

# Tasar Talk

The TASAR Association of W. A. newsletter



May 2015

## President's Corner

Unfortunately the weather has not been kind for the start of the winter season with scheduled racing at both Fremantle and Mounts Bay having to be cancelled. However there is plenty more opportunity to get out there with racing coming up at Hillary's on the 6th June, and Mandurah & Geographe Bay on the 7th June. This winter TAWA is encouraging participation in all of the winter series and on Saturday 1st August are planning a Social function in Busselton so that we can all join in racing at GBYC on Sunday 2nd August.

Weather permitting I hope to see you out on the water soon.

## Social activity at winery – 1<sup>st</sup> August

A **social function** is planned for 1<sup>st</sup> August in the Dunsborough/Margaret River wine region at a winery, on the day prior to the GBYC Winter Series race. The venue and times will be available soon and advised by email and also in the next newsletter (July). If you are coming from the Perth region, we will look into leaving boats at GBYC or close by.

## Training sessions for Nationals

There will be training sessions at the Clubs with entrants for the next Nationals. The dates will be available and advised as soon as is practical. Currently there are entrants from GBYC and HYC, with rumours of one from MBSC.

## Member Survey results

Results of the Member Survey are in this newsletter. Thank you to everyone for taking part. Your TAWA committee is already using the results to help plan activities.

## Winter sailing

A list of all winter races is on page 2.



## Next Events

**Winter races** at Clubs with a Winter Series. See the list in this newsletter and on our web site.

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August** **Social function** at vineyard in Margaret River wine region. Details available soon.

**26 Sept to 3 Oct.** Australian Championships at Townsville, Queensland.

*Calendar of events at rear of this newsletter.*

## Winter Series at Tasar Clubs

All Tasar sailors are welcome to take part in any of the winter series for each Tasar Club as listed below. Training available at MBSC and HYC. TAWA Training sessions at Clubs with people going to the next Nationals. A **social function** is planned for **1<sup>st</sup> August** in the Dunsborough/Margaret River area, on the day prior to the GBYC Winter Series race. Also see our Facebook page for information on these activities.

### June 2015

6	Hillarys Y.C.	On water training, Briefing 8:45 am, start 9:45 am, 3 races, Presentations.
7	Geographe Bay Y.C.	Start 10:30 am, Presentations.
7	Mandurah O.F.S.C.	Start 1 pm, 2 races, Presentations.
14	Mounts Bay S.C.	Training 11 am, start 2 pm, 3 races, Presentations.
20	Hillarys Y.C.	On water training, Briefing 8:45 am, start 9:45 am, 3 races, Presentations.

### July 2015

4	Hillarys Y.C.	On water training, Briefing 8:45 am, start 9:45 am, 3 races, Presentations.
5	Geographe Bay Y.C.	Start 10:30 am, Presentations.
5	Mandurah O.F.S.C.	Start 1 pm, 2 races, Presentations.
18	Hillarys Y.C.	On water training, Briefing 8:45 am, start 9:45 am, 3 races, Presentations.
19	Mounts Bay S.C.	Training 11 am, start 2 pm, 3 races, Presentations.

### August 2015

1	Hillarys Y.C.	On water training, Briefing 8:45 am, start 9:45 am, 3 races, Presentations.
2	Geographe Bay Y.C.	Start 10:30 am, Presentations.
2	Mandurah O.F.S.C.	Start 1 pm, 2 races, Presentations.
15	Hillarys Y.C.	On water training, Briefing 8:45 am, start 9:45 am, 3 races, Presentations.
16	Mounts Bay S.C.	Training 11 am, start 2 pm, 3 races, Presentations.

### September 2015

Date To be advised	Geographe Bay Y.C.	Start 10:30 am, Presentations.
20	Mounts Bay S.C.	Training 11 am, start 2 pm, 3 races, Presentations.

