4th.

The Largs Bay weekend provided some of the year’s best sailing and 9 classes in the same area made it crucial to take into account the slower and faster boats nearby. With Craig and Gill unable to attend other crews took the opportunity to post first-ever state wins. Hudwalloper relished the 5th (15-18 knots) and 7th heats (20-24 knots) to post two wins while Strategy came through to win the 8th (also 20-24 knots). Game On showed their light weather skills in the 6th to claim a comfortable victory. Dune Buggy (Ian James and Philippa Jahn) and Mojo (Melissa Crawford and David Rose) showed good speed in the fresh races while Chi-ki (Michelle Jahn and Russell Steele) put in a great performance from a novice skipper to take a 4th.

Our state champions Craig and Gill, continue to show the rest of us that there’s lots of room for improvement.

2006 South Australian State Titles - results

				<i>Heats</i>								
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
1	2666	More Small Things	Craig & Gill	1	1	1	3	av	av	av	av	7.5
2	2782	Hudwalloper	Kym & Peter	2	2	2	4	1	5	1	2	10
3	2075	Game On	Adrian & Rebecca	4	4	4	2	2	1	3	3	15
4	2067	Strategy	Lars & Tyson	3	5	4	4	3	2	5	1	17
5	2551	Magic Moments	Evan & Darryl	6	3	5	5	DNF	3	4	5	25
6	760	Dune Buggy	Ian & Peta	10	7	8	8	4	8	2	4	33
7	266	Besam	Neil & Matt Burford	6	6	6	6	7	6	6	6	36
8	2214	Car 54	Michelle&Sean&Russel	5	DNF	8	8	9	4	DNS	8	41
9	1906	Mojo	Melissa & David	8	DNF	10	10	6	7	DNS	DNS	47
10	2667	Hard Attack	Sean and Frank Hackett	2	2	3	1	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	48
11	2320	Red E Set Go	Robin & Kevin	11	DNF	11	11	10	9	DNS	DNS	56
12	160	Tramuntana	Bob & Helen Wright	5	5	5	5	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	60
13	909	Trouble & Strife	ELI Moore & Isaac	7	7	7	7	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	68
14	2792	Touchy Feely	David & Leslie	9	6	8	8	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	71
15	2128	Club Boat	Russell & Darren	7	8	8	8	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	71
16	2068	Mr Bean	Alan & Tina Moore	8	8	8	8	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	71
17	2129	Too Old for What	Mark & Dwayne Eckert	9	9	9	9	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	76
18	2079	Scooter	Steve & Sue Tyerman	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	5	DNC	DNC	DNC	105
19	1015	Anne Renea	Peter Baker & Russell	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	8	DNC	DNC	DNC	108

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Royal Opening ends in a bummer - South Australia Billabong Regatta

2pm Saturday April 22nd

"Well I had to open a rather tiresome, piffling event recently, that being the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, but I am truly honoured to be here at Lake Schubert today to officially open the SA Tasar Billabong Regatta".

With those words Her Majesty opened our event & Prince Charles got his wish of pulling the Tasar flag up the pole. Within 20 minutes 13 Tasars were jostling for position on the start / finish line, only 40 metres from the campsite for what was to be our best breeze of 6-14 knots. OOD Lars Gustarvsson had set an interesting course & led the way in Strategy for the first win.



Two more heats were held that day, places changing constantly in the shifty breeze of Lake Schubert, a lagoon of 3km by 1km which has been specially set up for sailing (the Schubert family own 2 Stingray Cats & they & the SA Stingray Association have over the years cleared a beautiful camping area, built an exceptional clubhouse with all facilities, stocked a shed with all the sailing gear needed including tinny & outboard & cleared the lagoon of snags).

Saturday sailing finished at 4:30, time to prepare for the evening which followed a routine - the champagne flag at 5pm organized by Jenny Uhe with shared nibbles & champers. The two barbies fired up around 6 pm & the red wine flowed. People ate around the roaring camp fire (tonnes of dried redgum), the "I need my sleep" sailors started leaving the camp fire around 9:30pm while the stayers got involved in slurred circular debates until around 1:30am. In between was the occasional Viking raiding party where those (e.g. Kevin Bennett) who were not clearly heard to say goodnight were jumped on as they tried to sleep. Oh yes, Saturdays trophy winners were Rob Uhe & Kevin Bennett in Red E Set Go.

7am Sunday dawned about 4 degrees but by the time we are cooking our bacon & eggs it was a lovely sunny day. Very light & fluky winds but we got on with our sailing Easter egg hunt which was won by Russell Steele & Tysein in Big boy butchy bob. A 4-10 knot breeze settled in for the afternoon & once again we got in 3 tightly fought races. It was great to be joined for the first time by our sole Tasarites from Lake Bonney, Barmera - Shaken not Stirred & the Thomases proved to be very competitive.

The standout Sunday boat was Dune Buggy sailed by Ian James & Lesley Bennett with 3 handicap wins, one being first over the line. Mind you Anne Renae, Peter Baker & daughter had a handicap win in the bag until sailing too close to shore & jamming the centerboard in the mud.

Monday dawned another beautiful day but glassy calm - the kids continued to make great use of the canoes. Around 2pm in drifter conditions we held a couple of stern chasers with David Ingleton & Lesley Bennett in Touch Feely being best performed & taking out the Monday prize.

Monday was Presentation Night with the Redgum Trophy for lowest handicap points going to Ian James & Lesley Bennett in Dune Buggy. Ian had returned to Adelaide on Sunday evening to pick up his partner Michelle & we knew they would be back at the campsite about 9pm Monday. And so... a plan was hatched in keeping with the spirit & ethos of the weekend. As the lights of Ians car came over the hill 15 giggling & guffawing adults lined up. In true Braveheart fashion the command went out hold...hold...hold...daks down! So along with the redgum trophy Ian was presented with a 15 bum salute - dimpled, flabby, hairy, not a pretty sight.

Tuesday was relax & pack up at leisure with the unanimous vote for an encore in 2007.



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Concord & Ryde Sailing Club

What a season 2005-2006 has been for the C&R Tasar Fleet. We only have 12 Tasars but last season was as good as the record breaking season before with usually 7 or more Tasars hitting the water every week. Our newest sailing member last season was Ross Hyde-Smith who returned to sailing with his daughters Madison and Gabrielle. Next season promises to be even better with the addition of Tasars purchased by John Bombell and Scott Lawson hopefully increasing our fleet to 14.

Noel Borel, Brad Stephens, Ross Hyde-Smith and Clare Woods and their families have been representing the fleet at major championships as well as NSWTA Traveller Trophy events. Noel and Clare came 4th on handicap at the NSWTA Tasar State Championships whilst Brad, Victoria and Nicholas came 4th on handicap at the 33rd Australian Tasar Championships. The Borel and Stephens families are planning on representing the club at the next Australian Tasar Championships.

Early last season, the Tasar fleet under the guidance of Frank Bethwaite conducted coaching sessions for 12 NSWTA Tasar sailors using Frank's virtual sailing simulator. It was the first time that anything like this was undertaken for NSWTA. I would like to thank Frank for his support and guidance and also Brad Stephens, Bill Mather, Robert McMaster and Dave McClean for freely giving of their valuable time to coach others over the three week period. I would also like to thank Shane Guanaria of McDiarmid Sails at Gladesville for providing an excellent on the water coaching session to finish this coaching.

Off the water, the C&R Tasar fleet filled three tables at the club's Trivia Night and confirmed the Tasar as the 'thinking person's boat' by finishing 1st, 2nd and 6th to again be awarded the Club's Trivia Night Trophy for a 3rd season running. However, better than winning was the fun that was enjoyed by everyone on the night.

The last social event on our 2005-2006 Calendar was a Tasar End of Season Dinner held just after the last race of the season. This dinner has been held for a number of years but each year is growing more and more in popularity with nearly 40 people attending this latest Dinner at the North Ryde Golf Club. It was a great evening enjoyed by all.

Brad Stephens and his daughter Victoria (right) are the 2005-2006 Tasar Club Champions with Brad also achieving high placings in the Club's point score events with both Victoria and his son Nicholas crewing for him. Well done.



As soon as the mylar sails were available, Noel Borel and also Nick Brown sailed with them in our club races. The result is that next season should see about 11 of the Club's 14 Tasars fitted out with mylar sails. This is an excellent take up of the new sails.

For those interested in this friendly sort of Tasar racing, come and see me. We can always fit in one or two more Tasars. But be warned, a fun time can be contagious.

