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Tasar Major Events

2003 Tasar World Championships
Victoria, British Columbia, Canada
Friday 20, June 2003 to Friday 27, June 2003

27th NSW Tasar State Titles
Wangi Wangi RSL Amateur Sailing Club
Friday 9, April 2004 to Monday 12, April 2004

Victorian Tasar State Titles
Yarrowonga Yacht Club
Saturday 6, March 2004 to Monday 8, March 2004

31st Australian Tasar Championships
Mission Beach Sailing Club, Queensland
Saturday 3 July 2004 to Saturday 10 July 2004

2005 Tasar World Championships
Darwin, Northern Territory
July School Holidays 2005

President's Message

Firstly, thank you to those who provided feed back on the last edition of the newsletter, it was mostly positive. If anyone has further comments please let me have them.

I would also like to thank all those who have contributed to this edition, there is a good cross section of reports.

It is good to see there is some renewed Tasar activity in SE Queensland. While the numbers are small it is a good base to work from.

There is a reprint of an article by Richard Longbottom that appeared in a newsletter in 1989. If anyone has any articles worthy

of reprinting please send them to me.

The 2003 Tasar Worlds will be starting shortly (20 June) and there are 20 Australian boats entered. From all the emails it appears it will be a great event and I would like to wish all those competing good luck, good sailing and a safe trip. I look forward to receiving some great articles to publish in the next Newsletter.

I plan to produce the next edition of the newsletter in September. So please send me your articles by early September.

Good Sailing.
Chris Parkinson

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2003 Tasar World Championships Victoria British Columbia Canada

Twenty Australian boats are on their way to Canada for the 2003 Tasars Worlds and it is hoped that they would have arrived there by the time you read this. The shipping has been arranged through the AYF and P&O Nedlloyd and we thank them for their assistance.

The following sailors make up the Australian contingent;

941	Bryan & Moira Hill	VIC
2220	Steve & Graham Evans	NSW
2472	Bruce Eddes & Mark Barnes	ADFSA
2482	Martin Linsley & Nick Grey	ADFSA
2578	Derek Hadwen & Nicole Kidman	NSW
2608	Rob Gilpin & Kate Douglass	VIC/NSW
2617	Warren Stahel & Jacqui Isaacs	VIC
2650	Ken Pearson & Marise Hannaford	NSW

2656	Alexandra Almond & Russell Ford	VIC/NT
2658	David & Doris Bretherton	VIC
2665	Chris & Beryl Parkinson	NSW
2666	Craig McPhee & Kevin Kellow	SA
2679	Alistair & Clair Murray	VIC
2710	Rob & Nicole Douglass	NSW
2714	Peter & Gillian Wilson	NSW
2718	Ray Hale	VIC
2727	Graham Hanna & Liz Kemmis	NSW
2742	Paul & Megan Ridgway	VIC
2747	John Ericksson & Jason King	VIC/ADFSA
2760	Wayne Hale & Daniel Turner	ADFSA

The progress of the competitors maybe followed on the 2003 Worlds website at <http://www.tasarworlds2003.org>.

Tasar Marketing Workshop

As you might be aware, the Tasar Association of Victoria hosted a half day workshop in March to flesh out ideas on how to promote the Tasar into the future and secure its long term viability. The workshop was held in the Ronstan boardroom and facilitated by Alistair Murray who kept us well focused and ensured that a lot was achieved in the short time available.

We had an excellent attendance with representation from the

- Australian Tasar Council - Chris Parkinson and Graham Hanna
- NSW Tasar Association - David Seaton
- Yachting Victoria - Diana Liptrot
- as well as individual representatives from South Australia.

The key aim of the workshop was to develop practical ideas to promote the Tasar and produce a strategic

marketing plan for the Australian Tasar Council. As a result, a marketing plan is now being written that focuses on what can be done on a National and State level.

Essentially, the National initiatives involve promotion, communication and "nurturing" Tasar sailors while the ideas generated at State level are quite generic and aimed at implementation at the grass roots level.

The bottom line resulting from the workshop is the aim to "Get more people sailing Tasars more often." As a class, if we can increase the enjoyment people get from sailing Tasars across the board, the class will grow and prosper.

The marketing plan is now in a final draft form and ready for review by the ATC exec. Once the plan is finalised, it will be ready for distribution and implementation by all state associations.

Jonathan Ross
Chaos Theory 2673

2003 Victorian State Title Report

This is a belated report on the Victorian State Titles, which were finally held at Westernport YC.

The weekend would best be described as light. Unlike most of our season, the hiking pants were never really required at all. However, the wind never dropped below about 5 knots, and good racing in flat water was enjoyed by the entire fleet of 27 entrants.

While the series lacked any of our NSW visitors, we had 4 boats who made the journey from SA. We also were joined by a familiar face, Glenn Collings, who pulled "Magic Carpet Ride" out from under the tarpaulin to wash the dust off.

Six races were completed over the three days, 2 on Friday, 3 on Saturday, and 1 on the Sunday morning.

Friday's races were held inside the reef in an 8-10 knot breeze with a small tidal effect, which seemed to be pretty even over the entire course.

The most memorable part of the afternoon was when, fighting it out for 4th place in the first race we were punished for a marginal Port tack cross 30 metres from the finish line. A 720 later and our hoped for 4th had turned into an 8th - Yes the racing was very close.

On Friday night, various social events occurred. Although the hospitality of the club meant that many people found it hard to leave. My family joined a large group that went to the local Chinese restaurant for a very pleasant evening.

Saturday morning's race was light again. A long course was set outside the reef, although the smoothness of the water, and the lack of a real swell meant that the conditions were virtually identical to those the previous day. 2 Dry Martinis was by now starting to show some consistency at around 9th position. At the front of the fleet, the results were wide open.

On Saturday afternoon, we again went inside the reef for two short races. Again the winds were 6-10 knots, with the odd puff to 13 knots. By the end of these two races, "2 Dry Martinis" was again displaying her consistency with 8, 7, 11, 9, 8. With those results 8th place would seem to be a pretty good bet for our finish position. Not bad for a new team against the depth of competition that was assembled, we thought

Meanwhile at the front of the fleet, things were still very interesting. While the first three boats had established their positions, the battle for 4-7 was very tight. Four boats were sitting within 4 points of each other. The final race would decide the finish positions amongst these 4 boats.

Saturday evening had us all enjoy the AGM (J), followed by a terrific barbecue dinner put on by the Club.

Sunday morning dawned very, very still. I for one felt that there was not chance of a race, especially outside the reef where the tidal current was stronger than inside it. However, the call came after a short postponement to get out there and get on with it. With trepidation we ran so, so slowly out of the reef area toward the start boat. By the time we got there, a good 10-12 knot breeze was blowing, and another good race was about to start. This race had everything for "2 Dry Martinis". We had a great start, and lead the fleet around the first two marks. ("Magic Carpet Ride" passed us with a better gybe, and better boat speed along the second reach). Up the second beat, we had a torrential downpour, which sorted out those crews who could feel their boats and those who need tell-tales on the sails to keep the speed up. (Still somehow we managed to hold onto our second place.) Fortunately the rain stopped before we had to round the top mark so we were able to find it without problems. Half way up the third beat, the wind shifted 40 degrees left, and came in at 25 knots. "2 Dry Martinis" lost one more place to "007", who had hit the left corner hard, but fortunately we were on the correct side of the course, and gained on most other boats. The next two reaches were wild!! But if "2 Dry Martinis" was going fast, then "SBD" must have been going at warp speed because they rounded only 30 metres behind us at the last mark. However we managed to hold them off up the last beat to the finish line to get our best result of the series - Third. Yee-Hah!!!

