

Tasar Association of Victoria – President’s Report

It has been another strong and encouraging year for the Tasar class in Victoria, with excellent participation across our events and strong engagement from sailors throughout the state.

One of the highlights of the season was the **Victorian State Championships**, which attracted a very healthy fleet of **28 entries**. This is a great turnout and reflects the ongoing enthusiasm for Tasar racing in Victoria.

Victorian sailors also travelled in good numbers to the **Australian National Championships at Wallaroo**, continuing our tradition of strong representation at national events. It was great to see such a competitive Victorian contingent on the water.

Looking ahead to the **Tasar World Championships in Okinawa**, the level of interest from Australian sailors has been exceptional. From Victoria alone we currently have **16 boats shipping to Japan**, forming part of a **21-boat container shipment** heading to Okinawa. In addition, there is the possibility of **two containers from New South Wales** and a smaller shipment from Queensland. **With over 100 boats already entered**, the event is shaping up to be a truly outstanding world championship.

The willingness of Victorian sailors to travel internationally is one of the great strengths of the Tasar class. As an association we recognise how important this international engagement is to the class, and the **Victorian Association has been pleased to contribute financially to assist with container shipping**. The Tasar’s strong global participation is a unique and valuable characteristic of the class, and supporting it helps ensure the continued health of Tasar sailing worldwide.

Training and development have also been a focus this season, with **several well-attended training sessions** providing valuable opportunities for sailors to improve their skills and connect with others in the fleet. These sessions continue to play an important role in strengthening the class.

The Victorian calendar once again featured a **strong series of events**, giving sailors plenty of opportunities to get on the water and race throughout the season.

Looking ahead, don’t forget the **Lake Boga Easter regatta**, which continues to be a favourite event for many in the fleet and a great way to combine competitive sailing with the social side of the class.

Financially, the **Association remains in a healthy position with a solid bank balance**, allowing us to support key initiatives such as international participation, training activities and class promotion.

Finally, a quick word on **social media and communication**. Maintaining an active online presence is increasingly important for keeping our members informed, promoting our events, and showcasing the great sailing happening within the class. Continuing to build this presence will help us attract new sailors and keep the Tasar community connected.

Thank you to all the volunteers, organisers, clubs and sailors who contribute their time and energy to the Tasar class in Victoria. Your efforts continue to make the class strong, welcoming and competitive.