Sail a Tasar

Tony Keevers



A Saturday afternoon's racing at Concord & Ryde

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Season notes 2005-06 - WA Tasar Sailing

After the excitement of the Darwin worlds it took some time for Tasar sailing at RPYC to crank up this season. The first half of the season saw small fleets sailing from RPYC, typically 4 or 5 boats. There were some personnel changes on two of the regular boats, with Nick Short stepping on board The Usual Suspects to sail with Dad, Kim, making 3 father/ son combos that sail from RPYC. "Tom the Fiddler" (see right) has taken over from Sharon Thompson on Mystic Rhythms, after the birth of Bart and Sharon's beautiful daughter Jaymie.



Participation in RPYC club racing lifted after the Christmas break, Kayne and Louise became regulars after completing their J24 Campaign, and some past boats returned to the WA Tasar fold after some years of inactivity, complete with new owners. These included past State Champion boat, Stunned Mullet (new owner Phil Litton) and Semi Matured (New Owner Jason Mecallef).

On the Labour Day Long Weekend, the Tasar fleet went 2 hours south of Perth to attend the Koombana Bay Labour Day Weekend regatta in Bunbury. The weekend saw fine weather with gentle breezes, with a small fleet of 5 Tasars. The regatta was narrowly won by Warren and Matthew Morris sailing Blue Streak, from Tasorback (Mark and Astrid Hansen). Interestingly each of the 4 races at the Bunbury regatta had a different winner, indicating the closeness of the WA fleet. This was a telling sign of how close the WA state championships would be, held 2 weeks after the Bunbury regatta.

The state championships were the highlight of the season, with 11 boats competing, this is the biggest fleet contesting a title in WA for many years, which looks good for the future, see the separate states wrap up article for full details!

Interest in the Tasar Class at RPYC is growing, with 2 more couples interested in purchasing boats. The biggest issue in WA is supply of boats. The "for sale" forum on the ATC website worked against us this year, as a Japanese buyer bought the best two boats available in WA, and transported them back to Japan (great for Japan, but not so good for WA!) As we approach the upcoming Nationals, it is very possible that we will have at least 10 Tasars out racing every weekend (hopefully more!).

The WA season concluded with a multi-class novelty teams race on closing day, in which many of the clubs senior flag officers competed sailing the club Puffin Pacers. Racing was followed by a sausage sizzle and further festivities. The club and Tasar WA committee are now working hard to get everything in order for the nationals at the end of this year.

We look forward to seeing you in Perth to find out "Who will be the fastest Tasar in the West?"

Kayne Binks (Bungarra 782, AKA eater of ALL the Pies)

WA Tasar State Championships

The 2005-2006 WA state Tasar Championship was hosted by Royal Perth Yacht Club on the weekend of the 18th and 19th of March.

This years championship was contested by 11 boats, there were four newcomers to the Tasar fleet for the championship, Steve Harler and Adele Freaan from SoPYC sailing "Pogmahon", Phil Litton and Johnno Durrant (from RPYC's J24 Fleet) sailing "Stunned Mullet", Scott and Ben King, representing the Defence force, sailing "Van D", and Matthew and Brad Wearn (from RPYC dinghy section) sailing "Flying Coconut". Matthew Wearn normally sails his optimist at RPYC dinghy section, but used the Tasar associations boat for this event. It was great to see such a young sailor giving many of the regular Tasar sailors a real hurry up, especially on the start line. Well done Coconut, your participation was appreciated by all!

Conditions for the event were mainly light and shifty, requiring the sailors to "change gears" often, as the breeze pressure changed frequently during the racing. A gentle sea breeze of 8 to 12 knots on Saturday afternoon made for perfect sailing conditions during that session, champagne sailing would be an understatement!



Light & shifty conditions on the start line

The regatta was hotly contested this year, with Bungarra (Kayne Binks and Louise Blagrove) emerging as victors after two days of very close racing, 2nd place was closely contested between Blue Streak (Warren and Matthew Morris) and Tasorback (Mark and Astrid Hansen), with Blue Streak taking 2nd by a narrow margin. Astrid Hansen is another RPYC optimist sailor who jumped in to crew for her dad, as her brother who normally sails Tasorback, had study commitments, its great to see the versatility of the optimist sailors at the club! Well done Astrid.

There were a couple of real highlights from the weekend, the level of participation in this event was fantastic (9 RPYC Tasars in all!), it was great to sail in an 11 boat fleet, rather than our usual smaller club fleet. The second highlight is that the standard of sailing in the RPYC Tasar fleet has improved markedly since last year, using last years champions (Alastair and Judy McMichael) as a benchmark, it is clear to see that we have all improved, so well done to all!

The regatta was a well rounded event, with fun social events for the participants and volunteers staged through-

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out the weekend. On Saturday night there was a beer and pizza night and on Sunday evening a traditional sausage sizzle was held following presentations, to conclude the event. A big thank you to all the volunteers who contributed to the success of this event, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

This event sets the scene for the upcoming Tasar national championship to be hosted by RPYC over the Christmas/ New Year period. Presently the Tasar Association of WA is seeking race sponsors for the event. If you are interested in volunteering some time to assist with running the event, or are able to assist with any sponsorship leads, your input would be most welcomed. Please contact Regatta Chairman Kim Short on 0417172909 or Regatta Secretary Kayne Binks on 0411699822 if you are keen to assist.

There has never been a better time to join the RPYC Tasar Fleet, if you are interested in a slice of the action and having a sail, contact Bart Thompson on 0414185743, Bart will happily arrange for you to come down and join in the fun!

Happy Tasing to all!

Kayne and Louise (Bungarra 782)

VC Fitzhardinge presents awards to:



Louise Blagrove & Kayne Binks



Matt Morris



Mark & Astrid Hansen

2006 Western Australian State Championships - results

#	Boat Name	Skipper	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	782 Bungarra	Kayne Binks	22.00	[8]	1	5	1	1	4	1	1
2	2788 Blue Streak	Warren Morris	25.14	2	4	4	2	[5]	3.14av	2	3
3	2611 Tasorback	Mark Hansen	28.00	1	5	2	3	[7]	1	4	5
4	1812 Pogmahon	Stephen Harler	34.29	5	6	1	[8]	3	4.28av	5	2
5	2095 Organised Chaos	Alastair McMichael	40.00	3	3	6	5	2	6	3	[12]dnc
6	2658 Usual Suspects	Kim Short	43.43	6	7	3	4	4	5.42av	[8]	6
7	2131 Mystic Rhythms	Bart Thompson	49.00	7	2	8	6	8	3	7	[8]
8	1796 Flying Coconut	Matthew Wearn	55.00	[10]	8	9	7	6	2	9	4
9	2002 Van D	Scott King	58.29	4	9	7	9	[9]	7.28av	6	7
10	1929 Part Time	John Whittington	82.00	12dnf	11	11	12dnc	[12]dnc	5	10	9
11	1941 Stunned Mullet	Philip Litton	89.00	9	10	10	12dnc	12dnc	12dnc	12dnc	[12]dnc

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Victoria - TAV Winter Championships at the Sauna Sail

11 Tasars turned up for the 2006 TAV Winter Championships, held at the Latrobe Valley Yacht Club's "Sauna Sail" regatta over the June long weekend.

The event is held on the waters of Hazelwood Pondage, a 500 hectare lake with the water temperature at about 23 degrees celsius thanks to a large power station that uses the lake as cooling water. With the cool air temperature and the warm water, the wind fluctuates considerably in strength and direction to keep sailors on the game.

8 Tasars entered for the Saturday racing with 2 races planned for the afternoon. Most tried out their new Mylar sails and they looked spectacular in the rigging area. Rob Gilpin and Jacqui Isaacs in True Blue found early form and took out the race from Alexandra Almond and Bruce Shand in Violet Femme. Ian and Felicity Shand in U & I using the old Dacron sails picked up 3rd. The wind was a pleasant 10 knots for the race.

Race 2 again found True Blue in front, but this time followed up by Martin and Sue Sly in Upyzawl. U & I again found a 3rd placing in winds that were slowly dying off. David and Janelle Green in Psnapod found the going better, improving from their 8th in race 1 to 6 in race 2. Derick and Gwen Warne in Wotchamacallit were on shore practicing knots that stayed knotted after their mainsheet stop came undone.

A phone call to a Pub in Morwell at 5pm to book in 35 people for dinner had the chief a little stressed, but all were well fed and watered before the brisk walk



The new sails in action at the Latrobe Valley Yacht Club's "Sauna Sail"

back to the Motel for the night.

