

- New big head sail has been voted in
- AHPC & Jim Boyer have struck a deal to see AHPC producing Taipan hulls in Asia
- Steve Brewin & Andrew (Willy) Williams finished 8th at the recent F18 Worlds in Yeppoon—QLD. They were the top placed Capricorn.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As the sailing season is about to close for most of us the class is about to embarked on its largest change since its inception. By now most are aware of the result of the postal vote to change our sail configuration. The response to the vote was emphatic and I thank all those members who took the time to return their vote. If discussion around the traps is any indication then people are eagerly awaiting the day they can use the sail.

Production of new boats has been the next hot topic that has created lots of discussion. As Greg discussed at the McCrae AGM the likely

scenario of hulls being made in Asia appears to have grown momentum and the moulds are expected to be sent to Asia within the next month. The first hulls have been ordered and their arrival is expected September this year.

The dates for this years national titles at the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron have been set for the 28 December 2007 till 4 January 2008. Please watch the website for updated details.

This has been my first opportunity to thank all those members who put up their hand at the nationals and took on a

role to ensure our association remains active and in the forefront of catamaran sailing. Should you have any enquires please do not hesitate to contact us. Details are available on the website.

In regard to the website you will notice that it has been up and running for some time thanks to the work of Peter Freeman. It would be our intention to use the website as our main source of communication in combination with the newsletter, so if you have any articles or point of interest the please contact either Kings or Peter.

Victorian State Titles— Port Melbourne Yacht Club

The Vic States were held on March 24-25 at PMYC in some pretty heavy conditions. Saturday was blown out so we all sat around eating top shelf sanga's provided by the club, overlooking the windy squalls rolling through. Sunday was a big day on the water with 4 races being sailed to complete

the series. Congratulations to our 2007 Victorian State Champs- Noel Grellert in the cat-rigged class, & Luke Donovan & Mick in the sloop rigged class. Can Victorians please suggest venue options for next years State Titles.



Sailor Profile– Zac Breaden

Age: 17
Occupation:
 Student
Sail number: 084
Nickname:
 WAKKA
Number of years Taipan sailing: 3 weeks
Number of years sailing: Cant remember not sailing
First boat: Sabot (great fun)
Marital Status:
 Young and single
Number of children: hopefully none
Favourite movie:
 The sailing DVD i'm making for school

Greatest Hero: The guy from captain planet that can make the wind blow
Favourite sporting team: who ever is winning
Favourite drink: I'm under age
Favourite music: anything groovy
First (only) car owned: Subaru station wagon
Hobbies (besides sailing): surfing and wakeboarding
Best sailing Location: Tanilba for sure
Greatest achievement:
 Winning CHS



Wakka didn't give me a photo so Noel Griller gets a run instead. Noel has been one of the dominant Taipan Cat Rigged sailors for years, but maybe the young guys coming up will start putting some pressure on.

Liam & Wakka are two of the youngest skippers in the Taipan fleet. Congratulations on stepping up to a real boat after playing on those Manicats for so long Wakka.

Sailor Profile–Liam Goodall



Age: 19
Occupation: Student
Sail Number: 260
First Boat: minnow
Number of years Taipan Sailing: 18
Number of years Sailing: 18
Marital Status: way to young to be married
Number of Children: way to young to have kids
Favourite Music: any thing, I'm not too picky
Best Sailing Location: anywhere with water

Greatest Achievement: still hasn't happened yet
Best Sailing Memory: sailing on the lakes in Italy
Hobbies (besides sailing): sport in general.
Worst injury: broken foot, or sprain in my back
First Car Owned: 1994 Seat Toledo
Favourite Movie: anchor man
Favourite Drink: a good beer

Greatest Hero: Bob Geldof, just cause he's making a difference

Most stupid thing you have done on a Taipan: sail with my older brother Brett

When (if) I grow up I want to... live somewhere near the beach so I can sail every day

McCRAE 07 NATIONALS RESULTS—TOP 5 PLACES

For full results follow the link below


<http://sailmelbourne.com.au/race-results/2007/taipan/open/series.htm>



Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	93	Lemon	W Lyon	17.00
2	326	Bewitched	D Baker	20.00
3	173	No Name	G Hooper	21.00
4	3	Venom	N Grellet	22.00
5	260	no name	L Goodall	24.00

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Taipan 4.9 Sloop Rigged



Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew	Series Score
1	144	Magical	C Hooper	C Lane	14.00
2	312	Where's Willy	T Shulwalow	P Williams	20.00
3	65	Macatak	J McDonald	C Wolfe	23.00
4	263	Jungle Juice	S Kiely	L Kiely	26.00
5	234	Vizey	A Vize	A Vize	28.00

In the next issue:

- Pictures of the new big head main
- A regatta calendar for the 07/08 Taipan sailing season
- New sailor profiles
- The latest price list and manufacturers report from AHPC
- Any other news that taipan sailors offer

Taipan 5.7 & Capricorn

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew	Series Score
1	7	Caprihorn	S Brewin	A Williams	15.00
2	102	Capricorn 1	G Goodall	B Goodall	15.00
3	104	Teflon	C Boag	D Fimmel	17.00
4	120	Wavelength	B Porter	P Callaway	19.00
5	46	Capricious	O McKeon	D Parker	24.00