#### Club information:

Hillarys Yacht Club, Northside Drive, Hillarys  
 Geographe Bay Yacht Club, 1 King Street, Busselton  
 Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club, Breakwater Parade, Mandurah  
 Mounts Bay Sailing Club, Australia II Drive, Crawley

## Australian Championships at Townsville, Queensland 26 September to 3 October 2015

The 43rd Tasar Australian Championships are to be held in Townsville, Queensland from 26<sup>th</sup> September to 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2015. Be a part of the TAWA team at this principal event on the Australian Tasar calendar.

For information on the event, go to the Tasar website

<http://tasar.org/major-events/upcoming-events/2015/09/43rd-australian-nationals-townsville,-qld/>

A provider to transport a container to the Townsville nationals has been sourced. Competitor numbers are still being finalised, so if you are interested in heading over to Queensland please contact David Meehan ASAP.

Contact David Meehan email: [davidmeehan101@hotmail.com](mailto:davidmeehan101@hotmail.com) mobile: 0421 765 601

#### Notes:

- The container can carry the Tasars with launching trolleys and gear. It is expected that the transport time to and from Townsville will take about 1 week each way.
- The packing of boats into the container in Perth will be in one location, yet to be nominated.
- Some of the cost for the container will be subsidised by TAWA, to help ensure maximum participation at this event.
- Some people have already booked their travel and accommodation.
- Team sailing vests are being organised, to help provide a team image. Polo shirts may also be available.

**Member Survey**

Below are the results of the recent Member Survey. The results will be used to help TAWA organise sailing and events that reflect what the majority of Tasar sailors prefer. Thank you to everyone for taking part in it and also thank you to David Meehan for organising it and compiling the results. The results show the responses with the majority responses.

Question 1.

**What length of race do you prefer? 40 minutes**

Question 2.

**What type of courses do you prefer? Triangle, Sausage, Triangle.**

Question 3.

**How much travelling are you willing to do away from your home club in a season?  
4 or 5 sails to participate in a Travellers series held at Tasar clubs.**

Question 4.

**How many social functions should TAWA put on annually? Two**

Question 5.

**Would you participate in major regattas like Sail Fremantle, MOFSC Easter Regatta, RPYC Mini series, RBYC International Series Regatta? Yes**

Question 6.

**What frequency would you like to see the Tasar Talk? Bi-monthly**

Question 7.

**How would you like your State Titles run? Over two separate weekends and separate clubs.**

Question 8.

**Would you like to participate in a Tasar specific coaching clinic once or twice a year? Yes**

Question 9.

**Do you plan to sail a winter series (if yes please note the club in the comments box)? (16 people said) Yes, at various clubs.**

Question 10.

**Rank the following activities in order of your preference as to what you would like TAWA to assist in organising.**

Preferences as follows;

- 1) **On water coaching**
- 2) **Regatta events**
- 3) **Series racing over one weekend**
- 4) **Sail training workshops**
- 5) **Social activities**
- 6) **Family orientated events**
- 7) **Informal mid week racing**

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**Club Reports**

Note that there are also Club items and events on our Facebook page and web site.

**Royal Perth Yacht Club**

Our end of season party night on Friday 1st May was lots of fun with many of us dressing up in disco costumes & dancing the night away. Many awards were presented over the course of the night so congratulations to all. Moreover the major trophies were won by:

- Kate, Roger & Geoff - Club Champion
- Lloyd & Fiona - Most Fastest Times
- Phil & James - Consistency.

Kate.

**Hillarys Yacht Club**

There has been no Club racing since the last newsletter, but we have taken some prospective Tasar sailors for a test sail with positive results. The Club is obtaining a Tasar for use as a training boat, so these new people will make use of it.

Three of our Tasar crews took part in the HYC team at the State Womens Keelboat championships on 16th May which was conducted from South of Perth Yacht Club in cold, wet and stormy conditions when a cold front crossed the area for most of the races. They handled the tough conditions well, and after thawing out were all smiles.

Our Presentation evening is at the end of this month, so we look forward to celebrating an enjoyable year.