Sunday saw another day with a cool morning build to a max temp of 14 degrees, with winds again about 10 knots and offered good racing. Sunday morning saw a wind change after the start and the windward-return became 2 reaches, just as the fog came in. What a spectacle it was! 130 yachts reaching through the fog, with just enough visibility to see boats ahead so no mishaps occurred. Upyzawl found form and took away the trophy glasses with U&I not far behind. Peter Isaacs and David Bretherton in Picasso improved to finish in 3rd.

After warm soup and a pie it was back out for 2 more races. This time Wotchamacallit found the right rope to pull and cleared out to the front with Upyzawl and Violet Femme following in. Again a nice breeze that allowed crews to power up and hike. There were some good reaches to be had if you got into a gust. The wind had swung to the south-west and became more gusty allowing the stronger crews to show form. Jonathan and Karen Ross took the Demo Boat for a sail taking 8th in this race before calling it enough for the day and retir-

2006 TAV Winter Championships - results

	Sail	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew	Total	6	5	4	3	2	1
1	2777	Upyzawl	Martyn Sly	Sue Sly	8	2	1	2	1	2	[4.0]
2	2608	True Blue	Rob Gilpin	Jacqui Isaacs	13	3	[5.0]	4	4	1	1
3	2786	U & I	Ian Shand	Felicity Shand	17	4	[6.0]	5	2	3	3
4	2656	Violet Femme	Alexandra Almond	Bruce Shand	18	[12.0S]	4	3	5	4	2
5		Wotchamacallit	Derick Warne	Gwen Warne	22	1	3	1	6	11.0C	[11.0C]
6	2790	Picasso	Peter Isaacs	David Bretherton	27	[12.0F]	2	6	3	5	11.0F
7	1001	Manipulator	Will Scholes	Jackie Bange	36	6	[12.0C]	8	9	8	5
8	2180	Indecision	Simon Humphrey	Rachel Manning	39	12.0S	[12.0C]	7	7	7	6
9	1871	Feather Weight	Daniel Franke	John Bange	45	5	12.0C	[12.0C]	10	11.0C	7
10	1946	Psinapod	David Green	Janelle Green	49	12.0S	12.0C	[12.0C]	11	6	8
11	274	Demo Boat	Jonathan Ross	Karon Ross	56	12.0S	12.0C	12.0F	8	12.0L	[12.0L]

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Close racing in the Tasars

ing to the motel for a nice warm shower. Up to now Simon Humphrey and Rachel Manning in Indecision were a picture of consistency with one 6th and three 7th placings.

The second race of the arvo started in a 15 knot breeze that slowly softened to about 7 at the finish. Upyzawl has now found the right stuff and sailed to a clear win. Picasso had a good race to bring in 2nd and Wotchamacallit 3rd. A few crews figured it was warmer on shore and didn't compete in this race, which was possibly the closest with 6 boats finishing inside 2 minutes after 47 minutes racing.

I went home to my nice warm fire and bed leaving the visitors to find their own entertainment. I heard of no stories and everyone seemed in good health the next day, so I presume that they all had a quiet night.

Monday morning was a little cooler after a brief shower, but a nice breeze was there to greet us. Six boats lined up for the start and again Wotchamacallit had the right stuff. Team Sly 2nd and True Blue into 3rd. The last work to the finish produced a shower of rain to make things cool. Martin and Sue sailed a good series with the worst place a 4th in race 1 to take home the beautiful Winter Champs Trophy. Rob and Jacqui only 5 points back in a well deserved 2nd. Ian and Felicity did the Dacron sails proud with 3rd on 17 points. Daniel Franke and John Bange sailing Feather Weight had their best race with a 5th place only just in front of Will Scholes and Jackie Bange in Manipulator.

All sailors found the racing close and enjoyable. Three races had six yachts close the finish within 3 minutes after 50 minutes of racing, with many places changing in the last leg.

The Sauna Sail regatta has been held every year from about 1960, with up to 300 off the beach yachts in years past. This year saw 158 yachts on Sunday Arvo, from a Minnow to a Tornado. The regatta is one of the biggest for off the beach yachts held in Australia. All the yachts round a common mark at the yacht club and cross the same finish line so it can get very busy at times, especially for the time keepers.

As a local and member of Latrobe Valley YC I thank the Tasars for coming and supporting this event.

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The fog starts to creep in at the aptly named "Sauna Sail"



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NSW State Titles 2006 - prize winners

Best Junior Skipper and Crew (skipper under 19 Years) : *Ultralite - Megan Darby & Tom Burton*

Best Club performance on handicap : *ADFSA*

First lady skipper overall : *Chaos Theory - Heather Macfarlane & Chris Payne*

Masters Perpetual Trophy (combined age 80-99 years) : *Chaos Theory - Heather Macfarlane & Chris Payne*

Grand Masters Perpetual Trophy (combined age 100-119 years) : *SBD - Paul & Bronwyn Ridgway*

Super Grand Masters Perpetual Trophy (combined age 120 years and over): *Blatant Optimism - Warren Olsen & Peter Keane*

NSW Tasar Champion Handicap Trophy

- 1st place: Blaze of Glory - Merv Tayla Tallis
 2nd place: Red Eye - Danial Boettger & Kristy-Lee Robins
 3rd place: Blatant Optimism - Warren Olsen & Peter Keane
 4th place: Doof Doof - Noel Borel & Clare Wood
 5th place: Lanalau - Malcolm & Duncan Handel

NSW Tasar Champion Scratch Trophy

- 1st place: Chukkel - Rob & Nicole Douglass
 2nd place: More Small Things - Craig McPhee & Melissa Crawford
 3rd place: Tokay - Phil & Chris Darby
 4th place: Freya - Jeff Mephram & Matthew Fitzgerald
 5th place: SBD - Paul & Bronwyn Ridgway

NSW State Titles - Teams Racing Report

Waking up on Easter Sunday the average person would be thinking of Easter Bunnies and Easter Eggs, but for 18 hearty sailors at the 2006 NSW Tasar State Titles these thoughts were pushed aside and replaced with thoughts of the battle ahead.

Not swayed by the temptation of chocolate and the fact that no racing was scheduled for the morning (opportunity for a sleep in at a sailing regatta!) three teams competed for the honour of Teams Racing Champions on the eventful morning of Easter Sunday.

The three teams were chosen in order to mix experience with new talent. However as our teams congregated for the first time it was evident that our team were the only team without a sailor with grey (or greying) hair.

Our competitors consisted of team 1 lead by Rob Douglass, Team 2 was captained by Martin Lindsay and our team “Purple Doggy Dogs” captained by Alexandra Almond consisted of Nic Douglass & Andrew (Dodgy Element), Stu & Nic (Hair of the Dog) & myself and Alexandra (Violet Femme).

The titles consisted of a round robin series where each team would face off against each other before the “all in group challenge” with the 3 teams facing off in an ultimate finale.

The initial round robin series saw tight, tactical and sometimes embarrassing racing. The initial race between the Purple Doggy Dogs and Rob Douglass’s team started rigorously with both teams battling for position on the start line. Purple Doggy Dogs team captain Alexandra and skipper Lockie on Violet Femme took on the monumental challenge of ensuring Rob Douglass’s start was as bad as possible, to a point this worked with Rob and Violet Femme being the last two boats off the start line, however Violet Femme had infringed and was required to complete a 360. The race was on, Nic Douglas and Andrew sailing Dodgy Element and Stu and Nic in Hair of the Dog held control of the race for the Purple Doggy Dogs.

After the infringement on the start line Violet Femme hit the right hand corner of the course and by the top mark rounded right behind team mate boat Hair of the Dog at the front of the fleet. Rob Douglass sailed fast down wind and used his captaining ability to direct his teams boats into an attacking position however coming into the bottom mark he was held out due to starboard advantage and the Purple Doggy Dogs held on for the win.

The 2nd race saw the Purple Doggy Dogs take on the very talented team captained by Martin Lindsay. Violet Femme got away down the right hand side of the course and took a big lead into the first mark and eventually took the win. However the rest of the fleet were tight and it came down

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to the Hair of the Dog and Dodgy Element working together to take a 10-11 point win.

The 3rd race of the round robin series saw Rob Douglass and Martin Lindsay go head to head. The racing was tight up the first leg however with Martin's ability to inflict penalties on Rob's team, he and his team were able to pull away for a comfortable win, despite the efforts of Rob sailing back through the fleet to try and bring his team mates up into a winnable position.

After the round robin series the Purple Dodgy Dogs were undefeated with Martin Lindsay's team in 2nd with 1 win 1 loss, with Rob's team languishing in last, yet to see a win on the scoreboard.

But the ultimate challenge was yet to come with all three teams facing off -if Martin's team were able to win the race and push the Purple Dodgy Dogs into 3rd they had an opportunity of snatching the series.

