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Upcoming Major Events

SA States & SA/Vic Challenge

3/4 November 2007 - Rivoli Bay

Tasar National Championships

29 December 2007 to 4 January 2008 - Adelaide SC

Ronstan Victorian State Championships

8/9/10 March 2008- Yarrowonga YC

NSW State Championships

21/22/23 March 2008 - Lake McQuarie, NSW

QLD State Championships

5/6 July 2008 - TSC

President's Message

It's a bit difficult knowing where to start this President's report. Still suffering post-Phuket aftershock to some degree and coming back to Melbourne's winter was particularly nasty. I keep wishing I had the chance to go back and sail in the conditions we experienced all over again. The combination of great winds, rolling waves and warm water was magic and the on-shore side of things wasn't too hard to take either. All in all, the feedback we've had from those that attended has been very gratifying. I do believe the Major Events Guidelines were utilised in a very positive fashion when structuring this event and will stand the class in good stead into the future. A huge thank you to all those that did the hard yards in organising the event. The degree of difficulty was an 11 on a scale of 1 to 10 but the team we had pulled together magnificently. Well done to everyone involved (but lets not do it again in a hurry.)

Looking towards the next Worlds in Japan, I have CD presentations given to me by the JTA and can make them available to anybody interested in going to Wakayama in 2009. The Japanese have also put forward a proposal for changing the way voting is carried out at the WTC level. Richard Spencer's report on this proposal is reprinted in this newsletter and a vote will be taken by all Tasar regions on whether to support the change to the class rules. Please contact your state association and voice your support or opposition to this proposal so each region can vote on the issue.

Looking ahead to this season, the Adelaide nationals are approaching at a great rate of knots. Accommodation is tightly held at this time of year so don't leave your booking to the last minute. For all the latest information and news, go to Adelaide Nationals pages at www.tasar.com.au. The SA / Vic Challenge is on again at Rivoli Bay in early November and will also incorporate the SA state ti-

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bles. This will be a great lead-up regatta to the nationals with entrants rumoured from SA, Vic, NSW and WA. Most importantly, you must pre-order your crayfish before the event as they are being, "caught to order." The Victorian states are back at Yarrawonga over the first weekend in March and the NSW states will be held over Easter at Wangi. The Tasar scene is kicking along nicely in Queensland with strong interest in the SE corner while in WA, things are also going well despite a chronic shortage of second-hand boats capping further growth of the class there.

It's because of this nationwide shortage of second hand boats that the ATC is mounting, "Operation No More Cobwebs". There are scores of Tasars sitting in sheds and garages around the country that aren't being used. These boats are desperately needed on the water to satisfy demand from potential new Tasar sailors and to keep the class vital and growing. The ATC is employing some casual help to contact directly every Tasar owner possible in the country to see if we can't flush some of these disused boats back onto the used boat market.

This leads me to another development on the ATC front. The Australian Tasar website is being com-

pletely overhauled and a prominent new feature will be a comprehensive Tasar owner and boat register. Every Tasar owner and sailor will have the opportunity to update his or her profile and boat details. This will be searchable and will become the definitive Tasar record in Australia. The new website is being launched to coincide with this newsletter. Please read the accompanying article on page XXX to find out more.

Looking even further ahead, we now know the 2008/09 nationals to be held in Victoria will be hosted by McCrae YC. Located by Port Philip Bay on the Mornington Peninsula, McCrae and the wider Peninsula area is a holiday mecca with magnificent beaches, rolling countryside, fine food and wineries galore. It's a great place to holiday and even better sailing venue - (hope my home-club bias isn't showing too much!) There will be up to 50 campsites available on the foreshore close to the club so the "all in" atmosphere should be terrific. Mark this one down in your calendar as its only 15 months away!

See you on the water soon.

Jonathan Ross

President, Australian Tasar Council



35th Australian Tasar Championships Adelaide



The 35th Annual National Tasar Championships will be held between December 29th and January 4th at Adelaide Sailing Club in South Australia.

Adelaide is a terrific venue for the next Tasar Nationals - whether it is your first time or perhaps you have been to many Nationals, Adelaide Sailing Club offers great sailing for all.

Some people ask the question "Isn't the surf big in Adelaide?". Well at Adelaide Sailing Club you launch from the beach in a small protected marina where you can head out to the race area in total confidence. Even if you are a relative beginner, or if you have sailed on lakes, rivers and are not used to waves Adelaide is a great venue to experience ocean sailing without rough beach launches. The waters off Adelaide are the Gulf waters of St Vincent and these are protected from open ocean swells with waves typically no more than about one metre high and the distance between these waves is quite a way, so your Tasar sort of sails up and down them going up wind, you almost don't realise they are there. It is when you are on a reach you experience the enjoyment of what your Tasar can do. It is often picked up like a surf board and flies! Adelaide Yacht Club has a live beach web cam on their site where you can see what the beach looks like with constant wind/direction updates - check it out.

The second question is 'What is there to do for the rest of the family while I'm sailing?' and so we are compiling information and web links to point you in the right direction - check out the Nationals website http://www.tasar.com.au/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=13&Itemid=33 for more information.

Finally, National titles are not just for the fanatics to compete for the top dog prize, they are for everyone of all skill levels. The Tasar Class is full of friendly people, come along and you get to be a part of the Tasar scene and make or renew all sorts of friendships.

Notice of Race and Entry Form can be found at the back of this newsletter, or on the website.

See you in Adelaide!



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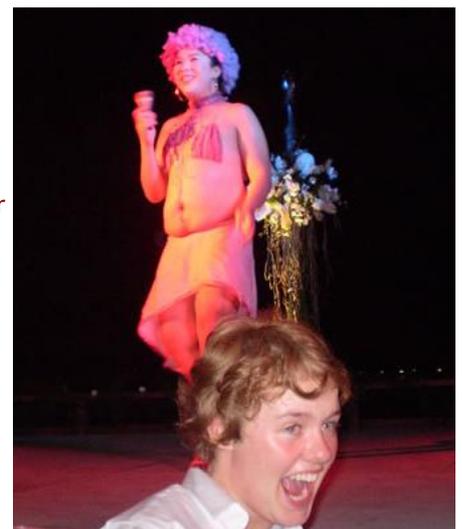
2007 Tasar World Championship - 2 to 11 July Cape Panwa, Phuket, Thailand

Worlds Report - an out-of-body experience reported by Jonathon Ross

Being involved with the recent Phuket Worlds certainly was a slightly surreal experience from a personal perspective. As is always the case with this sort of thing, the build-up is long and slow, culminating with a crescendo of activity and next thing you know, there is only the presentation function hangover to contend with. Competing took on secondary significance this time around but was just as enjoyable as when having a “go hard” attitude. Probably helped our results in the end! Would I get involved and do it all over again? Of course.