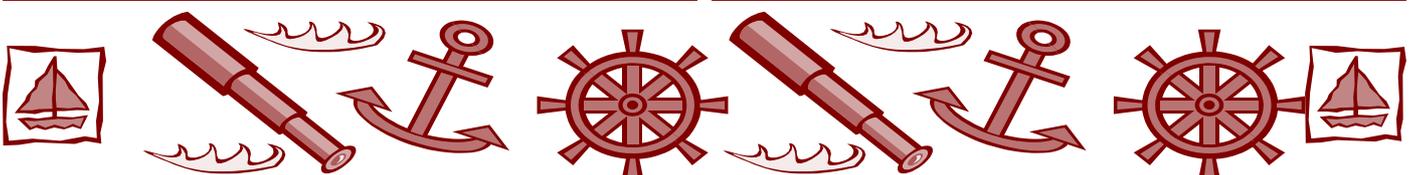
The race was won by "Magic Carpet Ride", with "007" securing second place and the Title.

Final results were a well deserved win by Greg and Mal Shapcott in "007". Craig McPhee and Kevin Kellow were second in "More Small Things", and Glenn Collings with Kaylee Boyce up front were third.

The Junior trophy was won by Alistair Shand with father lan up front of "Chauvinist". The Grand Master trophy was won by Gwen and Derrick Warne in "Wotchamacallit".

All in all, it was again a very enjoyable regatta, with credit going in no small part to the efforts of the Westernport YC who did us all proud with both their on water and on shore friendliness and effectiveness.

Ray Martin
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Victorian State Titles 2003

Westernport YC

Place	Sail No	Name	Skipper	Aggregate	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1	2096	007	G. Shapcott	8	2	2	1	-7	2	1
2	2666	More Small Things	C. McPhee	15	-14	4	2	2	1	6
3	2468	Magic Carpet Ride	G. Collings	15	1	3	-5	4	3	4
4	2742	SBD	P. Ridgeway	23	4	-15	7	5	5	2
5	2658	The Edge	D. Bretherton	25	7	6	6	1	-11	5
6	2601	Wotchamacallit	D. Warne	26	6	-9	3	6	8	3
7	2613	Just Keep Walking	P. Hackett	26	9	1	4	3	(OCS)	9
8	757	2 Dry Martinis	R. Martin	35	3	8	9	-11	7	8
9	2608	True Blue	R. Gilpin	47	8	12	10	13	4	-13
10	2236	Grumpy	C. Allen	51	-16.5	10	13	8	13	7
11	2142	Figjam	L. Owen	57	5	7	11	18	-23	16
12	2659	Hakuna Matata	M. Paynter	60	12	5	21	(DNS)	12	10
13	2664	Chaos Theory	J. Ross	61	10	(OCS)	12	15	6	18
14	2067	Strategy	L. Gusavsson	65.5	16.5	-23	17	12	9	11
15	1908	Slippery when Wet	C. Pedicini	66	15	19	8	9	(OCS)	15
16	1875	Organised Toos	L. Pearman	68	-20	11	14	14	15	14
17	2617	Waimukabout	W. Stahel	70	13	13	18	10	16	-20
18	160	Tramuntana	W. Wright	71	11	16	15	-21	17	12
19	1843	Chauvinist	A. Shand	76	19	14	16	-23	10	17
20	2733	Zap	B. Mairs	96	22	-24	20	17	18	19
21	1038	Bugs of Jundy	S. Hearle	99	18	-25	19	20	19	23
22	1657	Cwiver	M. Predergast	101	-23	18	22	19	21	21
23	2551	Magic Moments	E. Steele	105	(DNF)	17	25	24	14	25
24	2747	Tsunami	J. Eriksson	110	21	21	24	16	DNS	(DNS)
25	941	Seaquest	B. Hill	111	24	20	23	(OCS)	22	22
26	185	Barax	S. Schafer	115	25	22	26	22	20	-26
27	784	Rocket Ship	G. John	131	DNF	26	27	26	(DNF)	24

Western Australia Report

Western Australia have been settling into their new club Royal Perth Yacht Club.

High membership fee's and a predominant junior dinghy division being a factor in the slow building of the fleet. Which to date means 6-7 boats racing weekly. A new development officer at the club is proving successful and is assuring to keep new comers ready for the upcoming season.

The majority of our fleet are in their second and third season and our racing this year was not only close but very competitive across the board.

Our State Titles were held in Bunbury which is south of Perth on Koombana Bay, over the March long weekend and was won by Mark and Graham Hansen in Taserback. We had fair winds and absolutely beautiful weather.

The Far north Kimberly contingent of Tasars in Kununurra are still active although the lack of water in Lake Kununurra has hindered the racing season this year.

We have also had a hand full of boats relocating to a club south of Perth in Mandurah. It is hoped that this group will continue to grow and make the class stronger in WA.

Several of the Perth Tasarites are already planning the trip to Mission Beach next year in preparation for the Worlds in 2005 and yes we are Excited and on a "Mission" to keep the class alive in the West!!

Bart and Sharon Thompson



News from North Queensland

The proposed Qld championships that were to be held at the Whitsunday during Easter were postponed at the last minute due to other commitment by many sailors. The championships will now be held at Mission beach on the 5th/ 6th July. This time will allow for no other distractions for sailors. Sailor will be home from Uni, other commitments such as team sailing will not be on, and the venue is a lot closer to the majority of Tasar sailors. This time will also be the same time of year that the Australian championships will be held at Mission Beach. See Notice of race in this newsletter.

The clubs of Mission Beach and Tinaroo have been getting reasonable size fleets at their club event although there are still quite a few Tasar gathering dust in garages around the north. It is hoped that they will reappear for the Qld Championships.

Crusadar has been sold to Greg and Trish Curneo of Mission Beach and they are racing competitively already.

The Mayday Regatta at Tinaroo was down in numbers this year although the Tasars were fairly well represented. However, it blew a gale for the whole weekend and many of the less youthful Tasar sailors found the going a bit too tough. The heavy weights of the fleet, John and Mathew Jacob had no excuse this time and certainly won in convincing style. They were the only Tasar to brave the howling winds of the last race. As you can see by the results there were a lot of DNS's, DNF's and even DSQ's were the three leading boats went the wrong way!! Oh well, the red wine and the sing-a-longs around the campfires were great.

Greg Heath

MAY DAY REGATTA 2003

Boat Name	Sail No	Skipper	Crew	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Total
Filling in Time	2337	John Jacobs	Stephen	3	1	1	DSQ	1	6
Spindrift IV	2065	Jamieson Barnes	Terry	1	2	DNF	DSQ	DNS	17
Beebop	2134	Greg Heath	Judy	2	DNF	3	DSQ	DNS	18
Water Hammer	1811	Tim Simmonds	Shona	4	DNF	DNF	DNS	DNS	21
Double G	949	Peter Graham	Duncan	5	DNF	DNF	DNS	DNS	22
Revenir	1002	Ross Kerr		DNS	DNS	2	1	DNS	23
Helerity	2123	Paul Whittem	Judy	6	DNF	DNS	DNS	DNS	29
The Firm	94	Joanne Ross	Graham	DNF	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	37
Crusader	1849	Greg Curnoe	Trish	DNF	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	37

News from South Queensland

Easter Regatta

For me the regatta was a huge success. It would be a long time since we had 7 Tasars on the water and also so many crews of high standard. "Tweety Bird" was unable to keep with the leading 2 / 3 on every occasion although we were able to salvage some credibility by making the windward mark in the lead once.

Also there were two skippers who we had not met before -Roger Broadley from Gympie whose daughter from Longreach crewed for some races and Hugh Bekkers ex Darwin who helmed John "Hippo" Connells boat very well.

For those who are interested in the finer points, the results in detail are now posted at www.lcsc.org.au. I will only pass on results among the Tasars although we raced against other boats in Div 5.

- 1st Hugh & John "Hippocampus" –
- 2nd Noel & Liam "Green Machine" –
- 3rd Terry & Jan "Tweety Bird" –
- 4th Allan & Jean "Dream Machine" –
- 5th Helen & Noel "Screaming Green Lizards" –
- 6th Rick & Louise/Luke "Sergio" –
- 7th Roger & daughters "Tango".

The results are affected by gear failures and capsizes but Hugh & John sailed extremely well in at times testing conditions and Helen only sailed on Saturday so would have done much better.