With 9 boats on a tight small race course the racing was close with tacking duals, strategic covering and boats controlling other boats across the course. At the top mark Martin's team held 1st and 4th positions, with Purple Dodgy Dogs holding 2nd and 3rd into the finish. With Dodgy Element holding Martin's 3rd boat in last place all we needed to do was keep position to take the title - but Rob's team were not out there to make up the numbers. With Dodgy Element bearing down on the finish line on port, Rob was out to regain his reputation. It was the classic father against daughter challenge as a gybing dual began with Nic Douglass (Dodgy Element) desperately trying to gain starboard advantage.

Celebratory cheers erupted from the sidelines as Dodgy Element was able to gybe into an advantage and finish ahead of Rob's team, giving Purple Dodgy Dogs their 3rd win for the morning and leaving us undefeated.

Thanks to Martin for organising the event and to all competitors who gave up their Easter Sunday morning for such a great racing challenge.

Lockie Pearman

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The Ferret report - NSW States

The Ferrets, having not sailed their Tasar for three months, put slightly less preparation in than usual for this year's NSW Championships. Rigging up revealed a few interesting surprises - main halyard about to break, sidestay lengths unequal etc. Trish gave the Principal Race Officer a final briefing, promising a year's abstinence if we started in over 15 knots or if any windward legs were over 1 nautical mile. Peter packed a GPS and added an extra brick to his anemometer before heading out with his merry crew of helpers. This year the helpers included Michael Sant, who was on pregnancy leave, and Gary Foley who had driven half the night to get to Wangi but then discovered that his designated crew (Kate Douglass) had hurt her back.

Feral Ferret got a great boat end start and kept going on starboard as it lifted and lifted. Unfortunately we then got to the port layline and had to tack. Bugger, we had been looking good for a while. Most satisfyingly we managed to stay just ahead of the Dougli down two reaches and picked a few shifts to move from eighth to third. Craig McPhee and Melissa Crawford were going

like a blur in the light stuff and were miles ahead. Phil and Chris Darby were also definitely quicker than us so we sailed defensively up the last leg. Rob and Nicole got out of jail on the last half a leg for a fourth place.

Craig was happy with his win but warned that it was early days. The implication, that anything could happen, certainly came to fruition on the Saturday. A south west change had come through. It was blowing just under fifteen knots at the start, according to the Principal Race Officer. We missed the five and four minute signals while stuffing around. Fortunately it was a pin end start so timing wasn't critical. We just sailed down the line, cranked on when everyone else did and got a decent start. Approaching the top mark we heard a piercing scream. We looked upwind and saw that the Dougli had got a sudden shift and had almost capsized. We tacked immediately for the shift and made a good gain to round second behind the aforementioned Dougli. As usual we threw out the drogue on the reach and let several boats through including Craig and Melissa who went like greased lightning into the lead. Things went downhill from there for Craig and Melissa as firstly they lost ground to the heavier crews upwind, then they capsized during a

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tack on the last leg. On righting the boat, their spectra mainsheet strop broke and put the boat in again. Craig retied the mainsheet strop but they lost so much time that we even beat them (just).

As if that wasn't enough Craig and Melissa rolled the boat in to windward before the start of the afternoon race. The pressure from the jib pole broke the lower mast, casting their title hopes adrift. Meanwhile the Ferrets got tangled up with a couple of boats we should have luffed over the start line and had a poor start. We went right following "mother duck" Sue Darby in her launch while the wind went left. Whoops! We found ourselves near the tail and compounded the error with a stupid rules infringement at the wing mark. A couple of turns later and we were off after the fleet, the presence of Duncan Robertson and his niece Nic Kidman ahead of us proving a powerful motivating factor. We got past both of them to finish fifteenth, hoping that this would be our drop.

Sunday's short races were always going to be down to the starts and so it proved for us. In the first race being a bit slow off the line was costly as we were unable to tack off early, then went left to get clear air just as the breeze went right. We certainly had not been picking them. At least we were in some legendary company with Phil Darby stuffing up nearly as badly as we did and being beaten by his daughter! We decided we would go right the next race thinking there was perhaps a geographic shift near Wangi Point which came into play towards the top mark. This payed off in spades during the next race as on the last full work we tacked conservatively short of the starboard layline but then got lifted up and up right to the mark. Very nice, thank you. Up front Craig and Melissa won both races to put Rob and Nicole under some pressure going into the last race.

Some furious checking of the points tallies showed that we were one point behind Paul Robertson and Germain Corthais but would beat him on countback if our points were tied, so a match race was on for the last race. We were ahead of Peter and Gillian Wilson and thought we looked good for the masters until we saw that Heather MacFarlane was also a master (mistress?) and well ahead of us after a consistently excellent series. After waiting, waiting for a sea breeze on Monday (the delay forcing many of the Victorians to leave before the last race) we tailed Paul's yellow boat into the start and tacked off early on to port when he did. We were a little surprised to then see Brad and Jared Tallis powering over the top of us (from an OCS start as it turned out) which forced us back to the left. We came around the top mark with that yellow boat right in front of us. We hung in with Paul and Germain for a triangle until at the next top mark we went for the pole to find it was not there. Hmmm ... we had not noticed it going over the side so we had probably left it ashore - and I had been showing a nice gentleman who was interested in buying the boat just what a good pole it was. I decided to sit to leeward while Trish sat up to windward and held the jib out by hand. That way she was in no position to bash me.

We didn't lose out that much all the same but decided we had to do something different to Paul to get past. Paul went right so we went left, together with most of the boats ahead of us. Problem was, Paul came out well ahead. By the next work had a mantra going inside my head, left - bad, right - good. Paul already knew this so we both put in a one tack work hard right. The wind was getting up a bit so we were able to out grunt Paul and Germain and halve the deficit to about 10 boat lengths at the next top mark picking up a couple of placings on the way. Trish once again did a magnificent job on the run holding out the jib with her left arm. I made a note that if Trish was going to bash me after, I should watch out for her right. Holding the jib out did force us to run deep straight to the mark while Paul put a couple of gybes in and possibly lost ground. Trish was now really fired up and hiked brilliantly all the way up the last work as once again we went hard right. We grunted our way past Paul and Germain just before the finish and also picked up another place for a seventh. Trish proudly gave me her customary high five, with her right.

Rob and Nicole won the last race to comfortably take the series, their first NSW Championship win. Craig and Melissa were a gallant second. Phil and Chris Darby came through for third with a big last race. In his presentation speech Rob mentioned that Trish and I were leaving the class, at least for a while and thanked us for our participation over the past ten years. I might add that Rob has always been much more of a help to me than I could ever be for him. Trish is having to move towns for career reasons while I will be pursuing other sailing and family interests. In another five or ten years, however, who knows?

Lachlan Brown

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2006 NSW State Titles - scratch results