I think the best way for me to provide a report on the Phuket Worlds is to provide some personal highlights and things that will stick in the memory for a long time to come. In no particular order, here goes.

- The magnificent sailing conditions - if you enjoy wind and waves that tend on the heavier side of things, this was Tasar heaven. It was just a bit unfortunate when Kyle said to me on some of the reaches as we mounted the top of a bloody big wave, “your not going to catch that *are you!?!?*” Suffice to say, yes we did. Sorry Kyle.
- The Thai food - biggest decision for the day was which local restaurant to wander over to for a feast of Thai dishes. The local seafood restaurant was a highlight where one night a party of 10 feasted on just caught crabs, snapper and other delights for the princely sum of \$100. The food and atmosphere was so good I think we visited 3 times during our stay.
- The easy comradeship of everyone involved in the regatta. Whether it was lazing around the resort poolside, catching up over a relaxing buffet breakfast or snagging a post-race beer or cocktail under the palm trees, it was the friendliest, most relaxed regatta I can remember.
- The hospitality of our Thai hosts at the Cape Panwa Hotel. The staff and management bent over backwards to support our event and nothing was too much trouble. Need a palm frond trimmed, wash-down hose on the beach, entertainment for the welcome night function? Sure, we can help said Claude, the Hotel’s effervescent General Manger.
- The Welcome Night Function. Well, if this doesn’t go down in the Tasar Event Hall of Fame nothing will. We asked Claude for recommendations for wholesome family entertainment with a distinct Thai flavour. Options included traditional sword fighting, acrobatics or perhaps a Cabaret show? What the heck, let’s go for the full-blown entertainment option, we said. Well, some of the kids in the front row have eyes that are still popping at the antics of the Lady-boys Dance troupe. It started off innocently enough but when the “lady” in her string bikini started gyrating and I spied a set of silicon enhanced breasts tastefully decorated with just some nipple pasties about to take centre stage, the lives of the organising committee started to flash collectively before our eyes. With the ping-pong ball jokes starting to come thick and fast from all quarters, I started looking for Claude but he’d gone to ground. Meanwhile the Japanese contingent, who’d been quietly tapping their toes to the show, went ballistic when it was pointed out the entertainers were in fact all men. Must be a Japanese thing. Anyway, the show went on and thankfully the risqué meter didn’t go any higher. To say the Welcome Night broke new ground for a Tasar function would be an understatement - at least everyone knew this wasn’t going to be your average Tasar event!
- Having competitors from Thailand and South Africa. How good was it to see THA and RSA on the sails out on the race-course? It really gave the event a true multinational flavour and our new Tasar Junior World Champion is a Frenchman who represented Thailand! Well done Tom Basquin.
- The comradeship and skill of our organising committee. With Robert Warnes providing local support, our team of Paul, Alistair, Bronwyn, Kevin and Glenys coupled with the dynamic duo of Warren and Glenda pulled off an event that had the potential to go horribly pear-shaped if all the pieced didn’t fit together. Well, the pieces did fit together and there was a collective sigh of relief when even the rain stayed away for the presentation night. Phew, made it!!
- The Presentation Night. I almost had a tear in my eye when I wandered down to Panwa House just as dusk fell. The setting looked magnificent with the table settings and soft lights, palm trees and Mackham Bay glistening in the background. People arrived and just quietly nodded in approval drinking in the scene. The baby elephant then ar-



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rived, as you'd expect at a Tasar function, and proceed to greet the guests. The function got underway, the speeches were made, the prizes awarded and the entertainment began. I'm still laughing at the North American version of, "I'm a Tasar sailor and I'm OK," sung to the Monty Python tune of "I'm a lumberjack..." The memory of Craig McPhee in that little blue number will haunt me and many others for a long, long time.

- Alistair and his daily prize giving presentations. Mr Tasar was in his element and excelled, getting virtually everyone involved at some point. Wouldn't be the same without Alistair, his notebook and his hat.
- The involvement of so many volunteers. From the very first moment that the Worlds in Phuket were announced, we were blessed with a steady stream of people who put up their hands to help. Even when we lassoed a few poor unsuspecting types into the pool of helpers, they did so with hardly a second thought. More than any other Tasar event, we relied on volunteer help to make it happen so a huge thank you from everyone who competed to the volunteers.
- John Gray's Sea Canoeing trip. Managed to take this day trip before the regatta started and certainly was a highlight of the trip to Phuket. Unique and magnificent scenery along with lots of wildlife. Do it if you ever get the chance.
- Sailing with my son Kyle. Kyle has looked at sailing in big winds and seas with more than a bit of trepidation of late. The older he gets the less he seems to like it but that said, he made a commitment to crew for me in Phuket, through thick and thin. It was on about day 3 or 4 when all of Kyle's worst fears were realised. We had the big squall, whiteout conditions, a capsize and then two races in solid breezes and sizeable waves. Well, we got through all that, finished the races and the big grin captured on his face as we pulled the boat ashore says it all.
- The number of mixed crews and family combinations. It seemed the majority of boats had male/female crew combinations and it's a credit to the class that something like 16 out of the top 20 boats were mixed crew combinations. I don't think too many other international classes could boast this.
- The "invisible" job of the race management team. Things weren't looking rosy after the interesting finish laid for the invitation race but thereafter, the team lead by Kevin Wilson and Garry Hosie performed admirably. A measure of their success is how little negative feedback they received from the sailors. Quiet sailors must be happy sailors. The one notable exception being the abandoned race but it wouldn't be a sailing regatta without some controversy. Thank you Mick for keeping up the averages. The team did a magnificent job running on the smell of the proverbial "oily rag".
- Bronwyn Ridgway and her contingency planning. Having the local Thai Navy taskforce on emergency standby was just one element of Bron's attention to detail. My only disappointment was we didn't get to do the planned dummy run with a Navy chopper simulating a Tasar rescue. Reckon that might have been a first. Next time please Bron.
- Celebrating the end of the regatta with Marise and Libby. Michael Quirk being the gentleman he is, provided the ladies and I with icy cold Heinekens while we relaxed in the Andaman Sea after the last race. Not bad at all.
- The Day Trip From Hell. A short boat trip to Phi Phi Island to soak up this tropical paradise sounded like a great idea and an opportunity for some R&R on the lay day. Well, ask Alistair how his day went. Has it all washed out yet Al?
- Paul Ridgway and his magic ministrations. While Alistair and I fantasised about baby elephants and ladyboy cabaret shows, Paul kept his business managers hat on and worked tirelessly keeping everything on track and on budget. While the party maybe over, Paul's job still hasn't finished, tying up the remaining loose ends. (I've got to be extra nice now to Paul - he's now my skipper on an occasional basis. Or does that mean he has to be extra nice to me?) Despite his workload and a rotten case of the flu mid-regatta, still managed to snag 5th place overall - wonder what could have happened if they concentrated? (PS - congratulations on not breaking anything)
- The conviviality of the Jonathan and Libby McKee. What a lovely couple and worthy World Champions.
- The setting. Looking back at some of the photos, wasn't Cape Panwa just a delightful place to holiday, let alone sail from?
- Last but not least, the positive comments and feedback from all those that attended the Phuket Worlds. Makes all those Tuesday night meetings worthwhile.



