



TCAA NEWSLETTER

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Peachie showing Willy how to steer a Taipan



Luke, Lisa and James kicking back at Portland Yacht Club

Presidents Report

At the time of writing this report many of us have dusted off our boats and are already competing at various levels. I have fielded many questions as to when the bighead mains can be run. As was decided the new sail configuration can first be used for championship events at the NSW nationals in 2009. This is not to say the sail can not be used at club and other local events. I know that the development of the new sail has begun, ensuring that these sails are at full speed when we are able to use them.

The first of the Asian built hulls have arrived and been delivered to their new owners. Having had the opportunity to view the hulls fresh out of the box they look great. The workmanship appears to be second to none with no visible keel lines. The first delivery of five boats have been sold which is a great result for our class and the next delivery is expected over the next month. With these boats having been purchased it does make more second hand boats available.

On the matter of second hand boats I spoke with Cam Hooper in Darwin who is looking for a good boat on trailer. There are four boats in Darwin and they are hoping to grow the fleet which is again a great result for our class. Cam is hoping to get as many boats to an event to be run in July 2008, this event being the perfect platform to promote our class, so watch the website for more details.

The traveller's series are up and running and I ask that all members support this event. It's a great way to show off our class and support the clubs that host Taipan's. Again this year a main sail has been donated by Goodall Sails and our thanks go to Greg for his support. As we did last year all boats competing in the travellers series will be placed in a draw with the main sail being the main prize. So good luck everyone, and remember you've gotta be in it to win it.

Items for the AGM need to be forwarded to Kingsley Pursch by 30 November 2007 for inclusion on the agenda. So if you have something you want to discuss please drop Kings a line.

Preparation for this years National titles continues to go well, those intending to go to Queensland and who want camping at the club are advised to book ASAP. This needs to be done with the club and a booking form can be downloaded from the RQ website.

I hope all are having fair sailing and look forward to catching up in Queensland.

Dennis Baker – TCAA President



General Notices

Are you a Taipan owner not attending this year's nationals? There are several past and prospective Taipan owners hoping to sail at RQ Nationals. If you are interested in leasing your boat please contact Kingsley on 0421 995 281 or (03) 5122 6221 kingspurch@yahoo.com.au

Seeking Crew Position: Craig Conn, looking for a crew position at the RQYS nationals. He has owned two Taipans over the years and sailed A class Cats. He originally built Taipans with Boyer Fibercraft so he knows his way around these boats. He's currently based in Townsville where about 4 boats regularly race. Contact Craig on 0407 123535, or Email craig.conn@bigpond.com. (Craig would also be a suitable skipper for any person with a boat who would prefer to crew at this event).

If you are looking for a crew or are looking for any crew positions please visit www.taipan.asn.au and e-mail the webmaster to have your details posted on the website.

Taipans are heading to Darwin – July 2008: Cam Hooper (current Taipan 4.9 Sloop National Champion) continues to build a strong fleet of Taipans in Darwin. In July 2008 Taipan sailors will be packing their boats in containers or driving from various states to sail in their annual multihull regatta. 2008 will be the first year that the TCAA Top End Cup will be up for grabs. The Top End Cup will be a prestigious trophy, so to have your name engraved as the first ever winner would be something special. Start planning your holidays and stay tuned for more information over the next few months.





SAILOR PROFILE

Name: Warwick Lyon **Age:** 44
Occupation: Cartographer **Sail Number:** Aus093
Nickname: Jock
Number of years Taipan Sailing: 2
Number of years Sailing: 30 (on and off)
First Boat: Arafura Cadet
Marital Status: Married – Sue **Number of Children:** 2
Favourite Movie: Shawshank Redemption
Greatest Hero: anyone who has a go
Favourite Sporting Team: Collingwood
Favourite Drink: Bundy & Coke
Favourite Music: Anything that is not overplayed on commercial radio
First Car Owned: HQ Holden Station Wagon (mobile home)
Hobbies (besides sailing): Renovating / kids activities
Best Sailing Location: McCrae / Grange / Paynesville
Greatest Achievement: Growing up (?)
Best Sailing Memory: Winning a few heats on a boat I built myself as a kid.
Most stupid thing you have done on a Taipan: don't think I have one yet
Worst injury: Broken ribs
In the future I want to... find more leisure time

NEW 2008 BIG HEAD TAIPAN 4.9 MAIN SAIL NOW AVAILABLE

Ashby Sails Pty Ltd is happy to announce the new 2008 Big Head Taipan 4.9 Main Sail designed by Glenn Ashby. Glenn has used his already proven design aspects derived from his extremely successful A Class and Olympic Tornado Big Head designs.