Place	Sail #	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew	Total	R6	R5	R4	R3	R2	R1
1	2710	Chukkel	Robert Douglass	Nicole Douglass	9	1	2	2	3	1	[4.0]
2	2666	More Small Things	Craig McPhee	Melissa Crawford	14	3	1	1	[41.0S]	8	1
3	2728	Tokay	Phil Darby	Chris Darby	17	2	4	[11.0]	5	4	2
4	2580	Freya	Jeff Mephram	Matthew Fitzgerald	21	4	6	[9.0]	2	3	6
5	2742	SBD	Paul Ridgway	Bronwyn Ridgway	25	[47.0C]	10	4	1	5	5
6	2781	Chaos Theory	Heather Macfarlane	Chris Payne	27	[47.0C]	3	3	8	6	7
7	2482	RAN	Martin Linsley	Bruce Eddes	35	5	9	8	4	9	[16.5]
8	2734	Feral Ferret	Lachlan Brown	Trish Collocott	36	7	5	14	[15.0]	7	3
9	900	Flemboyant	Paul Robertson	Germain Corthals	36	8	7	6	6	[15.0]	9
10	2714	Magic Pye	Peter Wilson	Gillian Wilson	39	6	[46.0O]	12	11	2	8
11	2237	Dodgy Elements	Darryl Bentley	Andrew Foulkes	53	9	[24.0]	5	17	11	11
12	2727	Single Malt	Graham Hanna	Liz Kemmis	61	[47.0C]	16	13	9	10	13
13	170	Ultralite	Megan Darby	Tom Burton	61	11	[46.0O]	10	14	14	12
14	782	Bungarra	Kayne Binks	Louise Blagrove	77	10	17	19	[20.0]	13	18
15	2665	Agamemnon	Chris Parkinson	Julia Fitzgerald	80	18	15	23	12	12	[26.0]
16	2076	That's Cool	Tony Creak	Julie Creak	85	16	13	[25.0]	21	20	15
17	2601	Wotchamacallit	Derick Warne	Gwen Warne	88	[47.0C]	8	17	7	46.0O	10
18	2590	Slam Dunc	Duncan Robertson	Laurie Hoffman	91	17	18	18	[26.0]	16	22
19	1752	High Finance	Wayne Culph	Gabrielle King	92	[47.0C]	12	30	13	18	19
20	2656	Violet Femme	Alexandra Almond	Lockie Pearman	96	[38.0O]	28	21	10	17	20
21	2570	BPR Consulting	Hugh Ridgway	Pat Pedicini	97	[47.0C]	14	7	16	46.0O	14
22	1885	Stormbringer	Ross MacDonald	Mel Ripper	98	12	19	20	[28.0]	23	24
23	2089	Bateau D'or	Kim Short	Nicholas Short	100	22	11	15	[31.0]	29	23
24	2650	Akatonbo	Ken Pearson	Marise Hannaford	108	13	25	16	27	[31.0]	27
25	2619	Galah	Ian Best	Sofia Sapojnikova	111.5	20	[33.0]	27	24	24	16.5
26	2475	Platform 93/4	Mike Wadley	Chris Eddes	116.5	21	[31.0]	28.5	18	21	28
27	1974	ChilliPepper	Stephen Baxendale	Anne Baxendale	122	15	29	24	[47.0C]	19	35
28	1995	Ajax	Peter Fitzroy	Graham Baxendale	125	14	32	35	22	22	[46.0O]
29	2092	Hair of the Dog	Nicole Kidman	Stuart Templeton	138	19	37	[43.0]	23	30	29
30	2618	Talisman on Tour	Brad Tallis	Jared Tallis	138	38.0O	23	26	30	[38.0]	21
31	2763	More Edge	John Balass	Heather Forton	138	23	[36.0]	32	25	27	31
32	2600	Allons y	Michael Sue	Kevin Leedow	139.5	26	[39.0]	28.5	29	26	30
33	2182	Doof Doof	Noel Borel	Clare Wood	145	27	20	31	[35.0]	33	34
34	2183	AWOL	Trevor Hilleard	Lea Sorensen	145	47.0C	26	22	[47.0C]	25	25
35	1686	Cleopatra	Glenn Nolan	Eran Avery	155	[47.0C]	22	36	19	32	46.0R
36	162	Thirtysomething	Colin Goldrick	Angelique Kear	164	25	47.0C	[47.0C]	32	28	32
37	9	Red Eye	Danial Boettger	Matthew Snelling	165	35	21	38	33	[40.0]	38
38	1943	Blatant Optimism	Warren Olsen	Peter Keane	169	28	35	37	34	35	[37.0]
39	2604	Ono	Nicola Howe	Trish McVeagh	171	31	27	34	[47.0C]	46.0F	33
40	2539	Blaze of Glory	Merv Tallis	Tayla Tallis	177	29	38	33	37	[46.0F]	40
41	2532	Encore	Gordon Koch	Myra Koch	183	32	30	41	41.0S	39	[46.0F]
42	1912	Water Dragon	Wayne Barnard	David Sananda	183	33	40	[44.0]	38	36	36
43	2036	Lanalau	Malcolm Handel	Duncan Handel	189	30	34	39	47.0C	[47.0C]	39
44	2493	Force 5	Ross Hyde-Smith	Madison Hyde-Smith	191	24	46.0O	40	47.0C	34	[47.0C]
45	2121	Sufferin Succotash	Bruce Litchfield	Simon Litchfield	201	[47.0C]	42	45	36	37	41
46	1	Sparrow	David Maddison	Kristy-Lee Robins	209	34	41	42	[47.0C]	46.0F	46.0F

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2006 NSW State Titles - handicap results

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1	2539	Blaze of Glory	Merv Tallis	Tayla Tallis	52.5	2	7.5	2	2	[46.0F]	39
2	9	Red Eye	Danial Boettger	Matthew Snelling	56	34	1	3	1	[40.0]	17
3	1943	Blatant Optimism	Warren Olsen	Peter Keane	56.5	4	13	17.5	11	11	[35.0]
4	2182	Doof Doof	Noel Borel	Clare Wood	59	14	3	9	19	14	[26.0]
5	2036	Lanalau	Malcolm Handel	Duncan Handel	64	1	2	1	47.0C	[47.0C]	13
6	2650	Akatonbo	Ken Pearson	Marise Hannaford	72	7	23	6	12	[26.5]	24
7	2482	RAN	Martin Linsley	Bruce Eddes	75	8	24	23	5	15	[33.0]
8	2089	Bateau D'or	Kim Short	Nicholas Short	78.5	[30.0]	4	7.5	27	28	12
9	1885	Stormbringer	Ross MacDonald	Mel Ripper	81.5	12	17	17.5	[28.0]	16	19
10	2618	Talisman on Tour	Brad Tallis	Jared Tallis	82.5	38.0O	11.5	14	15	[39.0]	4
11	2666	More Small Things	Craig McPhee	Melissa Crawford	83	33	6	5	[41.0S]	38	1
12	1974	ChilliPepper	Stephen Baxendale	Anne Baxendale	83.5	5.5	27	10	[47.0C]	1	40
13	2781	Chaos Theory	Heather Macfarlane	Chris Payne	85.5	[47.0C]	7.5	13	34	23	8
14	782	Bungarra	Kayne Binks	Louise Blagrove	85.5	9	22	26	[33.0]	8.5	20
15	2710	Chukkel	Robert Douglass	Nicole Douglass	88	[31.0]	14	16	23	7	28
16	2237	Dodgy Elements	Darryl Bentley	Andrew Foulkes	88.5	18	[40.0]	7.5	35	22	6
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20	2665	Agamemnon	Chris Parkinson	Julia Fitzgerald	95.5	32	21	32	7	3.5	[38.0]
21	2600	Allons y	Michael Sue	Kevin Leedow	95.5	19	[36.0]	19	18	8.5	31
22	2763	More Edge	John Balass	Heather Forton	95.5	11	33	30	9	12.5	[36.0]
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24	2475	Platform 93/4	Mike Wadley	Chris Eddes	101	22	34	27	13	5	[37.0]
25	2734	Feral Ferret	Lachlan Brown	Trish Collocott	103.5	25	16	34	[38.0]	26.5	2
26	1752	High Finance	Wayne Culph	Gabrielle King	104	[47.0C]	10	36	8	21	29
27	1912	Water Dragon	Wayne Barnard	David Sananda	106	15.5	29	[37.0]	17	12.5	32
28	2728	Tokay	Phil Darby	Chris Darby	110	17	20	[40.0]	37	33	3
29	2076	That's Cool	Tony Creak	Julie Creak	110.5	29	11.5	[33.0]	32	29	9
30	2580	Freya	Jeff Mephram	Matthew Fitzgerald	112.5	21	31.5	[38.5]	14	24	22
31	170	Ultralite	Megan Darby	Tom Burton	113.5	26.5	[46.0O]	21	26	30	10
32	2570	BPR Consulting	Hugh Ridgway	Pat Pedicini	114	[47.0C]	28	4	25	46.0O	11
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34	2532	Encore	Gordon Koch	Myra Koch	121	20	9	20	41.0S	31	[46.0F]
35	2714	Magic Pye	Peter Wilson	Gillian Wilson	121	24	[46.0O]	35	36	10	16
36	2656	Violet Femme	Alexandra Almond	Lockie Pearman	122	38.0O	[39.0]	29	4	17	34
37	2727	Single Malt	Graham Hanna	Liz Kemmis	122.5	[47.0C]	31.5	28	22	20	21
38	2183	AWOL	Trevor Hilleard	Lea Sorensen	123.5	47.0C	25.5	15	[47.0C]	18	18
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40	2742	SBD	Paul Ridgway	Bronwyn Ridgway	124	[47.0C]	37	24	6	34	23
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43	1995	Ajax	Peter Fitzroy	Graham Baxendale	143	10	35	44	29	25	[46.0O]
44	2493	Force 5	Ross Hyde-Smith	Madison Hyde-Smith	153	3	46.0O	25	47.0C	32	[47.0C]
45	1686	Cleopatra	Glenn Nolan	Eran Avery	155	[47.0C]	15	41	16	37	46.0R
46	1	Sparrow	David Maddison	Kristy-Lee Robins	214	35	42	45	[47.0C]	46.0F	46.0F



34TH TASAR AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS



PERTH - 29 DECEMBER 2006 - 5 JANUARY 2007



Perth Nationals Preparation Notes

Preparation for the Perth nationals is well underway and our regular meetings are now sorting out the nuts and bolts of the Regatta. I'm already looking forward to finding out who will be *the fastest Tasar in the West!*

Racing

The racing schedule has been finalised with 8 heat races and 1 invitation race scheduled between the 29th of December and Friday the 5th of January.

