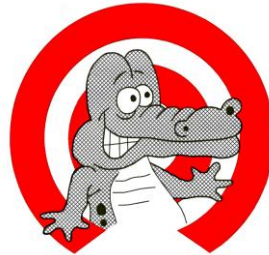


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## **1. NAME**

The name of the association is the “Tasar Association of the NT Inc”

## **2. INSIGNIA**



The insignia shall be as shown.

## **3. OBJECTS**

1. To govern and control the Tasar class in the NT.
2. To affiliate with, support and abide by the rules of the appropriate International, National, State and Territory Yachting authorities.
3. To foster the sport of yachting.
4. To promote the Tasar class throughout Australia in association with other Tasar State or Territory Associations or Regional Authorities, the Australian Tasar Association and the World Tasar Association.
- 5.a To arrange and control annual NT Championships.
- .b To promote interclub and regional races and regattas for Tasars.
- 6.a To regulate the class in the NT by ensuring compliance with the class rules established by the World and Australian Tasar Association.
- .b To promote the Tasar as a one-design class for men and women.
7. To maintain communications through regular newsletters.
8. To promote social events at which members and their friends may meet.
9. To encourage participation in Tasar sailing and fellowship throughout Australia and the world.

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## 4. ORGANISATION

1. The Tasar Association of the NT Inc will be affiliated with and subject to the rules of the Australian Tasar Association.
2. Control of the Association will be vested in:
  - a. A General Meeting of the members
  - b. A duly elected committee

## 5. MEMBERSHIP

1. Tasar owners or part owners may apply for full membership.
2. Each full member may nominate one other person who may exercise a full vote at all meetings of the Association. Such nominations shall be consistent with the intent of the Association that this person shall be a regular sailor in the class, preferably the regular crew of the member. (Where part owners are full members, 5.2 shall not apply).
- 3.a Associate membership will automatically be granted to all members of a family attached to a nominated boat for which a Tasar registration fee, as determined by 6.1 has been paid. Names of such family members must be forwarded to the Association Secretary and will be accepted at the Management Committee's discretion. Voting rights will be restricted to two members of that family, who are to be nominated to the Association as per 5.2.
- .b Any other person may apply for Associate membership. Such membership is approved by the Management Committee subject to proposal and seconding by members and payment of the entry fee and subscription.
4. Membership is renewed by payment of the annual subscription.
5. Membership is terminated if subscriptions or any other monies due fall into arrears by more than two months.
6. The Management Committee may reject any application or any renewal.

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7. Life Honorary Membership may be bestowed upon a member who has given outstanding service to the Tasar class. This person shall be elected under the following conditions:
  - a. Such Life Honorary Membership must be proposed and seconded by financial members. Such proposal must be notified in writing to all members at least 14 days prior to the relevant Annual General Meeting.
  - b. Such proposal will be put as a motion only at an Annual General Meeting and shall require a 75% majority of members present in person or voting by postal or proxy votes.
  - c. A maximum of one life honorary member may be elected each year.
8. Full members may:
  - a. Vote at meetings.
  - b. Hold office of President or Vice President
  - c. Nominate an additional voting person as set out in 5.2.

Full members and associate members may:

  - d. Attend meetings.
  - e. Take office (other than President or Vice President)
  - f. Enter and sail Tasar races under the control of the Association
  - g. Receive newsletters (one per subscription)
9. Honorary membership may be bestowed at the discretion of the Management Committee upon a person wishing to compete in a Tasar race.

### **6. SUBSCRIPTIONS**

1. Subscriptions shall be determined annually by the Management Committee and ratified by a majority of members at the Annual General Meeting.
2. Subscriptions shall become due and payable on the 1<sup>st</sup> April each year.

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3. The accounting year of the Association will end on the 31<sup>st</sup> December, and accounts shall be prepared by the Treasurer and audited by an appropriately qualified person showing the financial transactions for the year ended on that date for adoption at the Annual General Meeting.

## **7. MANAGEMENT**

1. The Association will be managed by a Management Committee comprising the following officers to be elected at the Annual General Meeting:
  - i. President
  - ii. Vice President
  - iii. Secretary/Public Officer
  - iv. Treasurer
  - v. Race Committee Representative
  - vi. Yachting NT Representative
  - vii. Newsletter Editor/Publicity Officer
2. Each Management Committee member has one vote, but in all cases the President shall have the casting vote.
3. A quorum shall be 3 members.
4. All members may attend all Management Committee meetings but may not vote.
5. The Management Committee shall meet at such times as considered necessary.
6. Any elected or co-opted committee member who fails to attend more than three consecutive meetings without leave may be replaced by the Committee.
7. All office bearers will hold office only until the Annual General Meeting next succeeding their appointment.
8. The Management Committee has the power to establish sub committees to act on its behalf in relation to any specific issue or event.