Lake Catharabah provided no lack of breeze. The first race on Friday would have been the quietest with patchy 5-12 SE. It only increased from there to race 7 which started in 20 kt SE and went to 30+ odd towards the end. The weekend provided some great sailing especially reaches including one which I paid no attention to sail trim - just hang on. The gybe mark on the final turn of race 7 was a scene of some carnage including some extremely radical gybe attempts. The smart ones grannied and survived.

The toll for the weekend.

Green machine - broken top mast

Tweety Bird - broken top mast

Sergio - broken rudder gudgeon

(if you have plastic gudgeons replace them with metal)

Dream machine - broken shroud

In all respects a top weekend apart from damage and if you weren't there - weep!!.

Terry Mosler

26th NSW Championships

Winning the 2003 NSW State titles came as a complete surprise. Having only sailed Tasar's a handful of times since last year's regatta and with a new 13-year-old crew that had never sailed Tasar's before I had given myself minimal chance of winning. Convinced that I wasn't going to win I went into the regatta under no pressure and a mindset that I was going to focus on having fun.

Unlike 2 years ago when I won the title for the 1st time, there was no single thing that gave me an edge. I felt we sailed a conservative regatta with no major mistakes and no weaknesses across the wind range and around the course. I felt was the main reason for winning was a change in attitude, on land and on the water.

Having sailed the MG14 nationals and getting my teeth kicked in by Jamie Roberts I took note of his advantages over the rest of the fleet and went away with a vision on how I wanted to sail and set about changing my ways. My attitude sailing the boat was a complete change to



2nd Place Scratch
26th NSW Championships
Craig McPhee & Kevin Kellow

past regattas. I stayed out of trouble, even doing a 720 at the start in one race when I thought I was ok, and forgetting about the little things. I was asked why I had the centerboard up quite high in light conditions; my answer was "where was it?". The height of the board didn't really bother me. There's no black magic, Craig McPhee and myself set up quite differently. For starters, my diamonds were quite tight compared to Craig's, who might have well as taken them off!

While sailing I concentrated heavily on steering the boat accurately, keeping it flat and stable upwind, constantly watching for waves and gusts and being proactive rather than reactive. This allowed me to sail flatter and higher for longer periods of time without loss of boatspeed. I always tried to set up the sails so I was in the middle of the range, minimizing the changes in settings, keeping my head out of the boat not in the boat, something Glenn Bourke told me years ago.

My outhaul only varied an inch and the vang and cunningham were played to what felt right at the time.



3rd Place Scratch
26th NSW Championships
Paul & Megan Ridgway

We started pulling the vang on when I started dropping the traveler consistently below the centerline. More tension was applied as the breeze increased to "what felt right". As soon as we stopped hiking the vang was eased completely. The cunningham was played in the same manner but to a lesser extent. It would have been played more if the control were accessible from the side, similar to the vang. I would love to hear some feedback on people's thoughts on the ideal. I think the cunningham is more important in power control than the vang.

Downwind, I tried to keep the boat fast the whole time while searching for as much depth as possible. On the runs, I always tried to keep the boat on the gybe that was pointing closest to the mark, whilst constantly looking for pressure. When reaching we focused on gust response, we made many boat lengths here by anticipating what's going to happen and acting! By the time you react, you've already lost a boat length. Working hard at the trim and the steering and watching the pressure are the main things we focused on. Always use the heel of the boat to steer, any movement of the rudder slows the boat. Experiment by steering downwind with the tiller tied in the middle, be vicious with the heel



4th Place Scratch
26th NSW Championships
Dave & Doris Bretherton

26th NSW Championships (Continued)

and see where you end up, possibly in the tide, but you will learn how far you can go.

Tactically, we were fairly conservative. Whenever we split, we lost. There were people out there who did all sorts of risky stuff, it paid off a couple of times, but they weren't in the top 4 at the end of the regatta. As the cliché goes "we played the percentages". Starts were generally good, apart from the last race where we got pinned in a corner and we never recovered.

Having only sailed with Nick a couple of times I took things a bit slower, got the pole off early and never rushed him to get it up. Talked everything through, in particular the starts and mark rounding's so he always knew what I was trying to do and where I wanted to be coming out of them so we were always working towards the same thing.



5th Place Scratch
26th NSW Championships
Martin Linsley & Nick Grey

Over the comparatively short years I have been sailing Tasars I have seen many different techniques that people use to sail their boats. Jonathon and Charlie Mckee are brothers and have sailed together in different boats but sail Tasars completely different to each other. Brett Young and Craig McPhee sail in a similar way, but completely different to Stu Shimeld and Alistair Cook, all of whom are very fast sailors.

As far as boat setup was concerned the only thing I changed from Dad's setup were the top 3 battens. I went back to bog standard yellow untapered battens, whether they made any difference I don't know but they looked &

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1st Place Handicap
26th NSW Championships
Michael Sant & Fiona Darling

felt good. The 2nd & 3rd battens up were 2 grades heavier from standard. Mast rake was on maximum again unchanged from where it has been for years. Jib cars were out up to 3 holes in the windy races and the jib was attached on the lower hole in most races. Jib attachment point will vary from boat to boat subject to mast rake and height of the jib at the tack.

I've mentioned a lot of top sailors, all of which I've had the opportunity to sail against. It's important to take note of how they all sail, however different they are and develop your own techniques that feel right for you. Make the time you spend on the water useful. Get out early and always try to line up against someone, use the time to try different things and find a comfort zone.

As the Guanaria family will be missing from the upcoming worlds for the first time in a number of years, Nick, myself & Dad would like to wish all the Aussies well for the regatta.

Shane Guanaria
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2nd Place Handicap & 1st Lady Skipper
26th NSW Championships
Alexandra Almond & Lockie Pearman

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26th NSW Tasar Championships