Bernie Kaaks has volunteered to be the regatta PRO. Last summer Bernie was the PRO of the hugely successful International Federation for Disabled Sailing ISAF event at RPYC.

Social Events

The welcome night will be a laid back BBQ style affair on the 29th of December where we will all kick back and discuss who will be *the Fastest Tasar in the West.*

The Champagne flag will be up after every afternoon race session. You will need to be there to see presentations to the heat race winners and win any spot prizes! This will be your daily update on who is *the Fastest Tasar in the West.*

NEW YEARS EVE is going to be big this year the Tasars will combine forces with the remainder of the RPYC crowd to party into the wee hours while being entertained by a live band. The next day happens to be

A view of the racing area in Perth





34TH TASAR AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS



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the regatta lay day, so don't fret, *the Fastest Tasar in the West* will get plenty of rest before racing resumes.

The presentation night will be an evening of glamour on the 5th of January after a week of soggy wetsuit booties and stinky gloves. You will be able to relax in style while we all discuss the championships that were. Most importantly this is the night that you will find out who is *the Fastest Tasar in the West*.

Accommodation

If you haven't booked your accommodation yet, you should make like a parking ticket man and get booking!! There are so many events (5 other national sailing events alone) held over the same period in Perth, so accommodation is becoming scarce. Get in quick and score yourself a bed close to the yacht club for maximum convenience.

Volunteers

If there are any people who will be travelling with you to Perth that would like to get a little closer

to the action please let us know. They don't have to be there everyday and they'll get a view of the racing worth writing home about. Please contact Kayne Binks (regatta secretary) kayne@graduate.uwa.edu.au if you are interested.

Sponsors

In addition to the PAN Australia Shipping Pty Ltd, the TAWA would like to congratulate Project Directors Australia who were our first sponsors! It is great to have them on board.

The committee is still seeking sponsors for the event. If you know anyone that may be interested in supporting this event please contact me.

So in the meantime keep practicing and maybe you could be *the Fastest Tasar in the West!*

Cheers

Louise Blagrove (bungarrateamracing@gmail.com)





34TH TASAR AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS



PERTH - 29 DECEMBER 2006 - 5 JANUARY 2007



Transcript of conversation overheard between two people at the Victorian States in March...

KAYNE: Are you coming to that **Wotchamacallit** thing?

LOUISE: What the Perth Nationals?

KAYNE: Yeah it should be a blast.

LOUISE: Nah it's too competitive it's not my thing.cont

KAYNE: Are you sure your apathy is not **Just a Faze?** It's going to be great, the regatta will be very friendly. It's not for **Sheepstations** you know. It should be a real **Chukkel**.

LOUISE: But how would I get there?

KAYNE: Well if you were magic, like Harry Potter you could come via **Platform 9 and ¾**, but most people will pack their boats in a container and catch an **Aussie Flyer**, it's only a 4 and a ½ hr flight from Melbourne.

LOUISE: Yeah but our state's container is already full.

KAYNE: No worries. Give everyone a rev up and organise a 20 footer. Or you could drive; it's only a 32 hr drive from Melbourne. The Nullabour is great; you might even see a **Bungarra** or two. A road trip across the Nullabour is a **True Blue** Aussie experience, though it may be a bit tough in that **Dune Buggy** of a car you have!

LOUISE: Come on mate that's a bit **Chi-Ki!** But tell me a little bit more about this regatta?

KAYNE: Well the sailing will be held on Perth's **Liquid Asset**, The Swan River. It's going to be hosted by Royal Perth Yacht Club, which was home to the Americas Cup! We expect the famous **Freo Doctor** to blow every afternoon, so wind is virtually guaranteed. The river is a great place to sail.

LOUISE: Gee I don't know I've heard that the Doctor really honks!

KAYNE: Yeah, some days she's a bit of a **Hudwalloper!** But some races are scheduled for the mornings when the wind is lighter. The breeze will certainly keep you **On Edge**. Sailing should be perfect; there will be nothing **Like Lightning**, or no need to **Rider on the Storm**.

LOUISE: Well I've heard that Royal Perth Yacht Club is a bit toffee nosed and all.

KAYNE: No not at all! The club is very welcoming. You can wear whatever you want to the daily presentation in the wardrobe. Come in a **Blaze of Glory** or a **Suit of Lights**, or even better still wear your **Hi Heels and Sneakers**.

LOUISE: Well what about off the water? What's planned for after the racing?

KAYNE: **More Small Things** really, like the champagne flag.

LOUISE: Ohh I find champagne **Too Dry**, Martinis for me please!

KAYNE: Yeah I know what you mean I prefer to **Slam Dunc** a beer myself!

LOUISE: What about your wife and kids? And more importantly what about the nightlife? I've heard that Perth is dullsville.

KAYNE: Nah Perth's nightlife is great. **Nothing Suss** about it at all, there's not much of a **Dodgy Element** either. You can go to Claremont, Subiaco or Northbridge for dinner and then party on, or there's quite a few good restaurants near the yacht club in Nedlands.

The city is also really close to the club. Your family can go there for the day, there's shopping, the museum, a fantastic zoo or you could go to the art gallery and catch a **Picasso** or two.

LOUISE: Picasso! That just looks like a lot of **Scribbel** to me!

KAYNE: Kings Park is walking distance from the club; with great wildflowers you may even see a **Violet Femme Fatale** in bloom!

LOUISE: Gee it sounds like great fun but where am I going to stay?

KAYNE: The uni colleges are within walking distance of the club. You could stay in a **SBD** or a **BPR**.

LOUISE: An SBD or a BPR what are they?

KAYNE: A **Single Bed Dorm** (but I've heard that they smell a little) or a **Big Party Room** I think that may be more your style!

LOUISE: Hey Hey Hey... So what about the Social events?

KAYNE: Sure the social events will cater for all from the shortest man to the **Tall-is-man....**

The Welcome BBQ will be outside on the grass, and the presentation night will be upstairs at RPYC, overlooking the beautiful Swan River with spectacular views of the city! We will also try to arrange a Swan Valley wine tour on the lay day.

LOUISE: I reckon that sounds pretty tops so are you going to be there?

KAYNE: Sure am! I **RAN** to grab an entry form as soon as I heard about it. I had to talk the wife into it though, but once I told her about how great Perth was it was fairly easy to **Manipulator**.

LOUISE: Yeah it's best to get permission before you enter. **U&I** don't want to end up stabbed in the back like **Captain Agememnon**.



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“Conversation” cont. from page 19

KAYNE: I’ve even heard that some of the Japanese sailors are going to come! That will give the regatta a real international flavour.... So are you going to come?

LOUISE: Yeah maybe... I think I’ll go if **Ruahine, Naiad, or Unyazi** goes.

KAYNE: **That Skool!** But it’s not a time for **Indecision**. Make some plans and commit to coming. Just quietly I reckon there’s going to be more Victorians than New South Welshmen!

LOUISE: Well it sounds like it’s going to be a great regatta. I also heard that it’s going to be the first major regatta with those new mylar sails. I hear they’re pretty **Slippery When Wet**.... I wonder who is going to win?

KAYNE: Only a **Clarebouyant** would be able to tell you who will be the fastest Tasar in the West!



PAN Australia Shipping:

Can they assist you with your business needs?

PAN Australia Shipping is very generously supporting the 34th Australian Championship. The information below is provided, so that you can determine how PAN Australia Shipping can assist with your business shipping and logistics needs. Please support our sponsor by directing your business to PAN Australia Shipping for all their domestic logistics needs.

PAN Australia Shipping is part of the PAN Logistics Group of Companies, the group consists of the following 3 companies:

- **Pan Australia Shipping**, which provides dedicated **AUSTRALIAN OPERATED** coastal shipping to the ports of Fremantle, Melbourne, Adelaide, Sydney, Brisbane, Bell Bay, over three routes
- **Pan International Shipping**, which offers an International shipping and freight forwarding service for containerised freight into main ports in Japan & China, plus cargos into and out of New Zealand
- **PAN Consulting Pty Ltd**, Specialist Logistics & Supply Chain Consultants, Australian Coastal Shippers, Freight Forwarders, Warehousing & Distribution Solutions. Please note that PAN Consulting only operates on freight legs where PAN Australia Shipping vessels do not operate.