## **9. POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

The Management Committee, including any sub committees that it may establish will be subject to the control of, and be responsible to the members of the Association, and shall have all powers necessary for the proper functioning of the Association consistent with the Constitution.

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## **10. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

Office-bearers will be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

## **11. DUTIES OF THE OFFICE BEARERS**

1. President, and in his absence the Vice President shall:

- ✓ Act as chairman at all General Meetings and Management Committee Meetings;
- ✓ Represent the Association at any function, meeting or event at which he or the committee consider it necessary for the Association to be represented;
- ✓ Have a casting vote in the event of an equality of votes at any meeting of the Association;
- ✓ Present an Annual Report at the Annual General Meeting;
- ✓ Be entitled to represent the NT Tasar Association of the NT Inc on the committee of the Australian Tasar Association;
- ✓ Be a member of all sub-committees that may be set up by the committee;
- ✓ Be ex-officio chairman of all sub-committees unless otherwise agreed by a majority of members of that sub committee;
- ✓ Not hold office as such for more than two years consecutively.

2. Secretary/Public Officer shall:

- ✓ Keep the register of Tasars in the NT and a roll of all members;
- ✓ Be ex-officio secretary to all sub-committees;
- ✓ Keep minutes of all committee, sub-committee and general meetings;
- ✓ Maintain correspondence records and communicate decisions.

3. Treasurer shall:

- ✓ Prepare an annual Financial Statement incorporating the whole of the financial transactions of the Association for presentation at the Annual General Meeting;
- ✓ Be ex-officio treasurer to all sub-committees;
- ✓ Prepare and present a financial statement at each general meeting;
- ✓ Collect annual subscriptions.

## **12. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

1. The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than March 31st each year. Members shall be advised of the date, time and place not less than 21 days before the Meeting by preliminary advice. Such notice can be reduced to 7 days but only with the written consent of not less than 75% of full members.

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2. Nominations for office must have the consent of the nominee.
3. A quorum shall be 66.67% of all financial members, including proxies.
4. Proxy votes may be cast at Association meetings.
5. Voting rights for full financial members shall be as per 5.8.
6. The following business shall be conducted:
  - a. Minutes of preceding Annual General Meeting.
  - b. President's report on past years activities.
  - c. Receive the Annual Audited Financial Statements.
  - d. Election of Office-bearers for the ensuing twelve months.
  - e. Other business.

### **13. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

1. A Special General Meeting of the Association may be called by the President upon his own authority or upon the written request from six or more members.
2. Such a request is to state the reason for convening such a meeting, and stating the text of any special resolution which it is proposed be dealt with at the Special General Meeting.
3. All members shall receive a notice stating the date, time and place and text of the resolution at least fourteen days before the meeting.
4. A quorum shall be seven persons (all financial members)including proxies.
5. Resolutions may be taken only on the resolution noted in the agenda.

### **14. ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

1. An Ordinary General Meeting of the Association shall be held at least once per quarter.
2. A quorum shall be seven persons of whom at least four shall be full members.
3. Proxy votes are allowed.

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## **15. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

1. The objects may not be changed except by 66.67% majority of all financial members, expressed by postal vote, proxy vote or in person, at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose.
2. Any other parts of the constitution may be altered by a 66.67% majority of all financial members present in person, or by postal vote of proxy vote at an Annual or Special General Meeting.
3. All alterations, additions to, suspension, rescission or amendment to this constitution shall become effective from the date the motion passes.
4. Any change resolved must not be changes for at least one year.

## **16. NOTIFICATIONS TO MEMBERS**

1. All members are responsible to notify the Secretary of a change of address.
2. All notices shall be deemed to have been duly given if posted to the registered address.

## **17. PERPETUAL TROPHIES**

All perpetual trophies presented for National, State or Territory Associations events remain the property of the Association, although they may be held for a period by the winners each time such trophies are awarded, but shall never become the property of an individual member.

## **18. RACING RULES**

1. To compete in the Tasar races one of the crew must be a financial or honorary member of the Tasar Association of the NT Inc. "Tasar races" are defined here as those races, championships or events, used or controlled by the Association in the discharge of its objectives.
2. The Tasar is strictly a one design, builder controlled class. Boats which do not conform to the rules of the World Tasar Class Association may be disqualified from competing in Association controlled races.

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3. Boats must comply with current I.Y.R.U. racing rules which, Yachting Australia and Yachting NT may impose from time to time, subject to the Sailing Instructions which may be issued for any Association controlled race.

### **19. WINDING UP THE ASSOCIATION**

If at any time membership falls to less than five persons, the Association shall be disbanded and the assets of the Association shall be disposed of at a reasonable market value and the proceeds given to Yachting NT specifically to foster the sport of sailing. At no time will any member be entitled to receive a distribution of the assets of the Association upon a winding-up or otherwise.