Scratch

Place	Ties	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew	From	Agg Score	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1		2581	Afternoon Delight	Shane Guanaria	Nick Harrington	Balmoral	10	-13	1	1	4	1	3
2		2666	More Small Things	Craig McPhee	Kevin Kellow	Somerton	15	7	3	-7	2	2	1
3		2742	SBD	Paul Ridgway	Megan Ridgway	Sandringham	18	1	6	4	-6	3	4
4		2658	The Edge	David Bretherton	Doris Bretherton	Chelsea	21	3	10	5	1	-13	2
5		2482	RAN	Martin Linsley	Nick Grey	Navy	24	5	-12	2	3	5	9
6	2.0S	2710	Chukkel	Robert Douglass	Nicole Douglass	Batemans Bay	34	6	2	12	-13	8	6
7		2601	Wotchamacallit	Derick Warne	Gwen Warne	Chelsea	34	8	7	9	5	-11	5
8		2714	Magic Pye	Peter Wilson	Gillian Wilson	Speers Point	37	2	14	10	7	4	(45.00F)
9		2580	Freya	Jeff Mepham	Matthew Fitzgerald	Speers Point	42	10	9	6	11	6	-11
10		900	Flemboyant	Paul Robertson	Murray Davidson	Port Macquarie	49	9	4	14	15	7	(45.00F)
11		2727	Single Malt	Graham Hanna	Liz Kemmis	Balmoral	58	18	15	3	14	-18	8
12		2731	Masquerade	David Seaton	Trish McVeagh	Balmoral	62	15	18	(46.00O)	12	10	7
13		2672	To The Max	Michael Sant	Fiona Darling	Woollahra	63	11	5	15	17	15	-23
14		2578	Southern Stars	Derek Hadwen	Nicole Kidman	Balmoral	64	16	-21	18	8	12	10
15		2656	Shooting Tsar	Alexandra Almond	Lockie Pearman	Chelsea	66	12	-25	8	16	14	16
16		789	Cool Running	Dave Collins	Lea Collins	Northbridge	76	14	23	(46.00Q)	18	9	12
17		2588	Tadpole	Chris Carden	Jo Adendorff	Greenwich	77	17	8	13	22	17	(45.00F)
18		2665	Agameamon	Chris Parkinson	Beryl Parkinson	Speers Point	85	21	11	(46.00O)	24	16	13
19		2066	Namaste	Shaun Anderson	Jane Holden	Woollahra	92	4	22	11	10	(46.00C)	45.00C
20		2078	Insurrection	Rob Brown	Julie Brown	Wangi	95	23	-32	16	19	22	15
21		905	Late	Graham Johnston	Anne Hodge	Batemans Bay	99	25	13	20	-32	24	17
22		2218	Tequila Sunrise	Rob Landis	James Landis	Northbridge	108	-30	24	17	20	23	24
23		2590	Slam Dunc	Duncan Robertson	Laurie Hoffman	Balmoral	109	19	(46.00C)	22	23	20	25
24		2111	Manly Ferry	Kevin Brown	Kevin Leedow	Balmoral	113	27	17	24	27	-30	18
25		2567	Sea Ferret	Gary Foley	Thomas Foley	Batemans Bay	114	-31	26	21	28	19	20
26		2650	Akatonbo	Ken Pearson	Marise Hannaford	Northbridge	116	-36	30	19	25	28	14
27		1688	Fantus	Ian Best	Arron Soiland	Balmoral	121	20	31	23	26	21	(45.00C)
28		2600	Allons y	Michael Sue	Brendon Watts	Balmoral	125	26	-35	34	21	25	19
29		2718	Loaded Dice	Ray Hale	Steven Wright	Lake Boga	132	22	27	(46.00Q)	33	29	21
30		2559	Septimus	Matthew Mitchell	Tristan Mitchell	RPAYC	133	29	20	27	31	26	(45.00F)
31		2717	Kookaburra	David Robinson	Cameron Robinson	Northbridge	148	33	29	33	(46.00F)	31	22
32		1686	Cleopatra	Glenn Nolan	Lew Nolan	Speers Point	152	28	19	26	(46.00F)	34	45.00C
33		2472	Viva	Mark Barnes	Bruce Eddes	Canberra	156	32	28	32	(46.00C)	36	28
34		2489	Wee Tart	Denis Gilbert	Diane Crosdale	Wangi	165	24	33	30	(46.00C)	33	45.00C
35		2728	Tokay	Geoff Klein	Jane Klein	Speers Point	166	34	16	25	46.00C	(46.00C)	45.00C
36		1784	Shmoo Too	Helen Impey	Brett Perry	Woollahra	168	35	34	29	35	35	(45.00C)
37		1943	Blatant Optimism	Warren Olsen	Peter Keane	Northbridge	170	40	37	(46.00Q)	34	32	27
38		1762	Cinni	Luke Smith	Julia Fitzgerald	Speers Point	187	39	38	46.00Q	(46.00C)	38	26
39		2729	Expresso	Norman Ridge	Mei Loke	Woollahra	193	46.00C	46.00Q	46.00Q	9	46.00C	(46.00L)
40	27.0S	2462	Cool Bananas	Tom Ruut	Debra Nowell	Woollahra	194	46.00C	46.00F	(46.00F)	30	27	45.00C
41		1666	Sheer Bliss	Jennifer Ramsay	Scott Ramsay	Balmoral	194	37	46.00Q	(46.00Q)	29	37	45.00F
42		1808	Zon	Pat Conway	Michelle Zwagerman	Greenwich	201	46.00C	36	28	46.00F	(46.00C)	45.00C
43		1033	Tippin	Andrew Hamill	Ben Hamill	Concord/Ryde	206	38	46.00F	31	46.00C	(46.00C)	45.00C
44		2097	6th Sense	Shane o'connor	Kylie O'Conner	CYCA	222	46.00C	46.00C	46.00C	(46.00C)	39	45.00F
45		1970	Mystique	Joan Cumming	John Cumming	Woollahra	224	41	46.00C	46.00C	46.00F	(46.00C)	45.00C

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26th NSW Tasar Championships

Handicap

Place	Ties	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew	From	Agg Score	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1		2672	To The Max	Michael Sant	Fiona Darling	Woollahra	22	4	2	10	2	4	-28
2		2656	Shooting Tsar	Alexandra Almond	Lockie Pearman	Chelsea	49	5	-29	4	8	11	21
3		2218	Tequila Sunrise	Rob Landis	James Landis	Northbridge	57	-32.5	15	7	3	6	26
4		2742	SBD	Paul Ridgway	Megan Ridgway	Sandringham	58	2	26	9	13	-31	8
5		2482	RAN	Martin Linsley	Nick Grey	Navy	58.5	8	-37	5.5	4	24	17
6	1.0S	2658	The Edge	David Bretherton	Doris Bretherton	Chelsea	59	6	34	14	1	-39	4
7		905	Late	Graham Johnston	Anne Hodge	Batemans Bay	59	24	7	13	-34	12	3
8		2472	Viva	Mark Barnes	Bruce Eddes	Canberra	60.5	26	1	5.5	(46.00C)	3	25
9		2590	Slam Dunc	Duncan Robertson	Laurie Hoffman	Balmoral	63	14	(46.00C)	12	5	5	27
10		2581	Afternoon Delight	Shane Guanaria	Nick Harrington	Balmoral	63.5	18	13	8	14	-27	10.5
11		2710	Chukkel	Robert Douglass	Nicole Douglass	Batemans Bay	64	7	6	21	23	-25	7
12		2601	Wotchamacallit	Derick Warne	Gwen Warne	Chelsea	67.5	12	19	20	6	-37	10.5
13		1784	Shmoo Too	Helen Impey	Brett Perry	Woollahra	68	27	3	2	35	1	(45.00C)
14		2580	Freya	Jeff Mephram	Matthew Fitzgerald	Speers Point	71	11	-25	3	22	21	14
15		2727	Single Malt	Graham Hanna	Liz Kemmis	Balmoral	76	21	32	1	17	-33	5
16		2666	More Small Things	Craig McPhee	Kevin Kellow	Somerton	77	13	24	23	15	-38	2
17		2588	Tadpole	Chris Carden	Jo Adendorff	Greenwich	79	16	4	11	31	17	(45.00F)
18		2718	Loaded Dice	Ray Hale	Steven Wright	Lake Boga	81	20	8	(46.00Q)	27	8	18
19		2111	Manly Ferry	Kevin Brown	Kevin Leedow	Balmoral	85	-30	10	18	21	20	16
20		2567	Sea Ferret	Gary Foley	Thomas Foley	Batemans Bay	86	-32.5	17	17	25	7	20
21		1943	Blatant Optimism	Warren Olsen	Peter Keane	Northbridge	87	39	11	(46.00Q)	11	2	24
22		2600	Allons y	Michael Sue	Brendon Watts	Balmoral	90	28	18	-31	12	13	19
23	5.0S	2717	Kookaburra	David Robinson	Cameron Robinson	Northbridge	93	29	5	27	(46.00F)	10	22
24		2078	Insurrection	Rob Brown	Julie Brown	Wangi	93	25	-27	15	18	22	13
25		789	Cool Running	Dave Collins	Lea Collins	Northbridge	93.5	10	28	(46.00Q)	28	15.5	12
26	6.0S	2665	Agamemnon	Chris Parkinson	Beryl Parkinson	Speers Point	95	22	20	(46.00O)	33	14	6
27		900	Flemboyant	Paul Robertson	Murray Davidson	Port Macquarie	95	9	14	25	24	23	(45.00F)
28		2578	Southern Stars	Derek Hadwen	Nicole Kidman	Balmoral	96	15	-30.5	29	7	30	15
29		2650	Akatonbo	Ken Pearson	Marise Hannaford	Northbridge	97	-36	22	19	26	29	1
30		2066	Namaste	Shaun Anderson	Jane Holden	Woollahra	104.5	3	30.5	16	10	(46.00C)	45.00C
31		2731	Masquerade	David Seaton	Trish McVeagh	Balmoral	105	17	33	(46.00O)	20	26	9
32		2714	Magic Pye	Peter Wilson	Gillian Wilson	Speers Point	106	1	36	22	19	28	(45.00F)
33		1688	Fantus	Ian Best	Arron Solland	Balmoral	114	19	23	24	29	19	(45.00C)
34		2559	Septimus	Matthew Mitchell	Tristan Mitchell	RPAYC	116.5	31	12	26	32	15.5	(45.00F)
35		1762	Cinni	Luke Smith	Julia Fitzgerald	Speers Point	124	37	9	46.00Q	(46.00C)	9	23
36		2489	Wee Tart	Denis Gilbert	Diane Crosdale	Wangi	153.5	23	21	30	(46.00C)	34.5	45.00C
37		1686	Cleopatra	Glenn Nolan	Lew Nolan	Speers Point	157.5	34	16	28	(46.00F)	34.5	45.00C
38		1666	Sheer Bliss	Jennifer Ramsay	Scott Ramsay	Balmoral	174	35	46.00Q	(46.00Q)	16	32	45.00F
39		2462	Cool Bananas	Tom Ruut	Debra Nowell	Woollahra	185	46.00C	46.00F	(46.00F)	30	18	45.00C
40		2729	Espresso	Norman Ridge	Mei Loke	Woollahra	193	46.00C	46.00Q	46.00Q	9	46.00C	(46.00L)
41		2728	Tokay	Geoff Klein	Jane Klein	Speers Point	196	38	35	32	46.00C	(46.00C)	45.00C
42		1808	Zon	Pat Conway	Michelle Zwagerman	Greenwich	208	46.00C	38	33	46.00F	(46.00C)	45.00C
43		1033	Tippin	Andrew Hamill	Ben Hamill	Concord/Ryde	211	40	46.00F	34	46.00C	(46.00C)	45.00C
44		2097	6th Sense	Shane o'conner	Kylie O'Conner	CYCA	219	46.00C	46.00C	46.00C	(46.00C)	36	45.00F
45		1970	Mystique	Joan Cumming	John Cumming	Woollahra	224	41	46.00C	46.00C	46.00F	(46.00C)	45.00C