Jonathan Ross

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NSW Entertainment - Tasar Worlds, Phuket 2007

Presented by: Bethwaite's Blockheads

Entertainment: "Wotchamacallit????"

Advance Australia Fair

Australians all let us rejoice,
 For we are young and there's no Tsunami;
 So Upyzawl Slam Dunc needs oil;
 Our Vlieg Er Eens Uit by sea; (*sung vleegee -oons-irt*)
 Our land abounds in Ridgididge (*sung Riii-gi-didge*)
 Of beauty rich and Clare.....Buoyant (*break after Clare, Buoyant sung loudly*)
 In history's page, It's Just A Faze

Advance Australia Fair,
 We've More Small Things than Sheepstations
 Advance Australia Fair

Beneath our radiant Hudwalloper (*sung Hud-waall-oper*)
 A-game-mnon with hearts and hands; (*sung A Game-m n On with*)

To make Rustafarian Rocket ours (*sung Rust-a-faarian Rocket*)
 Renowned it's The AntzPantz;
 For those who've come across Slipstream (*emphasise Stream, drawn out*)
 We've Strawberry Shake to share;
 Raise Code Flag Z on Platform 9 and ¾ (*break after Platform 9, and ¾ sung quietly*)

To Advance Australia Hair.....of the Dog, (*small break after Hair, of the Dog sung loudly*)
 In Thailand rains, West Coast Sailing
 Advance Australia Fair

Land Down Under

Travelling in a Doof Doof Spaggerwocky (*Spaggerwocky to finish high and drawn out*)

On a Slippery When Wet trail, head full of Chaos Theory
 I met A Stropky Princess, she made me nervous
 Kai Ona took me in and gave me Dutch Treat(s) for breakfast
 And she said,

"Do you come from a land down under?"

Where Firefly(s) glow and men plunder?
 Can't you hear, Stormbring-er the thunder? (*sung Storm-bring-the*)
 Waimukabout, you better take cover."

Buying a Galah from a man with a Bad Chukkel (*Chukkel to finish high and drawn out*)

He was Funny Look'n with More Edge than Trouble

I said, "Do you speak-a my language?"

Brunhild smiled and gave me a Mango Chilli sandwich

And he said,

"U and I come from a land down under

Where Dry White flows and men chunder

Can't you hear, Hakuna Matata? (*sung Hakuna Maataata, drawn out*)

It's a Miracle, Porgy can run, What A Pearler." (*sung Miracle, pause, Porgy can run?*)

Lying in a den in Naiad (*sung Ny-aaaaid and to finish high*)

With a Well Heeled jaw, but not much to say

I said to the man, "Are you trying to tempt me

Because Tugela bought me Single Malt whiskey?"

And he said,

"Oh! Do you come from a land down under? (oh yeah yeah)

Where a Dodgy Element won't glow and men are the Manipulator? (*sung quite fast*)

Did you hear, Alexander and Assoc (iates) blunder? (*Associates sung in full*)

You better gybe, Tallisman On Tour is going to cover."

Living in a land down under

Where the Afternoon deLIGHT glows and men ponder? (*emphasis on Light, de is soft*)

Need a beer, Something Sirius before I chunder

You better tack, away from Megaptera." (*sung Mega-pa-terraaa, drawn out*)

Living in a land down under

Where Sufferin Succotash's Bail out men who plunder (*Succotash sung softly*)

Can't you hear, Baby Bluga('s) thunder

You better run Scoop, Chance it's all Game On." (*sung... Scoop, then slight pause...*)

The End

Proposal to use weighted voting to change the Tasar Class Rules and Constitution

At the Tasar World Council meeting in Phuket, on July 3, 2007, the Japan Tasar Association presented the following proposal to use weighted voting for changes to the constitution and class rules:

Proposed Method of Weighted Voting:

- voting would continue to be by district & region, as at present
- the district or region with the smallest number of members would have one vote
- all other districts & regions would have additional votes, in proportion to the number of members in the region or district - ie.

Region or district	A	B	C
Number of members	20	50	80
Votes	1	2.5	4

The World Council passed following motion:

"That Tasar class members be asked to vote on whether to adopt the proposed method of weighted voting for changes to

the World Tasar Class Association constitution and class rules."

The vote on this proposal will use the present provisions of the constitution (see Article 17

<http://www.tasar.org/wtca/constitution/const_isaf.html#section_17>)

and class rules (see rule B.4

<http://www.tasar.org/wtca/rules/rules_isaf_b.html>) which require

that at least two thirds of the 10 regional and district associations vote in favour of the proposed change.