Glenn combines these winning attributes with the existing solid performance of the standard 4.9 design to provide the new Taipan 4.9 Main with a speed and wind range advantage. Testing along side current rigs has proven this advantage.

Glenn's extensive experience in the Taipan 4.9 cat/sloop and Taipan 5.7 class along with A Class, F18, Tornado and recently Extreme 40 has provided him the opportunity to learn from these classes and combine design advantages from across the range into one sail.

For more information contact Glenn or Mel:

glenn@ashbysails.com or phone **03 54393799**



2007-08 TRAVELLERS SERIES

Victoria and New South Wales are running a travellers series this season. Results will be calculated using the high point scoring system on a designated race during a regatta or the overall results based on all races sailed at regatta (i.e.. 10 boats enter winner gets 11 points last boat gets 1 point non participants 0 points). The major prize is a new square top main donated by AHPC thanks to Greg Goodall. The results will be based on V.Y.C yardstick except that the Capricorns with kites on a yardstick of 68 and prizes will be awarded for overall winner and handicap winner. Visit www.taipan.asn.au for regatta dates and venues.





2007-08 TAIPAN & CAPRICORN NATIONAL TITLES

ROYAL QUEENSLAND YACHT SQUADRON

Schedule:

- 28/12/07** 09:00 - 17:00 Registration Day
- 29/12/07** 09:00 - 10:30 Morning Registration
13:00 Invitation Race***
- 30/12/07** 13:00 Race 1 & 2
- 31/12/07** 10:30 Race 3 & 4
- 01/01/08** **Lay Day**
Trip to Tangalooma with snorkling/beach cricket/drinking on Morton Island.
Fast cat (not Capricorn) to be chartered from wharf in front of club (**to be confirmed**)
- 02/01/08** 13:00 Race 5 & 6
- 03/01/08** 13:00 Race 7 & 8
- 04/01/08** 10:30 Race 9 & 10

Presentation Evening - Hawaiian/Beach theme

***In a moment of excitement Kings had a burning desire to incorporate a development series into the National Titles after a couple of e-mails from Tony Smith and Mark Braithwaite. While this didn't progress any further for RQ I still think the concept would be valuable for participants and for the class. This year some crews will skipper their boats for the invitation race. Steve Keily will also host a rules, tuning and tactics session on the afternoon of Registration day (28/12/07) which I'm sure will be useful for most of us, not just those who are new to skippering Taipans.

Accommodation info can be found at www.rqys.com.au

What to Expect

The 2006/07 Nacra Titles were held at RQYS and they enjoyed 8 to 22 knots over 12 races with 3 races most days. Excellent Weather, Wind and well run regatta. The facilities at RQYS are second to none (except Great Lakes Sailing Club of course). With warm weather, a professional race committee and good competition, RQ has all the essential ingredients for a great national titles event.



NOTICE of RACE

TAIPAN and CAPRICORN CATAMARAN AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Friday 28th December 2007 – Friday 4th January 2008

Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron

The Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron Ltd (RQYS) invites sailors of Taipan and Capricorn catamaran classes and F18 Catamaran classes to the Taipan & Capricorn Catamaran Australian Championships to be sailed between the 28th December 2007 and 4th January 2008 at RQYS, Manly, Queensland.

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the current *rules* as defined in *the I.S.A.F. Racing Rules of Sailing, 2005-2008*, the special regulations of the AYF, (Special Regulations, Part 2,) the Championship Rules of the Taipan and Capricorn & F18 Classes, (except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions) and by the sailing instructions.