Bethwaite Skiff Series

Round 1	4/5 Oct	Geelong, Vic
Round 2 Summer	6/7 Dec	RPA, Pittwater
Round 3 Australia Day (29er NSW States - Invite Flying 11's & Flying Ants)	24/25 Jan	Woolahra SC
Round 4 Finals	14/15 Feb	Wangi SC

The plan is to expand the current series next time around by holding a 5th event in Qld next July. It would be a mid- winters.

The Series is open to 59ers, 49ers, 29ers, Tasars, and B14s.

1. Approx \$20 entry fee per event.
2. Day 1 – 6 races, Day 2 - 5 or 6 races – aim is to finish early for those people travelling.
3. Overall scratch result will be determined at the end of the 4 events with the last event counting double

and no discard (If you miss an event you can't discard it).

4. **Fantastic** scratch prizes will be on offer as a reward for the top sailors support throughout the series.
5. There will also be a prize for the most improved sailor at the end of the series.
6. Each event,
 - Prizes will be given to top 3 handicap finishers (Handicaps to be done by each class) at each event.
 - Lucky draw prizes to be drawn at each event.
 - Fun prizes after sailing each day.

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3rd Place Handicap
26th NSW Championships
Rob & James Landis



4th Place Handicap
26th NSW Championships
Butch Johnston & Annie Hodge



5th Place Handicap
26th NSW Championships
Mark Barnes & Bruce Eddes

NSW State Titles 2004 - Accommodation

The NSW Titles for 2004 will be run at Wangi RSL Amateur Sailing Club. This is a new venue for the titles after many years at Point Wolstoncroft. Wangi is a small township located on the western shores of Lake Macquarie. It is strongly recommended that people seeking accommodation in Wangi itself should book well in advance. The Wangi Hotel has a limited number of rooms and the caravan park is usually heavily booked out over Easter.

There are some lovely B&B's or if you contact the real estate agents they usually have houses available for rent. This is sometimes a good alternative if you get a group together to share the costs.

Following is a list of accommodation that is correct at the time of printing. For more information about Wangi and a map of the lake go to the website at the beginning of the list.

Accommodation for Wangi

Sorted by proximity to Sailing Club (well almost)
Accommodation and tourist information can also be found at www.lakemac.nsw.gov.au

Wangi Hotel

Watkins Road 02 4975 1411
Wangi
Across the road from the sailing club.

Wangi Point Tourist Park

Watkins Rd 02 4975 1889
Wangi Wangi 2267

Rosella Lodge B&B

56B Dobell Drive 02 4975 3454
Wangi

Lakeside B&B

7 Alexander Pde 02 4975 3298 (ph)
Arcadia Vale 2283 02 4975 3298 (fax)
5 minutes drive to sailing club

Overnights Reflections B&B

113 Fishing Point Rd, 02 4975 1430
Rathmines 2283
www.overnightreflections.com

Mirabella on the Lake B&B

47 Fishing Point Road 02 4975 5319
Rathmines 2283
kaschenk@tpg.com.au

Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre

10 minutes drive to sailing club
PO Box 5037 02 4973 3301 (ph)
Dora Creek 2264 02 4970 5014 (fax)
Toll free 1800 654 422
Email myunabay@dsr.nsw.gov.au
www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

The Brighton Apartments

(New Luxury opposite waterfront Toronto)
157 Brighton Avenue 02 4935 8888
Toronto
15 minute drive to Wangi. Excellent accommodation close to shops and restaurants.

Toronto Hotel/Motel

74 Victory Parade 02 4950 1033 (ph)
Toronto 02 4950 4804 (fax)
Basic accommodation, overlooking lake. Historic Hotel.

Gables by the Lake B&B

162 Coal Pt Rd 02 4959 4066
Coal Point 2283
fambow@tpg.com.au

Tranquil Shores Waterfront Cottages

6 Moore St 02 4959 3673
Toronto 2283
www.huntertourism.com/tshores
TranquilShores@bigpond.com

Olde World Charm B&B

124 Excelsior Pde 02 4959 8865
Toronto 2283

Houseboat hire.

Luxury Afloat 02 4958 3044
Lake Macquarie Holiday Cruises 02 4973 5770
Cruise Sail Holidays 02 4972 0790
Calypso Houseboats (Wangi) 02 4975 4821

Real Estate Agents

Wangi Realty 02 4975 1644
www.wangirealty.com.au

Keys Real Estate

02 4975 3707
Over the past few years the Tasar Association of



Grand Masters Trophy Winner
26th NSW Championships
Derick & Gwen Warne

TransTasman Masters' Games Newcastle, 22 - 29 March 2003

What a great way to spend a week!

Sailing was one of the 40-plus sports included in the inaugural TransTasman Masters' Games, held this year in Newcastle. The Games are an initiative of Newcastle and Auckland North Shore, and build on the success of the 8th Australian Masters' Games held here 18 months ago. They will be an annual event, the venue alternating between Newcastle and Auckland.

The sailing was conducted by Belmont 16ft Sailing Club on Belmont Bay in idyllic autumn weather. After a few drops of rain on the first day, the sun stayed with us for the rest of the week. Winds were generally light to moderate – no drifters, although the last day's racing was delayed a couple of hours until the wind came in. Competition was held over four days, with two trapezoidal courses each day. This allowed the "faster-boat" fleet (skiffs, A-class cat and spinnaker dinghies) to finish about the same time as the fleet of Tasars and Lasers. There were age divisions within class divisions, so plenty of opportunity to be among the medals!

Waving the Tasar flag were Tom Ruut and Debra Newell in 2462 *Cool Bananas*, and Geoff and Jane Klein in 2728 *Tokay*. We were neatly separated by an age division line. Hey, who's complaining – each of us thrashed all others in our divisions and came away with gold medals! There was some hot competition in the Lasers, with a couple of former champions, and a Kiwi visitor made the trip across the Tasman as well.

Not only was the sailing pleasant, there were also some good times off the water, making the most of the last of

the daylight saving evenings, watching the sun set over the water. The Games opening ceremony had the traditional athletes' march-past, a welcome and smoking ceremony with local Aborigines and Maori dances. Jon English was the star of the party that night. Bands performed at the Games Village each night, and Friday night at the Warners Bay foreshore podium saw a great Aussie bush band, Outback. And there were lots of other sports to watch around the region.