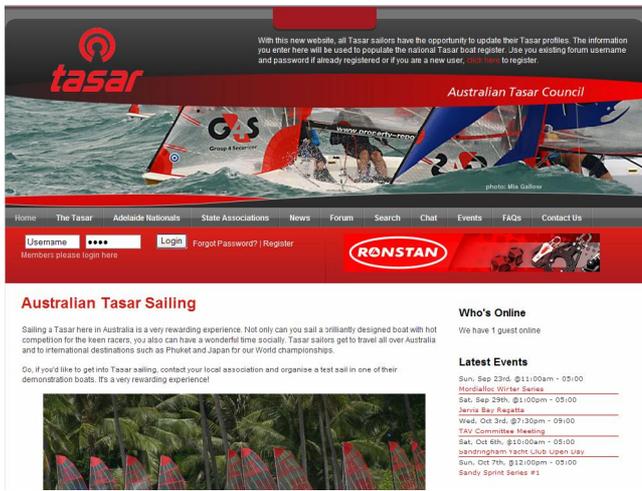
If the proposal is approved:

- The "number of members" for each district or region would be the number reported to the Executive Secretary in December of the year before a proposal is circulated for voting.
- all the weighted votes of each district or region would be either for or against the proposal being voted on.
- approval of a proposal would require two thirds of the weighted votes to be in favour.
- the class rules and constitution will be amended to incorporate the change.

Your district or region will be asking you to vote on this proposal.

Richard Spencer

Executive Secretary



The new Australian Tasar website

After a period of not being particularly happy with the existing Australian Tasar website, the ATC decided to take the plunge and completely rebuild the site using the latest Content Management System application available. The old site was an amalgamation of various features such as the forum, photo galleries and boat register all cobbled together into a site that used the Yachting Australia backend. All rather cumbersome and a nightmare to administer.

Well, welcome to the 21st century - the new site has many new features but most importantly, everything is contained within the one application so one user name and password will unlock a whole host of features for you.

So what's new?

Most importantly, we would like every Tasar sailor to update their personal and boat details in the new Tasar Sailor and Boat register. You need to be logged into the site to update your profile. Existing forum users can update their profiles by using their existing usernames and passwords. Just open the "Tasar Control Panel" at the top of the website. If you are not a forum user, use the "register" link in the same control panel and create a new profile for yourself. Once everybody has updated their profiles, we will have a comprehensive directory that will be easy to search and promote communication amongst all Tasar sailors. Make sure you have a nice photo of yourself for your profile!

There is also:

- A fully featured & functional events calendar to provide comprehensive event information on a state by state basis.
- A new forum that includes a much more modern and interesting user experience.
- Every state has its own dedicated area that is being updated with fresh content on an ongoing basis.
- The ability to easily create and add images to new photo galleries
- A new chat room feature - especially for Nicole and her crew on a Thursday evening.
- A Latest News and News Flash feature
- Banner advertisements - you can advertise on the site for a small fee and help the ATC raise some revenue for further Tasar promotion

As with any website, this one will only be as good as the information posted on it. The beauty of this CMS is that the ATC has full control over the backend access and can set-up anybody nominated by your state association to act as your own webmaster(s).

The new site is still being "finished off" and there is more content being added. Please be patient as it slowly comes together - I think this will be a great resource for all Tasar sailors around the country. Please make sure you login or register and update your profile. If you are having difficulty, please refer to the FAQ section or use the contact form to request assistance. I don't charge much!!!

Jonathan Ross

A letter from Bruce Paine - previously of Tasar 2183

Hi from Tokyo.

As some of the Tasar group are aware, the Paine family (or at least 3/4 of us) moved to Tokyo in mid 2006.

We've gradually settled into work, school and other activities, including sailing on an older, but sailable, Tasar (no. 23??). How we came by it is a good story.

I first went down to the Enoshima club (which I think is the nearest to Tokyo on the ocean, as distinct from Tokyo Bay) in around October 2006. Phil Ingram, a former Tasar and Laser sailor from Canberra, was showing me around.

A few Tasars were gathered, practicing for a regatta a couple of weeks later. Some of the boats and crews were sailing very well. A couple of weeks later, courtesy of Phil's Japanese language skills, we were offered a Tasar for free provided we paid the berthing - as you might have guessed the annual fee is about the same value as the boat. Anyway we took up the offer.

Phil and his wife have been living in Japan for over 10 years. He had a couple of Japanese mates who were interested, so we now have 4 equal shares.

We went for our first sail (3 up, but total weight probably only about

180kg) in late April at Enoshima. Great conditions - 15 knots, about 20 degrees Celsius (although cool water). The sea breeze kept building, so we came in after a couple of beats and nice broad reaches with the pole up.

We could see Mt Fuji covered in snow while reaching downwind - quite spectacular. I understand that sailing conditions go downhill during summer (light winds and very humid).

The Enoshima club building was apparently constructed for the 1960 Olympics (and little has changed since, but it's still very functional).

The rest of the club fleet

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Local, State and Territory Reports



South Aussie News

What a great time the Crow Eaters had in Phuket. Once again, a fantastic effort by the organising committee. We may not have come home with the big trophy but our 'Village People' presentation, was standout entertainment on presentation night.

The Australia Day weekend State Titles is a long way away now but we should give a brief report:

With a deep low down south this was an uncharacteristically cool and windy weekend. Half the races were with 20-25 knot winds and 2 to 2.5 metre waves. One race had to be abandoned when a rescue boat was swamped!

More Small Things (Craig McPhee and Gill Berry) dominated. Second spot was closely contested by Hard Attack (Sean Hackett and Marisse Hannaford), Hudwalloper (Kym and Skye Widdows) and Cows With Guns (Chris Todd and Brett Harris). Sean won this battle, despite the handicap of dacron sails, and will be one to watch in the upcoming Nationals. Blow 'em Away (Russell Steele and Jack Dunsord) continues to show great form as a junior and despite the old dacron sails finished well in every race.