PAN Australia Shipping has established a dedicated **Australian Crewed & Flagged** shipping service, pro-

viding domestic shipping to major Australian ports. The major reason for operating an Australian Flagged and Crewed coastal shipping service is to give back control of Domestic Coastal Freight Movements to Australian interests. This gives certainty of service, creates employment for Australians and assists with the security of Australia’s ports and coastline. PAN’s services offer domestic freight a genuine and reliable alternative to both the rail and road networks.

Until PAN Australia Shipping commenced operating, coastal shipping ex Melbourne to Fremantle was afforded a token service at best, using international carriers controlled by overseas interests, moving freight via Single & Continuous Voyage Permits. With the greatest respect to the international carriers, their focus has been (and continues to be) on deep sea shipping, such that they had no real interest in developing a regular & reliable domestic shipping service from within Australia.

The establishment of PAN’s dedicated Australian Crewed and Flagged Coastal Services offer significant benefit to senders and the community. These can be summarised as follows:

1. Regular & frequent dedicated coastal shipping services & schedule integrity
2. Certainty of service (no more vessels bypassing Melbourne or Fremantle ports)



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"PAN Australia Shipping: Can they assist you with your business needs?" cont. from page 20

3. Certainty of slots (can be guaranteed via contract)
4. Certainty of pricing (locked in for 12 monthly periods via contract)
5. Competitive pricing on single legs
6. Competitive pricing on round tripping (no rail imbalance costs any longer)
7. No penalty for shipping one way or round tripping of your own equipment
8. Wharf cartage efficiency gains
9. Stevedoring efficiency guarantees via performance based contract arrangements
10. No industrial action risk (guaranteed via Maritime Union(s) enterprise agreements)
11. Owned and operated by Australian company for Australian interests
12. Creation of employment for Australians
13. Greater security of Australian ports & coastline
14. Reduced use of road infrastructure and reduction in greenhouse gas emissions

PAN Australia Shipping currently operates the following route:

- **Sydney - Melbourne - Fremantle - Sydney**

This route has a 14 day round trip time, with 2 vessels en route, and a total of 52 services each year.

In September 2006, PAN Australia Shipping will commence operation of the following two services:

- **Melbourne-Bell Bay-Adelaide-Fremantle-Melbourne**

This route has a 14 day round trip time, with 2 vessels en route, and a total of 52 services each year.

- **Brisbane - Sydney - Melbourne - Fremantle - Brisbane**

This route has a 7 day round trip time, with 3 vessels en route, and a total of 156 services each year.

With the implementation of the above routes, PAN Shipping Australia will have created employment for 160+ Australian Seafarers, Officers, Engineers and the like. Significant employment and training opportunities for Australians will be realised, and the monies associated with these opportunities will stay right here in Australia. PAN's vision and business plan will result in significant improvement in efficiency flows through major Australian Ports, some of which are under utilised.

PAN Australia Shipping will operate a domestic shipping service, controlled by an Australian entity, operated by Australians, for Australians.

Please support this great Australian Company and give PAN Shipping Australia your strongest consideration, for all your Australian domestic shipping needs.

Visit to Phuket

Cape Panwa Reconnaissance Mission - July 2006

In a twist of fate, I was able to pay a visit to Phuket just last week to do some reconnaissance of the 2007 World's venue. It just so happens my visit was exactly 12 months prior to next years event so the opportunity to get a feel for the weather and wind conditions that we will most likely experience was invaluable. Our local point man in Phuket, Robert Warnes, hardly allowed a spare hour and we covered an enormous amount of ground in the planning and preparation of Phuket 2007. I'm quietly confident that the regatta environment and sailing conditions will be ideal and that people attending will leave having had a great experience in visiting Thailand as well.

The visit covered a lot of ground so I'll break it up into topics. Most important first.

Weather and Sailing Conditions

July is in the middle of the SW monsoon which resulted, surprise, surprise, in a consistent breeze from the south west! Day 1 of my visit saw 18 knots, Day 2, 10 to 12 knots, Day 3, 8 to 10 knots and Day 4, 15 knots. The wind seemed to blow consistently all day with little variation between morning and afternoon.

The weather was warm in the high 20's and generally fine. There seemed to be high cloud cover most of the time with regular sunny breaks. Humidity varied and there was very little rain to speak of. If there was a shower it came and went in minutes.

I managed to go for a sail on a 59er out to the course area and it will be I believe a very "true" stretch of water on which to conduct a World championship. Courses will be on open water and land influences will be negligible. Depth across the course area is consistent and tidal currents run at a maximum of about 1.2 knots. Enough to be a factor without causing too much grief.

All in all, if the first week of July 2007 is the same as July 2006, wind and weather for the regatta will be ideal.

Cape Panwa Hotel

The management and staff at the hotel could not have been more hospitable and co-operative. Nothing was too much trouble. From a guest perspective, it's a lovely 4 star resort with all the facilities for sailors and families on hand. Rigging will be either on the beach or the lawns just behind under the many coconut



The rigging area for the regatta



View of the race area from race headquarters, wind around 15 knots offshore.

palms. The beach is sandy with no obvious obstacles and there was no wave action the entire time I was there.

From an accommodation perspective, the Superior Rooms are air conditioned and very comfortable, all with balconies and sea views.

There are only a limited number of triple family rooms (13) and villas (6) so book early if you need more than two per room. Likewise there aren't that many non-smoking rooms so again, book your accommodation early. All accommodation is booked via the event website under Accommodation / Booking Form.

There are 10 cafes, bars and restaurants to choose from, with prices varying to suit. A full

Visit to Phuket cont.

hot and cold buffet breakfast is supplied and the poolside Andaman Café will be a great place to catch up with other Tasarites over breakfast and other meal times.

There are a number of restaurants, motorbike rental, massage and tailors within a minutes walking distance as well. How about Jame's Cafe for a lovely lunch of fresh Thai food and Heinkens for three people plus beautiful views over Chalong Bay, all for under \$25. (That's for everyone!) Or, a magnificent Thai massage, 60 minutes for \$8!! These can be found just a minutes walk up the hill from reception.

Other facilities include wireless "hotspot" Internet access in all outdoor, public areas of the hotel, (including the beach) with a business centre with 2 fixed PCs with broadband access. ADSL access can be organised into your room on request. The hotel also has spa treatments, massage, tennis courts, games room, watersports, fitness centre, sauna, foreign currency exchange, and regular shuttle services to Phuket Town (15min) and Patong (40min).

Local Attractions

If you enjoy Thai food, you are in for a bonanza. My hosts Robert and Rhoda Warnes took me to a variety of eating places - from the dodgy roadside eatery (food was magnificent) that tourists normally wouldn't frequent to an up market restaurant in Phuket Town (about 15 minutes drive away with regular shuttle services provided by the hotel.) Food and drinks were ridiculously cheap but variety and quality was great. Can't wait to get back and have some more! (If you don't like Thai food, there are plenty of Western options.)

There are motor bikes for hire just up the road from reception (about \$4 per half day) that enable you to go and explore the local country side and get into Phuket Town on your own if you feel adventurous. It's well worth the experience if you can - just don't do what I did and combine riding with taking video footage at the same time. (We hope to have some streaming video on the event website soon. I hope you will appreciate the footage I spilt blood for!) I personally found it fascinating just riding around the local area and getting a feel for local life in a typical Asian setting.

In order to satisfy the tourist in all of us, we have appointed a local tour operator that will have a desk in the hotel reception area where day tours can be booked. Half day and full day tours include -

- Island hopping, diving, snorkeling
- Sea kayaking
- Shopping,
- Nightlife
- Elephant treks
- Bike tours
- Village tours
- Cultural tours
- City tours
- Fishing

Asian Trails is the tour operator involved and all their tours can be seen on their website at www.asiantrails.net/index.cfm?menuid=285

Race Management

All the necessary items such as committee and rescue boats, marks and buoys, flags, personnel, race headquarters, notice boards, signal mast, measurement and briefing areas, etc, etc have been organised or allocated. The local Phuket sailing community is getting behind the regatta and we should have a good local contingent sail-

Our race headquarters. It even has its own pool next door!



Visit to Phuket cont.

ing as well if we can organise boats for them.

Competitors Facilities

Apart from the items mentioned above, there will be sail repairs and sailboat hardware, rigging and ropes all available from Rolly Tasker's nearby sail loft and chandlery. This is an enormous facility and well worth a visit just to meet Rolly, suck in some Australian sailing history and see what he has built from scratch in the past 12 years. There will also be a local boat builder, Kevin Gillow from Solidair Marine, on hand to help as required. Spare parts will be available on site.