It might be difficult to get a Tasar fleet in Auckland next year, but the TransTasman Masters' Games will be back in Newcastle in March 2005.

Jane Klein
2728



Masters Trophy Winner
26th NSW Championships
Peter & Gillian Wilson

NSW Travellers Trophy Series 2002 - 03

Winter Travellers Trophy heats were held at Batemans Bay, Balmoral, Long Jetty and Port Stephens. Summer Travellers Trophy heats were held at Lake Macquarie Yacht Club, Batemans Bay, Balmoral, Port Macquarie and Woollahra. Unfortunately due to Mark problems and a lack of wind two races to be abandoned from the summer series this was a first and hopefully a last as these were fairly extreme circumstances.

The winners of the overall Travellers Trophy Series on scratch and handicap receive the FD Bethwaite Trophy.

The racing through out the series has been very close and first and second on scratch overall were only separated by half a point. My thanks go to the Club reps who made the arrangements with their clubs for our visits. The final results are as follows.

Winter Series

Scratch

1 st	2672	To The Max	Michael Sant Fiona Darling
2 nd	2727	Single Malt	Graham Hanna Liz Kemmis

Handicap

1 st	1808	Zon	Pat Conway Michelle Zwagerman
2 nd	2588	Tadpole	Chris Carden Vaughan Bromfield

Summer Series

Scratch

1 st	1913	Formula Pye	Peter Wilson Gillian Wilson
2 nd	2619	Flying Ferret	Lachlan Brown Trish Collocott
3 rd	2087	Scribbel	Robert Douglass Nicole Douglass

NSW Travellers Trophy Series 2002 - 03 (Continued)

Handicap

1 st	2111	Manly Ferry	Kevin Brown Kevin Leedow
2 nd	1887	Tough Cookie	Harley Kruse Patricia Kruse
3 rd	2482	RAN	Martin Linsley Nick Grey

THE FD BETHWAITE TROPHY

Scratch

2619	Flying Ferret	Lachlan Brown Trish Collocott
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Handicap

2672	To The Max	Michael Sant Fiona Darling
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This year we introduced a new event into the Tasar Calendar the "NSW Short Course Championships". This event was held over two weekends, the first split between Wangi and Lake Macquarie Yacht Club, the

second at Woollahra. Three short races were held back to back each day. The enthusiasm for this event was very pleasing and I am sure this will become a permanent fixture on the calendar.

Scratch

1 st	1913	Formula Pye	Peter Wilson Gillian Wilson
2 nd	2619	Flying Ferret	Lachlan Brown Trish Collocott
3 rd	2087	Scribbel	Robert Douglass Nicole Douglass

Handicap

1 st	2672	To The Max	Michael Sant Fiona Darling
2 nd	1887	Tough Cookie	Harley Kruse Patricia Kruse
3 rd	2619	Flying Ferret	Lachlan Brown Trish Collocott

Balmoral Waves 2002-2003.

The season has wound down quicker than we all wanted, as our respective positions within the fleet and the points in the Point Score or the Club Championship were always going to change by the next race result which of course never happened.

However, the results are probably a good reflection of the effort and time that the respective skippers and crews have put in over the season.

CLUB CHAMPS for this season were all of us, but winning the races were (in order of crossing the line) and well done to all;

2727	Liz Kemmis and Graham Hanna
2731	Trish McVeagh, Deb Lambourne and David Seaton
2722	Yvonne and Kevin Wadham

THE NSW STATE TITLES gave the club a very competitive 1st(well done Shane) 11th. 12th. 14th. 23rd. 24th. 27th. 28th. and a 41st. placing, The waters of Lake Macquarie also allowed the Club Trophy to go to Balmoral for the umpteenth time.

Our congratulations go out to all the above people for a good season and special thanks go to the Club and Association Officials for their time and effort in getting things organised for each week's racing.

Two boats from our club will be venturing to the World Titles in Canada this year and we wish them all the best in their endeavours.

Our racing next season at Balmoral will, we hope, involve more short course/sprint racing, bringing the fleet together, forcing the use of the rules, more exposure to starts and allowing the tailenders to stay in contact with the fleet on the day. This plus the training days we offer, we hope, will again lift the skill level of the class.

Kind regards
Ian Best.



Balmoral Team
Winners of the Best Club Performance on Handicap
26th NSW Championships

Woollahra SC Report

The renaissance of the Tasar fleet over the past few years at Woollahra Sailing Club took another boost in the season of 2002 –2003 with 10 boats joining the club. Our Tasar register is now 31 boats including the Sydney Uni and Uni of NSW fleets making it probably the biggest Tasar club in Australia.

The club owes much to the effort of Kim Gentle (Espresso) who continues to do a great job as the Tasar representative with her weekly emails during the racing season, finding crews for lone skippers, and her warm generosity given to welcoming the new Tasar members into the club.

On the water the racing has been superb with the second half of the season seeing no less than 10 boats on the starting line and at times around 15 boats racing. The word finally got out, and towards the end of the season saw more visitors coming to join in the Sunday racing. As usual Robin Foote did a great job running the two races each Sunday and he was often keen to add a third race if competitors wanted.

Racing at the front end of the fleet saw intense battles for the lead with regulars Michael Sant & Fiona Darling 2672, Shaun Anderson & Jane Holden 2066, Jennifer Sumsion & Martin Gill 2127, Harley & Patricia Kruse 2610 and regular visitors Derek Hadwen & Nicole Kidman 2758 often fighting for the lead. More often than not it was Shaun and Jane in 2066 who crossed the line first and it comes as no surprise that they ended up as the club Tasar Champions for the season. Congratulations!!

Shaun Anderson demonstrated that he is a force to be reckoned with in the Tasar class when the club hosted round two of the short course championships and Tasar Travellers Heat 5. Only sailing on one day, Shaun and his brother Phil scored a 1st, 1st, 3rd. It was an intense 2

days of racing in good winds for the 26 Competitors and an event the club was proud to host.

There were a few regular Tasar travellers from the club who competed in the Tasar Travellers events and also made it to Melbourne for the Mordialloc Nationals. WSC boats were also well represented in the State Championships over Easter, including a return by Norm Rydge at the helm of a borrowed Espresso. The award however for most travelled for the season, must go to Tom Ruut and Debra Newell 2462 who have flown the WSC flag at nearly every Tasar event.

In building the fleet, the club has been encouraging new Tasar sailors with 2 coaching clinics held during the season. Ross MacDonald was an excellent coach for both the on and off the water sessions. Former Tasar World Champion, Russell Ford, was also at hand for one of the sessions providing great input on boat handling. Building on the interest in these clinics, the club will definitely run more next year.

Racing at the club will continue right through winter with 2-3 races every Sunday, and next season the club looks forward to the possibility of hosting a Sydney Tasar Regatta at Christmas and a round of the Bethwaite Skiff series sometime in January.

We welcome all Tasar sailors to Woollahra SC and wish all the best to those competing at the World Championships in Vancouver.

Harley Kruse 2610

PS. WSC has a new website: www.woollahrasailingclub.org.au which has up to date race results, and will soon have linkage to the clubs weather station and camera for up to the minute sailing conditions at Rose Bay.

The Concord – Ryde Report

So ends another sailing season at Concord Ryde. Congratulations to all the Concord & Ryde Tasar sailors for making it yet another fun and enjoyable season. Whilst the Concord & Ryde fleet of 10 boats doesn't have the fleet numbers of some of the larger Sydney Clubs, racing has certainly been enjoyable. We enjoy having a picturesque part of the Parramatta River to compete on, we have a large grassed area to rig on, we have easy access to carry the boats to the water and a unique location for the clubhouse with it set amongst the mangroves. It must surely be one of Sydney's best kept Tasar sailing secrets.