This year's states will be contested at Rivoli Bay as part of the SA-Vic challenge weekend in early November. Victoria will be hard pressed to hang onto this trophy, as S.A. will field a strong team.

Our Billabong Regatta (picture above) was again a lot of fun, with some good racing. We were blessed with warm weather, 8-15 knot breezes for our racing and calm, mild evenings to enjoy our champagne flag celebrations and barbeques around the campfire.

14 boats fronted the Day 1 start-line and, despite their scratch handicap, the four races were dominated by Code Flag Z (Brett Young and Kevin Kellow). The stern chaser race was a beauty, with the first 10 boats finishing within 40 seconds of each other.

Who said sailing is not a spectator sport? With the start/finish line 50 metres from shore and a short diamond shaped course in front of them, all not sailing pulled up a chair, grabbed a drink and donned the sunnies to watch the action.

Day 2 belonged to Tramuntana (Bob Wright and Gill Berry), as they sailed consistently fast (with dacron). Bob and Gill also took home the overall Billabong trophy, narrowly won from Blow 'em Away, sailed well by Russell Steele and Peter Nicholson.

The most pleasing aspect of this year's regatta was the new faces from around the State. Mr Bean (Alan and Tina Moore) joined us from Port Pirie, while our six new sailors from Goolwa all joined in the fun - welcome Bill and Peg Offler, Mick and Jackie Edgar and John and Helen Bowlden.

As long as there's water in the lagoon, it will be on again in 2008, Anzac Day weekend.

At Somerton we are looking forward to another good season with fleets of 10-15 tasars the norm and it's with some sadness that we'll be saying goodbye to Ian James and Michelle Jahn, as they head off to live and work in Darwin. They have been heavily involved in our racing and social scene. So while Somerton loses two good people and two good boats, the Darwin fleet is bolstered. On the positive side, Mark Conry, third in the Melbourne World's, is back in a tasar and raring to go in October.

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mainly comprises 470s (plus a Japanese designed look a like), Lasers (and another copy), and then everything else including a few Tasars.

I think many of the Tasars sail at another club that is on Tokyo Bay - I've yet to find it though. Anyway, it's nice

to get down the Pacific Ocean at Enoshima.

At this stage we haven't any plans for competition - too many other things to do including some bike riding.

We've also been trying to make the most of being in Japan and have been up to Sapporo for the snow and ice festival, down to Kyoto and Nara for some history, and round about Tokyo for weekends away.

Best wishes Bruce Paine (previously Tasar 2183)



Craig & Gill round a mark at the SA states

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Rivoli Bay, SA

We have a great Tassar weekend coming up at Rivoli Bay on the Melbourne Cup weekend, November 3 & 4. This has been a very popular weekend for the South Australian's and Victorian's to get together and race it out on the water. A trophy is at stake for the winning state to take home after some good old wholesome racing.



This year we are holding the SA State Titles as well so there will be a huge incentive to be there and do well. The program is as follows:

Saturday 3rd	morning - Registrations & setup 13:30 start - 3 Races back to back Seafood Tea
Sunday 4th	9:30 Start - 3 Races back to back 12:30 Sausage sizzle and Presentations



There are a lot of people that arrive the night before and also stay to Monday or Tuesday, just to make it a wonderful relaxing weekend. A group of mad 4WD drivers went for a drive in the sand dunes last year and had a ball. It looks like it will be happening again this year, covering a different part of the great coast line (let's see if we can get some Vics bogged this time). This will be held on the Sunday after Presentations. Any questions please call Evan Steele on 08-87231015 or 0428712721.

Alternatively you can ask for information on the Tassar Forums or just join in on the discussion about the weekend on:

<http://www.tassar.com.au/tasarmessages/viewtopic.php?t=1130>

Please indicate your intentions and anyone else that you know of on the forum so that we have an idea of numbers for catering purposes.

Hope to see you there.

Evan Steele
2551 Magic Moments

TANSW turns to training for 07/08 season

The TANSW summer calendar is kicked off this year for the first time with a weekend purely focused on training. The overall goal for the TANSW in the 2007/2008 season is to lift the overall standard of the NSW fleet through sharing knowledge and building rigging, racing and regatta preparation skills within the class.

The idea to have a training weekend was circulating through the committee for some time, and with the news of the APEC weekend and possible chaos in Sydney for the 8th and 9th September, the opportunity was taken to create a unique coaching weekend.

Sailors camped and stayed up at Speers Point Amateur Sailing Club, with various people leading coaching over the course of the weekend. Rob Douglass came to the event without a boat, simply to get out on the water and help TANSW members get ready to make the most of the upcoming season.

In addition to on water sessions looking at sail trim and technique, there were land based topics such as rigging, rules and even looking over the GPS tracks from the Worlds.

This is the first in many coaching weekends for the TANSW - with both Bethwaite Series (10th & 11th Nov Wangi and 1st & 2nd March Woollahra) having a coaching debrief after both days of racing.

If you are interested in getting some coaching from your fellow sailors, or if you have something to add to debriefs that could benefit the fleet make sure you come along to these particular events - and any other in the TANSW program (On Page X in this Newsletter)!

Nicole Douglass
TANSW Publicity Officer
Chukkel 2710

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Queensland Tasar Association News Spring Series Start 2007 @ RQYS

Tasars start spring series at Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron Manly in their own division.

South East Queensland Spring Series at RQ Saturday 1 September kicked off in their own division with five keen crews eager to bed in first round points for the season.

Two additional Tasars joined the fleet at RQ through the winter frostbite series making six in total, thus establishing a Tasar Class Division within the club.

On the day, the new fleet got a taste of how the Tasar performs in light winds. As half the crew are young (in experience) it was perfect conditions to enjoy competition, some for the first time.

The light winds certainly favoured the lighter combinations though the experienced crew in "Rattle and Hum" took first place followed by 768 'Blue Peter' with a close third going to "Steel'n Wind".

All in all it was a good start to the series and great signs for a growing class at Royal Queensland.

Thumbs up for a cracker of a season in South East Queensland.