All Tasar sailors are welcome to take part in any or all of the HYC Winter Series which start on Saturday 6 June. Briefing at 8:45 am for a 9:45 am start. 3 races. On water training. Canteen open for hot food afterwards.

Greg.



**Geographe Bay Yacht Club**

GBYC will have their Presentation Night on 23<sup>rd</sup> May (see Club web site). So we will have the official results afterwards. Although a safe bet would be for Dean & Zoe on Straightjacket to take out the club Champ with a solid & consistent performance all year.

I think it's fair to say on behalf of all our regular competitors here at GBYC that we've all had an enjoyable season. We have all improved our skills and improved together as a class. There has been great support from metro in particular Brendon Green in promoting the class and just helping us out throughout the year.

The Worlds were a great experience and extremely well run regatta and the WA contingent certainly held their own.

We are certainly looking forward to next season, hopefully with a few more regulars.

Also our winter series is programmed to kick off on Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Anton.

**Mounts Bay Sailing Club**

Wild weather cancelled the start of the Tasar winter series at Mounts Bay today (17 May). We still managed our off water training sessions. Thanks to Brendon and David for their presentations. Great turn out with 4 MBSC boats and 2 visitors boats.



**Contributions** for the next Tasar Talk newsletter are due by **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015** and can be emailed to the TAWA Publicity Officer, Greg at [gjennings1@bigpond.com](mailto:gjennings1@bigpond.com) . Photos and stories/comments are welcome.

**Help to promote Tasar activities and your Club** by sending items and photos for either our newsletter, Facebook page or web site to our Publicity Officer.

**Tasar pamphlet** is available on our web site [www.tasar.org/regions/australia/western-australia/](http://www.tasar.org/regions/australia/western-australia/) near the bottom of the page and also on the Membership menu page.

**See TAWA on Facebook** at [www.facebook.com/tasarsWA](http://www.facebook.com/tasarsWA) for news & information, events, race results, etc, from our Clubs and Tasar Association. Some of the features include photos and video of current and past events, provide updates & answer enquiries for events, and help with planning for future events.

**Tasar web site**

The new **Tasar web site** [www.tasar.org](http://www.tasar.org) contains **TAWA** at [www.tasar.org/regions/australia/western-australia/](http://www.tasar.org/regions/australia/western-australia/) which includes sections on items such as our Programme of Events, Results of Tasar events, photo gallery, TAWA contacts, Club contacts & information, State Championships section, State Championship records, Membership information & forms, and History. Contributions and suggestions are welcomed by the **TAWA Publicity Officer**, Greg at [gjennings1@bigpond.com](mailto:gjennings1@bigpond.com) . Photos are welcome.

**Boats & equipment for sale** advertisements on the web site are now processed through each State's representative for the Tasar web site, and for TAWA it is our TAWA Publicity Officer. The old Australian Tasar web site will close soon.

**For Sale or Wanted**

**For Sale** - West coast **Rudder Box**. Unused spare.

Contact Ian James [ian.m.james4@bigpond.com](mailto:ian.m.james4@bigpond.com)  
0434307983

**Tasars Wanted.**

Do you have a Tasar that is not being used or some Tasar equipment that you no longer need, or know of a Tasar that is not being used? Advertise it here for *free*, and also on the Tasar web site for *free*.

Even if a Tasar needs some TLC and is not being used, get it advertised. We need more boats.

Send details, and a photo if available, to the TAWA Publicity Officer, Greg, at [gjennings1@bigpond.com](mailto:gjennings1@bigpond.com)

**For Sale**

**New MAST top sections**  
(Bare, no fittings)

These are **all new items** at low cost. They were spares for the recent Worlds.

Available now from TAWA in Perth.

Contact Kayne Binks 0411 699 822

Also see Boats For Sale on the Tasar web site [www.tasar.org](http://www.tasar.org) **Boats & equipment for sale** items for this newsletter and also the Tasar web site can be sent to the **TAWA Publicity Officer**, Greg at [gjennings1@bigpond.com](mailto:gjennings1@bigpond.com) .