In regard to the friendly sailing competition, consistency appears to have been the key. Most of the following place getters only missed one or at most two races out of each of the race series. Club Champions, Robert and

James McMaster constantly displayed a number of other consistencies -

keeping their Tasar flat with the sails correctly trimmed no matter what the weather or river conditions, and

providing advice and encouragement to the slower boats in the fleet;

I wish all the fleet the best for the off-season and will hopefully see you all rigged and ready to go by 1.30pm on Saturday 6th September 2003.

Results of the major C & R Tasar events were:

The Concord - Ryde Report (Continued)

Club Championship

- 1st Tasar 1848 "Bucentaur"
Robert & James McMaster.
2nd Tasar 1903 "Shoki"
Nick Brown & Keith Leslie
3rd Tasar 1787 "Kermit"
Bryce Ellis & Tony Passafaro

Spring Pointscore

- 1st Tasar 1848 "Bucentaur"
Robert & James McMaster
2nd Tasar 1787 "Kermit"
Bryce Ellis & Tony Passafarro.
3rd Tasar 1903 "Shoki"
Nick Brown & Keith Leslie

Autumn Pointscore

- 1st Tasar 1848 "Bucentaur"
Robert & James McMaster
2nd Tasar 1818 "WonateWonate"
Tony Keevers & Paul Hanly
3rd Tasar 1787 "Kermit"
Bryce Ellis & Tony Passafaro

Tony Keevers
1818

Speers Point Amateur Sailing Club Reflections on 2002 - 2003 season

SPASC is now looking back on a great season with growing numbers in all divisions – we have regularly had a dozen Tasars on the water for our weekend's sailing. Racing has been hard fought, and the results often a little unpredictable.

There is a diverse range of Tasar crew combinations, proving the accuracy of the original Tasar concept:

- two thirds male + female
- and half of these are husband and wife!
- young Julia Fitzgerald is our only female skipper, and improving all the time, coping with all weathers and keeping crew Allan Hughes in line
- the rest of the crews are all male
- about half the boats have one crew member under 21

Club members have travelled to Tasar Travellers' events – interclubs and short course racing – around NSW, the Australian Championships in Melbourne, the TransTasman Masters' Games in Newcastle, and we would have been represented at the Victorian States as well if blue-green algae hadn't got in the way.

And we have enjoyed visits from members of other Tasar clubs for events such as our Marathon in January – the scenic sail down Lake Macquarie, around Pulbah Island and back (although conditions this year were not as pleasant as usual, fighting back up the lake into a stiff nor'wester). Our annual regatta in October and our ANZAC Day regatta were also enjoyed by a large fleet of boats.

This season we have to great acclaim trialled handicap starts for normal sailing (apart from Club Championship

heats and events such as the President's Cup). SPASC Tasar members with highlights to boast of include:

- Jeff Mephram & Matthew Fitzgerald, Tasar Club Champions, Marathon and Sprint Series winners – also 9th in the NSW State titles
- Chris & Beryl Parkinson, second in almost everything, and attendees at every Tasar event in NSW
- Peter & Gillian Wilson, 11th in the Melbourne Nationals, 8th at the NSW States
- Geoff & Jane Klein, gold medallists at the TransTasman Masters' Games
- New Club member and sailor Jo Adendorff, sailing with a record number of Tasar skippers in her first half-season (four altogether, three of them called Chris)
- Others featuring in the prize lists included Alan and Marilyn Sutton (one of our two sets of grandparents)
- Watch out for Glenn and Lew Nolan, new to Tasars this season; Benny Howe, now ensconced at the skipper's end of the boat with Nicola up forward; also John Pateman and David Ralston, building on last season's experience; and Fleur Robinson, getting to take over the stick from her skipper Robert Probert occasionally ...

We look forward to the odd winter sailing day – the fourth Saturday in each month from May to August, starting 1pm – and welcome any Tasars who would like to join us. Next season's racing will begin on Saturdays in early September.

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TASAR HISTORY

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PRE-RACE PREPARATIONS:

- some words of wisdom from the Tasar National Champion, Rick Longbottom of the Navy.

INTRODUCTION

Pre-race preparations should commence about the time the venue for an event is promulgated. This may seem a little premature, however, all too often time runs out and all the information you could have used for the event is unavailable in the time remaining. Such preparations obviously include accommodation, transport, boat storage and facilities. These aspects are best covered by visiting the venue if it is in reasonable proximity to your home or by consulting a reliable racing sailor in the area.

As an example I will relate the way I undertook aspects of the National Championships at Port Stephens including long term preparations, shore preps before a race and on the water analysis prior to the start.

KNOWLEDGE OF THE VENUE

Like many people, I had passed through Port Stephens as a visitor but knew little of the aspects relevant to competitive sailing. In June, 1988 Louise and I decided that we should have a weekend away from the hassles of city living. It was no surprise to Louise that I nominated Port Stephens!

Prior to arriving, the relevant charts had been acquired, the port guide consulted and several sailing friends interrogated for useful snippets of information. In the midst of a relaxing holiday it was quite pleasurable to stop around the waterfront and see what information was available. The boat sailing club was the obvious source of information, however the nearest marina was the best choice for the 'good oil'.

If you seek accurate information the best source is someone whose reputation or livelihood depends on it. By talking to the owners of the marina I was confident that their interpretation of tidal information was accurate, after all, they raise and slip vessels on the movements of the tide. Other data or opinion available from the marina staff included:

- a. Usual weather conditions
- b. Amount of harbour traffic, and
- c. Current strength and direction

It was interesting to find out at the end of the discussions with the owners that their daughter was presently at The Australian Defence Force Academy and a keen sailor to boot! For the sceptics, I can assure you that the above information was offered prior to finding out that I was in the Navy. There was no special treatment.

The opportunity arose to visit an old friend from Skate sailing days who lived opposite Port Stephens Aquatic

Club. Although he was unable to shed any extra light on the characteristics of the waterway he certainly provided good afternoon tea and good background information about the region.

The preparations necessary for getting a championship and doing the necessary boat preparations is well covered in many books so – on to the nitty gritty racing preparations.

SHORE PREPARATIONS

With a roof or tent over your head thoughts should turn to the gathering of basic decision making information such as;

- a. Weather maps (including the previous weeks worth)
- b. Tidal information
- c. Racing schedule
- b. Topographical map (to determine macro and micro geographic wind influence)

Even with a basic understanding of weather maps and using the evening weather broadcasts it is possible to prepare a plan for the following days racing. It may not be perfect but it is better than no plan!

The promulgated race instructions are something many people ignore (including me). If you are not fully conversant with standard class rules and/or racing instructions they are well worth reading and digesting. If you are in doubt about your ability to remember any detailed information just remember that Tasars have decks and chinagraph pencil marks can be erased with metho or turps.

When race days dawned at Port Stephens Bruce Murphy and I would listen to the daily forecasts, refer to the morning newspapers and basically assess the previous nights predictions in light of the latest data. Armed with revised plans we could then get on the water with appropriate sailing apparel and rig tensions (ie jib luff, battens, diamonds and stays).

ON THE WATER ANALYSIS

If your team has its act together you should be able to hit the water an hour prior to the start with all necessary equipment including:

- a. Protect flag
- b. Shackle key
- c. Spare shackles
- d. Spare cord
- e. Chinagraphs/marketing pens
- f. Personal gear
- g. Race information
- h. Drinking water
- i. An apple

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When it is time to get on the water don't be distracted by other peoples problems (unless you are directly to blame for them). Bruce and I aimed to get onto the course as early as was practical and immediately started gathering the following information:

A. Sailing Angles

We would sail upwind in the course area, remaining on one tack for up to 10-15 minutes. This would give us an indication if the wind was oscillating quickly or not, we would also assess what was the median wind direction and the highest/lowest bearing on each tack. This was recorded on the foredeck in tabular form. Whilst beating up the course we would continually assess the relative headings of other boats to determine if there was a variation across the course. The likelihood of geographical influence was usually considered in this process.

B. Weather Variations

Changes in the local weather had to be considered so it was essential to keep remembering what had changed since leaving the beach. At Port Stephens several races were quite markedly affected by raining clouds. These clouds were not always over the course but were close enough to cause major direction changes with associated gradient wind strength reinforcement.