Queensland Tasar Association Key Events

2007

Mission Beach Regatta, MBSC
20/10 - 21/10

BBC Fleet Series, MYCQ
28/10, 4/11, 11/11, 18/11, 25/11
(2-3 races per day)

Sail Brisbane, RQYS
9/12 - 12/12

2008

SQ Tasar Coaching Workshop or Match
Racing Regatta, SBSC (details TBC)
26/1 - 28/1

The Great Race, SYC Hollywell
9/2

Big River Annual Regatta, BRSC
15/3 - 16/3

May Day Regatta, TSC
3/5 - 5/5

Sprint Regatta, Townsville
7/6 - 9/6

QLD Tasar State Championships, TSC
5/7 - 6/7

NSW Tasars sail in pink to support Breast Cancer Network Australia

Proudly supporting

NSW Tasar sailors are set to adorn their boats in pink on October 27th to raise funds for Breast Cancer Network Australia (BCNA).

Boats will sail from clubs around the harbour including Woolahra and Balmoral from Midday to meet at a central point on the harbour (dependent on weather and participant numbers).

Once all of the boats bows adorned with BCNA's symbol, the Pink Lady, converge, they will progress together to Watsons Bay for a Chicken and Champagne luncheon.

Jennifer Ramsay, a Tasar sailor, was supported by BCNA before, during and after her successful cancer treatment, which initiated the idea of the TANSW holding the event.

"Thanks to BCNA I have made it through the toughest time of my life. The My Journey kit and website were fantastic resources. I'm not sure how I would have managed without them. I can't wait to celebrate my survival of Breast Cancer

with all my Tasar sailing mates", said Jennifer.

A large proportion of women make up the Tasar fleet which makes support and awareness of breast cancer and also BCNA services particularly relevant. BCNA provides free information resources to women diagnosed with breast cancer.

All those who take part on the day will be donating to the BCNA, in return for lunch and a chance to win prizes and bonus points in the NSW Tasar Travellers Trophy Series.

To donate to BCNA visit the all are most welcome to join us in sailing on the 27th October, or go to www.bcna.org.au

The event website is:

<http://ahoypinkladies.googlepages.com>



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Queensland Tasar Association news - SEQ FrostBite 2007



South East Queensland Winter Regatta @ Southport Yacht Club

SEQ Tasar competitors enjoyed a very successful weekend with seven Tasars competing at the Dinghy Winter Regatta at Southport Yacht Club. We certainly were a presence on the rigging lawns attracting plenty of attention.

Some rough statistics from the weekend indicated it was a huge effort. Eleven of the fourteen Tasar sailors were competing at their first Tasar regatta, four of the boats and crew at their first ever regatta and two crews sailing their first ever race. Also of note was the fact that we had a 50/50 gender split and ages ranged from 11 to well an older, more mature age bracket.

Another interesting point to note was the fact that we had two thirty year old Tasars with consecutive numbers, being 768 and 769. Both were extremely competitive with 768 (Blue Peter) taking first prize overall.

“769” and “Rattle and Hum” contest second place Race 3.

Tasar Association Victoria events calendar

2007

- Winter Series - Sundays in Aug/Sept - Mordialloc SC
- Sandy Sprint Series #1 - Sun 7 October - Sandringham YC
- Sail Sandy - Sat/Sun 20/21 October - Sandringham YC
- Training Day - Sun 28 October - Westernport YC
- VIC/SA Challenge - Sat/Sun 3/4 November - Rivoli Bay YC
- Four of a Kind - Sat/Sun 10/11 November - Chelsea YC
- Bethwaite Series - 24/25 November - Royal Geelong YC
- Sandy Sprint Series #2 - Sun 2 December - Sandringham YC
- Short Course Champs - Sat 8 and/or Sat 15 December - Mordialloc YC

2008

- National Champs - 29 December 2007 to 4 Jan 2008 - Adelaide SC
- Sandy Sprint Series #3 - Sun 3 February - Sandringham YC
- Short Course Champs - Sat 2 February (invitation only) - Docklands YC
- Sandy Sprint Series #4 - Sun 2 March - Mornington YC
- Ronstan Victorian State Champs - 8/9/10 March - Yarrowonga YC
- Sandy Sprint Series #5 - Sun 6 April - Sandringham YC
- NSW State Champs - 21/22/23 March - Lake McQuarie, NSW
- Winter Championships - 7/8/9 June - Latrobe Valley YC

Congratulations Nicole Kidman on successfully completing the Oxfam Trailwalker!

Nic's team "Walkers of Mass Distraction" finished in 35 hours and survived "the usual blisters, knee and hip injuries, rain and snakes" - gee, sounds like great fun!

They have raised close to \$12,000 so far - you can donate up until 26 October via the web address below:

<http://www2.oxfam.org.au/trailwalker/Sydney/team/333>



NSW Tasar Events for season 2007/2008

Date	Event	Location
8 th & 9 th Sep	Welcome Back Training Weekend	Speers Point ASC
29 th to 30 th Sep	Jervis Bay Regatta	Callala Bay
27 th October	Breast Cancer Charity Event	Sydney Harbour
3 rd & 4 th November	SA State Titles	Rivoli Bay
10 th & 11 th Nov	Bethwaite Series	Wangi Wangi
24 th & 25 th Nov	ACT Champs	Canberra Yacht Club
Dec 29 th 07-Jan 4 th 08	Adelaide Nationals	Adelaide Yacht Club
1 st & 2 nd March	Bethwaite Series	Woollahra
16 th March	Kurnell Cup	Kogarah Bay SC
21 st - 24 th March	NSW States	Wangi Amateur SC
26 th - 27 th April	ANZAC Regatta	Batemans Bay

35th Australian Tasar Championships

29 Dec 2007 to 4 Jan 2008 - Adelaide SC



**Entry Form for the 35th Australian Tasar Championships.
29th December 2007 to 4th January 2008, Adelaide SA.**

Skipper	
AYF Number	
Address	
Postcode	
Phone	
Email	
Club	
Association	
D.O.B	
T Shirt Size	S M L XL 2XL

Crew	
AYF Number	
D.O.B	
T Shirt Size	S M L XL 2XL

Boat Name	
Sail Number	
Sponsorship ?	