Rolly Taskers has everything to keep us on the water in the way of hardware, rigging, sail repairs and ropes. Container storage and access isn't available at CPH but will be within 5 minutes drive. (The hotel has shuttle buses.) Final details are still being worked out. The nearby Bangkok Hospital will most likely provide a nurse on site at CPH during the regatta and will provide any further medical treatment as required.

Regarding lunches during the regatta, CPH plans to provide a competitors lunchbox at around \$5 which will contain a light meal plus drink for which participants will sign up for the previous evening. Bit like ordering your meal at the tuck-shop. There are good value meal options at the café/bar in the rigging / beach area as well.



Social

The intention with all the social functions is to introduce a local Thai flavour and experience wherever possible. There will be a stand up Welcome Night* function in Otter's Bar which has magnificent views over Makham Bay. The Lay Day function* will be off-site, perhaps at the Kata Beach Resort on the west coast with transport there via double decker buses.

The Presentation Function* will most likely be on the lawns just behind the beach amongst the coconut palms. This is CPH's management's suggestion so it indicates the likelihood of rain from their perspective.

Summary

All in all, the facilities and support offered by Cape Panwa Hotel and the local Phuket sailing community has been terrific. All indications point towards a successful regatta and very enjoyable visit to Phuket for all those attending. While I'm at it, I'd like to thank Tom and Claude our sponsors from Cape Panwa Hotel for their hospitality and support during my visit. Robert Warnes has been working tirelessly to help get things organised and I'd also like to thank him and Rhoda for their magnificent hospitality while I was in Phuket.

See you next July in Thailand!

Jonathan Ross

ENTRY FORM

34th Australian Tasar Championships 29th December 2006 to 5th January 2007, Perth, Western Australia.

Entry Fee \$375.00 by 15th December 2006. After 15th December an additional late entry fee of \$50.00 applies. Cheques should be made out to "Tasar Association of WA Inc."

Boat Name Sail No Club :..... State

YA Membership Number Insurance Company Cover

Helmsperson DOB:..... Sex

Contact address

Tel:..... Email

Crew DOB Sex

YA Membership Number

Contact address

Tel:..... Email

Emergency contact Tel:

Medical conditions we should know about:.....

Shirt Size (XS,S,M,L,XL,XXL) Helmsperson Crew

Social Events: Refer to separate Booking Form on website. Some events not covered by entry fee.
Additional charges will apply for persons other than Helmspersons and Crew.

TERMS OF ENTRY:

Competitors' declaration: We agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 and by all other rules that govern the event. We acknowledge that the sole responsibility for deciding to participate in a race or sail in the Regatta waters between races will be our own.

We further acknowledge and agree that in consideration of our entry into this regatta being accepted (without any obligation on your part to so accept it) our participation is at our own risk. We are totally responsible for the seaworthiness, sufficiency and adequacy of our boat and its equipment. We understand that neither the officers, members and servants of the Tasar Association of WA Inc, The Royal Perth Yacht Club Inc., the Australian Tasar Council nor any other persons assisting with the conduct of this regatta accept any responsibility in respect of any injury or loss to person or property that may be sustained by reason of participation in the regatta or howsoever arising in connection with this regatta.

We understand and agree to abide by the terms detailed above.

Signed (Helmsperson)..... Date.....

Signed (Crew)..... Date.....

If you are under 18 years of age on the 29th December 2006 the following Consent for Junior Competitors is required from your Parent or Guardian:

I.....of.....being parent/legal guardian (please print)

of..... consent to him/her participating in the 34th Australian Tasar Championships and upon terms and conditions set out in this entry form and hereby release organisers and any representative thereof, from any claim or demand that I may have or deem myself to have on my or anyone else's behalf arising out of this regatta.

Signed.....Date.....



NOTICE OF RACE

34th Australian Tasar Championships 29th December 2006 to 5th January 2007, Perth, Western Australia.

The Australian Tasar Council Inc. in conjunction with the Tasar Association of W.A. Inc. and Royal Perth Yacht Club Inc. invite you and your crew to the 34th Australian Tasar Championships to be held in Perth, Western Australia, from 29th December 2006 to 5th January 2007.

1. Organising Authority

The Organising Authority is the Australian Tasar Council Inc. in conjunction with the Tasar Association of the W.A. Inc. and Royal Perth Yacht Club Inc. Perth, Western Australia.

2. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 which includes the Tasar Class Rules.

3. Eligibility

The regatta is open to all Tasar Class boats whose skipper **or** crew are a member of a Yachting Australia (YA) affiliated Club **and** a financial member of a Tasar Association which is a constituent of the World Tasar Council. All competitors shall comply with the ISAF eligibility rules. All competitors will be required to prove their YA membership number as part of the registration process

4. Entry

A completed Entry Form and Entry Fee of AUD \$375.00 shall be lodged with the Race Secretary by the 15th December 2006. Late entries with a corresponding late fee of AUD \$50.00 may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority up 1300 hours on 29 December 2006.

Entry forms and entry fee should be mailed to:

The Regatta Secretary
34th National Tasar Championships
PO Box 676
Claremont WA 6910

5. Advertising

The event will be a Category "C" event as described ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

6. Schedule of Events

Thursday 28 December 2006	0900 – 1630	Early Bird Registration & Measurement
Friday 29 December 2006	0900 –1300	Registration & Measurement
	PM	Invitation race
Saturday 30 December 2006	PM	Heat 1, Heat 2
Sunday 31 December 2006	PM	Heat 3
Monday 1 January 2007	Lay Day	
Tuesday 2 January 2007	PM	Heat 4
Wednesday 3 January 2007	AM	Heat 5, Heat 6
Thursday 4 January 2007	PM	Heat 7 + provision for resail
Friday 5 January 2007	AM	Heat 8 + provision for resail
	PM	Presentation evening

7. Measurement

All boats shall conform to the measurement requirements specified in the Tasar Class Rules. Random measurement checks and inspections may be carried out at any time during the Regatta, from the commencement of registration. A boat notified of inspection shall follow the instructions of the Race Committee.

8. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available upon registration.

9. Regatta Site

The regatta will be conducted from The Royal Perth Yacht Club Inc, Matilda Bay, Perth W.A.

10. Racing Area

The racing will take place in the waters off The Royal Perth Yacht Club Inc, known as Melville Water and shown on chart WA 898 available from the Department of Transport, Western Australia.

11. Courses

A combination of windward/ leeward and triangular courses, as described in the sailing instructions, will be used.

12. Scoring

The Low Point System will apply. Eight races are scheduled. A minimum of five races are required to be completed to constitute a series. If six or more races are completed each boat's worst score will be excluded.

13. Jury

A National Jury may be appointed in accordance with Addendum A Part 2. If a National Jury is appointed, its decisions will be final and the right of appeal denied in accordance with Rule 70.4(b)

14. Buoyancy

All competitors whilst afloat shall wear personal flotation devices which are in good condition and are in accordance with the applicable boating regulations in Western Australia.

15. Support Boats

Team managers, coaches and other support personnel shall stay at least 50 metres outside racing lay lines from the time of the preparatory signal until the finish of the last boat in a race, except when asked to assist by the Race Committee. Failure to comply with this Instruction may result in action being taken by the Protest Committee against the support personnel and/or any boats supported by them.

Support boats shall be marked with a clearly visible at all times yellow flag, carried at least 1.5m above the water and be greater than 400mm x 400mm in dimension.

16. Electronic Communications

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions whilst racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. Mobile telephones are not permitted to be carried while racing.

17. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded for the following:

- Australian Champion;
- Masters Champion – combined ages of helm and crew 80 to 99 years;
- Grand Masters Champion – combined ages of helm and crew 100 to 119 years;
- Super Grand Masters Champion – combined ages of helm and crew 120 years or more;
- First Junior Helm – helm under the age of 19 years;
- First Female Helm.

All ages are calculated on 29 December 2006.

Further prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

18. Rights to Use Name and Likeness

In participating in the 34th Australian Tasar Championships a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television

and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the said event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

19. Entry Disclaimer

It is the competitor's decision to enter the 34th Australian Tasar Championships or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the regatta is at their exclusive risk in every respect. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no liability in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the regatta or how so ever arising in connection with the event.

20. Insurance

All boats competing in the 34th Australian Tasar Championships shall have third party insurance cover of not less than AUD \$5,000,000 (recommended AUD \$10,000,000) or equivalent thereof in any other currency for any accident. All owners/competitors who sign the Entry form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Competitors will be required to produce evidence of such insurance at registration and any competitor not holding this cover shall withdraw their Entry.

21. Further Information

For further information, please contact the following:

The Regatta Secretary
34th National Tasar Championships
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Claremont WA 6910

Email: kayne@graduate.uwa.edu.au
Tel: 0411 699 822