C. Tides/Current

Being an estuary the course was influenced by tide and to a lesser extent runout current. Although the locals claimed there was little influence Bruce and I concluded that the high rainfall prior to and during the series had to have an effect. Hence the 'apple'. During our travels around the course we dropped an apple or half empty drink container into the water adjacent to fixed marks. By timing the movement or lack of drift we could confirm or refute the published tidal information. This proved most useful for checking the times of tide changes and also comparing the current variations (directions and strength) across the race area.

D. Wind Direction

Periodically during our pre-start wanderings we would luff head to wind and record the bearing making sure that we were not affected at the time by disturbed air. Close to starting time this can still be done by sailing to windward of the starting line and maintaining as much of your rights as possible by commencing your luff from starboard tack.

E. Starting Line

The checks required on the starting line are well described in many books and include:

- I. A bearing of the line (taken by sailing from well beyond the pin and towards the committee boat. (This method is accurate as long as there is not tidal effect,)
- II. Shore transits from each end of the line
- III. Current effect at each end (if varying across the course)
- IV. Determine favoured end by comparing the wind direction and the bearing of the line.

F. Marks

From the bearing to the windward mark provided by the committee boat calculate the bearings to the gybe and leeward marks. We wrote these bearings on the fore-deck bulkhead – W = windward mark, R1 = first reach, R2 = second reach, S = square run. In addition to calculating the bearings we would obviously try to confirm the bearings visually before the start. Too often top class competitors start a race without checking and find themselves beyond a layline if the windward mark is not directly upwind.

G. Direction of Mark Rounding

If in doubt ... write it on the deck. It could be very embarrassing to unexpectedly arrive at the windward mark first and jeopardise your lead by tossing a coin!

H. Timed Runs

Although Bruce and I rarely employed timed runs they can be a useful starting technique and need to be practised well before the starting line becomes a reaching racetrack. More often we practiced luffing approaches to get a feel for how the wind and sea conditions affected the boats progress in disturbed air and with tidal effects.

Having done all our homework both on and off the water, Bruce and I felt confident in our understanding of the venue and our preparedness. Sailing the races was never easy but with reasonably good information you can minimise the risk of loss around the course and put pressure on your competitors to out perform you. There was one other factor that came into play during the series called the "Stability Index". This is a decision making tool developed by Frank Bethwaite which gives weighted values to various conditions present at the time. It enables you to predict the most likely sailing conditions and hence how to conduct your strategic plan. I am sure we will hear more about this Stability Index in the near future.



Notice of Race 2003 Queensland Tasar Championships

1. Date, Venue & Organising Authority

The 2003 Queensland Tasar Championships will be held from 5 – 6th July 2003 inclusive. The organising authority for this regatta is the Tasar Association of Queensland. Mission Beach Sailing Club on behalf of the Tasar Association of Queensland will conduct the regatta.

2. Rules

The event will be governed by the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2001-2004 (RRS), the Tasar Association International Class Rules and the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of the Australian Yachting Federation (AYF), (except as any of these are changed by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.) and by the Sailing Instructions.

AYF Special Regulations, Part 2, Off The Beach Boats will apply.

3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1 The regatta is open to all Tasars registered with the Queensland or other State Tasar Associations and a crew member who is a current *financial member* of the above organisations. All entrants shall be a member of an affiliated club through their MYA. All competitors shall comply with ISAF Eligibility Rules (RRS Appendix 2 Regulation 21.1)

3.2 Eligible boats may enter on the attached Entry Form which shall be lodged with the Race Officer at jgheath@bigpond.com or on Saturday 5th July at the regatta office.

4. The Entry Fee for the regatta is \$40.00

5. Schedule Of Events:

Sat 5 th Jul 03	not before 1100hrs	Heat 1
Sat 5 th Jul 03	not before 1300hrs	Heat 2
Sat 5 th Jul 03	ASAP after Heat 2	Heat 3
Sun 6 th Jul 03	not before 1000hrs	Heat 4
Sun 6 th Jul 03	not before 1230hrs	Heat 5

6. Measurement

All competing yachts shall conform to the measurement requirements specified in the Tasar Association International Class Rules.

7. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available from the Race Secretary of Mission Beach Sailing Club prior to Heat 1.

8. Regatta Site

The Regatta site will be at the shelter shed at South Mission Beach.

9. Racing Area

The racing area will be on the waters between

South Mission Beach and Dunk Is.

10. Courses

The format and courses to be sailed will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

11. Scoring

The Low Points Scoring System specified in Appendix A will apply as modified below. 5 races are scheduled, of which 3 races shall be completed to constitute a series. If 4 or more heats are completed the worst single score will be excluded.

12. Buoyancy

All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, which are in good condition and are in accordance with the specifications issued or approved by a national authority affiliated to the International Sailing federation, or a standards organisation, or certification authority, recognised for the purpose by its respective government. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 1.2.

13. Support Boats

Team Managers, Coaches, and other support Personnel shall keep and to leeward and more than 50 metres clear of any competitor or mark of the course between the preparatory signal and the finish of the last boat in a race, except in boats provided by the organising authority or when asked to assist by the Race Committee.

14. Radio Communications

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions whilst racing nor receive communications not available to all boats for the purpose of obtaining outside assistance. This requirement also applies to mobile telephone communications.

15. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Tasar Association of Queensland. If numbers allow, prizes will be awarded to the various age categories.

16. Entry Disclaimer

It is the competitor's decision to enter the Events or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Events is at their exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry in the Events competitors shall indemnify the Organisers and Mission Beach Sailing Club, their officers, members, and servants and agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature, which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Regatta. The Organising Authority, the Mission Beach Sailing Club, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or

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damage to property, which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Events or howsoever arising in connection with the Events.

17. Insurance

All boats shall have third party insurance cover of not less than \$AUD1,000,000 (recommend \$AUD5,000,000 or equivalent thereof in any other currency) for any accident. All owners/competitors who sign the entry forms are deemed to have made

a declaration that they hold such cover. Owner/competitors not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

18. Further Information

Further information may be obtained from

Qld Tasar Assoc. President
 Greg Heath
jgheath@bigpond.com
 Ph.40688201

2003 Queensland Tasar Championships Entry Form

To be conducted by Mission Beach Sailing Club on behalf of the Tasar Association of Queensland, on the waters between South Mission Beach and Dunk Is.

Return To: Qld Tasar Assoc. President, Greg Heath, jgheath@bigpond.com Ph.40688201

Entry Fee: **\$40.00** Make cheques payable to : Mission Beach Sailing Club

Yacht Name:.....Sail No:.....Club:.....

Helmsperson:.....AYF Membership No:.....

Email:.....Date of Birth:.....

Crew.....AYF Membership No:.....

Email:.....Date of Birth:.....

Emergency Contact:.....**Phone:**.....

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Medical Conditions we should know about?

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Competitors Declaration: I agree to be bound by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS 2001 - 2004), the prescriptions of the AYF, including Addendum A Part 2 (Small Boat Safety), the Tasar Association International Class Rules, (except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions) and by the Sailing Instructions. I further acknowledge and agree that in consideration of my entry into this regatta being accepted (without any obligation on your part to so accept it) my participation and participation of my crew is at our own risk.

I am solely responsible for the seaworthiness, sufficiency and adequacy of my boat and its equipment, and any decision to sail in any race or in the Regatta waters between races shall be my own and I hereby indemnify and hold harmless the members, officers, servants or agents of the Mission Beach Sailing Club and the Tasar Association of Queensland from all claims, costs, demands whatsoever and howsoever arising from acceptance of this entry and the participation of myself and my crew whether it be for personal injury or damage to boat and equipment and whether during rescue operations or otherwise.

Signed Date:.....

Consent For Junior Skippers (Under 18):

I, being Parent / Legal Guardian/ of
 consent to him/her to participating in the 2003 Queensland Tasar Championships and upon the terms and conditions set out in the entry form hereby release organisers and officers and any representatives 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:.....
 (PARENT / GUARDIAN)