<i>Combined crew ages</i>				
Female Helm	Junior Helm [under 20]	Master [80—99]	Grandmaster [100-120]	Super Grand Master [> 120]
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Entry Fee \$450 [Discounted to \$400 if paid prior to 15th Nov 2007] Please make cheques payable to Adelaide Sailing Club or via credit card through their web site	
Entry Fee	[\$400] or [\$450] \$
Additional tickets for Welcome Night	_____ @ \$15 [under 16's are \$5] \$
Additional tickets for Presentation Dinner	_____ @ \$40 [under 16's are \$15] \$
Additional tickets for New Years Eve	_____ @ \$20 [under 16's are \$5] \$
Extra T shirts (state sizes)	_____ @ \$35 \$
Total remittance enclosed	\$

In accordance with the terms set out below and with the Notice of Race., I acknowledge that I have the appropriate Insurance cover for my yacht and agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and by all other rules that govern this event and rules of the Adelaide Sailing Club.

Signed Skipper : Date

Please forward your completed entry form to Adelaide Sailing Club, PO Box 28, Glenelg SA 5045
Cheques payable to *Adelaide Sailing Club* please

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35th TASAR AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

NOTICE OF RACE

The Australian Tasar Council as the organising authority has contracted the Adelaide Sailing Club to conduct the 35th Tasar Australian Championship on the waters of Gulf St Vincent, at West Beach, South Australia from 29th December 2007 to 4th January 2008

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia will apply.
- 1.3 The Rules of the Australian Tasar Class will apply.

2. ADVERTISING

The regatta is designated a Category C event in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code. The forward 25% of the hull is reserved by the regatta organizing committee for display of advertising by event sponsor(s). Boats intending to carry advertising should provide details of their sponsors on the entry form attached. Entrants shall be advised if they are in conflict with the event sponsor(s). Tobacco and related product advertising shall not be permitted

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Tasar Class, which can comply with the Rules of the Class Association.
- 3.2 All skippers and crews shall be financial members of a Tasar Association which is a constituent of the World Tasar Council.
- 3.3 All skippers and crews shall be a member of a Yachting Australia affiliated sailing club in compliance with Rules 46 and 55. Presentation of a valid Australian Yachting Membership card at Registration is proof of current membership. International Entrants will also need to provide proof of membership to their countries Yachting Authority.
- 3.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and sending it, together with the required fee, to be received by the organising authority no later than 15th November 2007.
- 3.5 Post entries to: Tasar Championship, c/- Adelaide Sailing Club, PO Box 28, Glenelg SA 5045
- 3.6 Late entries will be accepted until 1200 hours on 29th December 2007

4. FEES

- 4.1 Required fees are as follows:

Entry fee:	AUS\$400.00
Late fee after 15th November 2007:	AUS\$450.00
- 4.2 Payment may be made by cheques (payable to the Adelaide Sailing Club) or by Credit Card by phoning the Adelaide Sailing Club (08 8294 3232) during office hours. Please quote your Boat Number and Surname as your payment reference.
- 4.3 The Entry Fee will include a Regatta Shirt and Hat for the Skipper and Crew plus 2 Welcome Night Tickets, 2 Presentation Dinner Tickets and 2 New Years Eve Function Tickets.

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5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1 Registration, Measurement and Boat Inspection:
Friday 29th December 2007 between 1000 and 1600 hours and
Saturday 29th December 2007 between 0900 and 1100 hours.

5.2 Dates of racing:

Event	Day	Date	Warning Signal
Invitation Race	Saturday	29th December 2007	1300 hours
Race Day 1	Sunday	30th December 2007	1300 hours
Race Day 2	Monday	31st December 2007	1000 hours
Lay Day	Tuesday	1st January 2008	No racing
Race Day 3	Wednesday	2nd January 2008	1300 hours
Dash for Cash	Wednesday	2nd January 2008	After racing
Race Day 4	Thursday	3rd January 2008	1300 hours
Race Day 5	Friday	4th January 2008	1000 hours

- 5.4 The warning signal shown above is for the first race on each day.
5.5 There will be a maximum of three races per day.
5.6 There shall be no warning signal after 1400 hours on the last day of racing.

6. MEASUREMENTS

- 6.1 Boat measurement and crew weigh-in will be in accordance with the Tasar Class Rules.
6.2 Boats may be inspected for safety equipment and measurement compliance at any time during the regatta.
6.3 It is the responsibility of each entrant to provide any supplementary weights necessary to ensure compliance with Tasar Class Rule 29. These must be presented at Registration. The Race Committee may reject at its discretion any form of supplementary weight it considers unsuitable.
6.4 A Personal flotation device for each crew member which shall comply with Yachting Australia Safety Regulations, Personal buoyancy R1.2 (a) PFD of (b) PFD 2 shall be presented at registration.
6.5 Random measurement and compliance checks will be made through out the series at the discretion of the Race committee.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at registration.

8. VENUE

- 8.1 The regatta will be conducted at the Adelaide Sailing Club on the waters of on the waters of Gulf St Vincent, at West Beach, South Australia
8.2 The map on Attachment 1 shows the location of the club and the approximate racing area.
Further details are available on the Adelaide Sailing Club website at: www.adelaidesailingclub.com.au

9. THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed shall consist of equilateral triangles and windward return as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 shall apply.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
11.2 Appendix A9 shall apply to this regatta.
11.2 10 races are scheduled and 4 required to be completed to constitute a series.
11.3 When 5 to 7 races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
11.5 When 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

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12. SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay at least 200 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first division to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 12.2 Support boats shall be marked by displaying flag O of a minimum size of 400 by 500mm, conspicuously at all times.
- 12.3 All crew members on support boats shall, at all times when afloat, wear a personal flotation device which shall comply with Yachting Australia Safety Regulations, Personal buoyancy

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

14. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

- Perpetual trophies for the Championship,
- Masters (aggregate age 80-99 years),
- Grand Masters (aggregate age 100 years and over),
- Super Grand Masters (aggregate age 120 years and over),
- First Lady Helm.
- First Junior Helm
- Prizes awarded to the skipper and crew of the first three finishers of each division
- Other prizes may be awarded arbitrarily by the race organisers.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

16. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of not less than AUD \$5,000,000 (recommended AUD \$10,000,000)

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

The Race Secretary	Robin Uhe	(08) 8296 2931	uhe@internode.on.net
or	David Ingleton	(08) 8341 5710	dingo@picknowl.com.au

Details of social events, meetings and other activities during the regatta are shown on the Regatta Information Sheet included as Attachment 2.

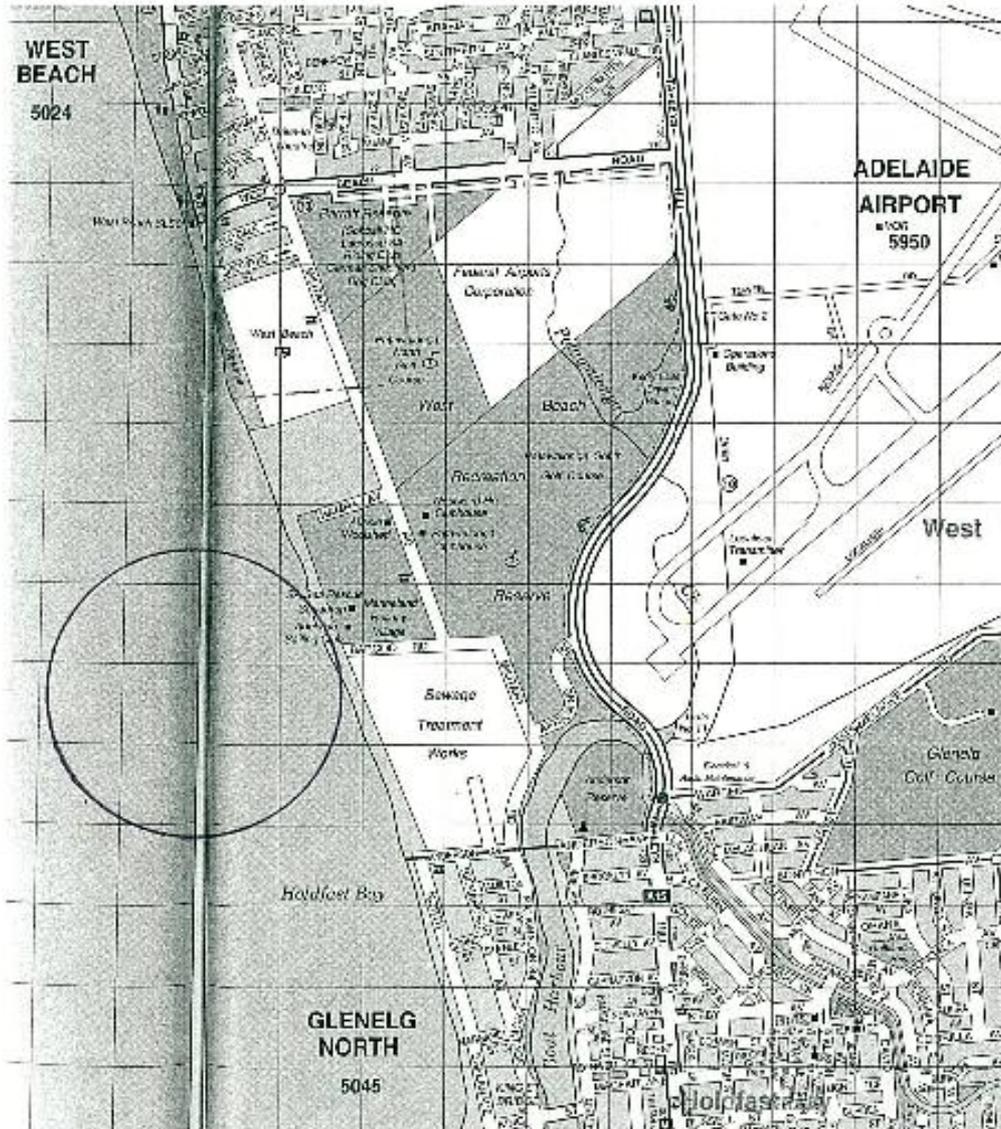
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ATTACHMENT 1.

This is a map of the local area showing major access routes and marks with a circle the approximate location of the course area.



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ATTACHMENT 2.

35th Tasar 2007 Australian Championship

Regatta Information

DASH For Cash Event

The DASH for Cash will follow scheduled racing on Wednesday, 2nd January 2008, and will depend on suitable weather conditions. Boats will sail to Somerton Beach after completion of the last Heat for the Race Session and assemble in the divisional groups. Each Division will start Le Mans style, Division 3 will start first, followed by a time interval then Division 2, then after a further time interval, Division 1. Competitors will sail back to Adelaide Sailing Club, and cross a finish line located on land near the Yacht Club. Cash Prizes will be presented specifically for this event and this event will not form any part of the Championship results.

Welcome Function and Official Opening

Welcome drinks and the official opening will be held at Race Headquarters at 6.00pm, Saturday 29th December, 2007. All competitors and supporters are invited to attend. Cost of this function is included in your entry fee. Bookings of additional tickets for this function are essential and can be made on the entry form

Australian Tasar Council Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Australian Tasar Council will be held at 7.00pm Wednesday 2nd January, 2008. All delegates and observers are cordially invited to attend. If the meeting runs out of time and needs to be reconvened, the evening of Thursday the 3rd of January will be set aside for the rest of this meeting.

Presentation Dinner

A presentation dinner and prize giving will be held on Friday 4th January, 2008 at the Adelaide Sailing Club commencing at 6.30pm. All competitors and supporters are invited to attend. Two adult tickets to this function are included in your entry fee. Bookings of additional tickets for this function are essential and can be made on the entry form.

Accommodation

See links provided via Adelaide Sailing Club Web Site

Regatta Shirt

A Regatta shirt has been designed, The Regatta title and logo is displayed on the shirt..

The sizing is as follows;

Small = 90, Med = 95, Large = 100, XL = 105, 2XL = 110

2 shirts will be included with your entry, you must indicate sizes for these 2 shirts on the entry form.

Extra shirts may be purchased for \$35 each, please advise sizes for these also on your entry form.

T-Shirts may be collected during registration.

Contact Tasar Association of SA

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