Series will be classed as Category C for advertising.

2. Eligibility and Entry

2.1 The regatta is open to boats of the Taipan, Capricorn and F18 catamaran classes that:

2.1.1 have current measurement certificates

2.1.2 whose skipper and crew are financial members of a sailing club affiliated with a State Yachting Authority and have a Silver Card as issued by Yachting Australia



- 2.1.3 whose skipper is a financial member of the Taipan & Capricorn Catamaran Association of Australia (Taipans and Capricorns) or the F18 Catamaran Class Association (F18)
- 2.1.4 proof of current financial membership is required at registration.
- 2.2 Eligible boats shall enter on the attached Entry Form, which shall be lodged accompanied by the required fee (see Item 3) with Taipan and Capricorn Catamaran Association of Australia by printing, completing and mailing the entry form and fees to: Paul Freeman, Qld Taipan Association Representative, 23 Carlton Tce, Wynnum, Qld 4178
- 2.3 Late entries after 1030 on the 29th of December 2007 will not be accepted
- 2.4 Taipan 5.7 competitors are required to nominate their sail configuration, to be fixed for the entire regatta, on the entry form. Those Taipan 5.7 competitors, who nominate a spinnaker, shall be handicapped relative to those Taipan 5.7 competitors, who do not nominate a spinnaker, in accordance with the current VYC yardstick spinnaker adjustment.
- 2.5 All boats shall have public liability insurance to the value of at least \$5 million (insurance certificates must be presented at registration).

3. Fees

- 3.1 • Taipan 5.7 - \$300
 - Taipan 4.9 sloop - \$300
 - Taipan 4.9 cat - \$260
 - Capricorn & F18 - \$300

NOTE: Boats registered prior to the 1st of December will enter a lucky draw for free entry to the regatta



4. Schedule of Events

4.1 Registration – Friday 28th December 2007 between 0900 and 1700 hours and Saturday 29th of December 2007 between 0900 and 1030, at RQYS.

4.2 Races:

| Race | Day & Date | Time of Warning Signal not before |
|------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Saturday 29 th Dec | 1300: Invitation Race. . |
| 2 | Sunday 30 th Dec | 1300: Races 1 & 2 |
| 3 | Monday 31 st Dec | 1030: Races 3 & 4 |
| 4 | Tuesday 1 st Jan | Layday. |
| 5 | Wednesday 2 nd Jan | 1300: Races 5 & 6 |
| 6 | Thursday 3 rd Jan | 1300: Races 7 & 8 |
| 8 | Friday 4 th Jan | 1030: Races 9 & 10 |

Races not sailed as scheduled may be rescheduled at a time to be determined in an attempt to conclude the series on 4th January 2008

5. Measurements

Each boat shall comply with valid measurements or ratings as required by the respective class rules for Taipan and Capricorn Association and F18 association

6. Sailing Instructions

The sailing instructions will be available at registration on Friday 28th December 2007.

7. Regatta Site

The regatta site is the RQYS.

8. Racing Area

The racing area will be to the North East of the RQYS and will be detailed at the briefing.

9. Courses

The course will be a Windward, Return Course as described in the sailing instructions.



10. Scoring

The Low Point scoring system, Appendix A.4.1 will apply.

11. Radio Communications

A boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions, including mobile telephones, which would contravene Rule 41 while racing.

12. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the first three place getters in each Division where there are five boats or more, otherwise first place only.

Prize giving will be on the night of Friday 4th of January.

13. Further Information

For inquiries please contact any of the following organisers:

| Matt Homan | David Elliott | Paul Freeman |
|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 0409 745 404 | 0414 402 226 | 0414 935 762 |





CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

Taipan Catamaran Association of Australia Championship Rules

- 1.0 Responsibility for Venue and Organisation**
- 1.1** *A copy of these rules will be supplied to the Host Club who must in turn assure the Taipan Catamaran Association of Australia (herein after referred to as "the TCAA") that they can comply with these rules.*
- 1.2** *Participation by sponsors shall be as prescribed by the ISAF. Naming of the event shall be approved by the TCAA.*
- 2.0 Appointment of a Protest Committee and their terms of reference.**
- 2.1** *A Protest Committee shall be appointed as provided under the ISAF Racing Rules Appendix Q.*
- 2.2** *The Protest Committee shall include at least one person with experience in a Catamaran Class.*
- 2.3** *The Protest Committee shall be approved by the TCAA.*
- 3.0 Eligibility and Entries**
- 3.1** *The skipper or crew of each yacht shall be a member of the TCAA*
- 3.2** *After the first race of the series, helmsperson or crew substitutes shall be allowed in case of sickness, accident or special circumstances and only with written permission of the Race Committee.*
- 4.0 Measurement**
- 4.1** *The host club shall provide facilities for the complete measurement of boats.*
- 4.2** *A Chief Measurer shall be appointed and subject to approval by the TCAA.*
- 4.3** *A boat may not be allowed to race unless a valid measurement certificate (acceptable to the measurer), issued by a State Association is presented or otherwise confirmed.*
- 4.4** *Minimum check measurements selected from Class Rules shall be determined by the Chief Measurer. This may be used in place of a measurement certificate at the discretion of the Chief Measurer.*
- 4.5** *Other measurements may be required by the Chief Measurer.*
- 4.6** *All Sails to be used at an event shall measure in accordance with Class Rules. It is the Skipper's responsibility to ensure the sails confirm with the class rules. Sail tags must be signed and affixed to all 4.9 sails manufactured after November 1998.*
- 4.7** *Each Boat may measure only one complete set of equipment, which includes one mainsail for cat-rigged boats and one mainsail and two headsails for sloop rigged*



boats. The Race Committee may allow replacement of any items damaged beyond repair. Such items must measure within the Class Rules to the satisfaction of the Chief Measurer.

- 4.8 The Chief Measurer must sign the nominated sails, Eg: Nats 200# AUS001 (Signature). Measurement will be provided at the Club to allow any competitor to check their conformity with the Class Rules.
- 4.9 Any repairs which could affect measurement shall be reported to and be under the control of the Race/Protest Committee.
- 4.10 No official measurement shall take place after Race 1 except as the result of protest, or due to replacement, alteration or repair of any item.
- 4.11 No competitor may protest a question of measurement later than the normal protest time applying to Race 1 – except on the grounds that there has been subsequent alteration of the boat or its equipment.
- 4.12 Corrector weights where necessary must be affixed to the boat in a visible position.

5.0 Racing Rules and Conditions

- 5.1 All Taipan Class Regattas shall be governed by the 2001/2004 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) except as modified by the Taipan Class Rules, these Championship Rules and the Sailing Instructions for each event.
- 5.2 The Sailing Instructions must conform to the RRS and must be approved by the TCAA prior to the commencement of the event.
- 5.3 Races may be abandoned if the Race Committee believes that fair sailing has been compromised.
- 5.4 There shall be a minimum of two rescue boats on the water for any race to be started or continued.
- 5.5 No races shall be started if the average wind is less than 4 knots or more than 22 knots.

6.0 Notices to Competitors Made Ashore

- 6.1 Notices to Competitors including any changes to the Schedule of Races or the Sailing Instructions shall be made on an official notice board located near the Host Club.
- 6.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed on a flagstaff located near the Host Club.
- 6.3 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted before 09:00 hours on the day that they take effect except any change to the Schedule of Races shall be posted prior to 20:00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

7.0 The Course

- 7.1 The Taipan Championship Course is shown in Appendix 3.
- 7.2 The Sequence of mark roundings for the Taipan Championship Course shall be: Start – 1 – 2 – 3A/3B – 1 – 2 – 3A/3B – 1 – 2 – 3A – 4(Finish)
- 7.3 The windward marks 1 and 2 shall be rounded to port.
- 7.4 The leeward marks 3A and 3B shall be set as a gate. All boats shall pass through



the gate entering from the direction of Mark 2 before rounding Mark 3A to port or 3B to starboard.

- 7.5** *The course length shall normally be set so the race will last approximately 40-60 minutes in the anticipated wind conditions. A race time outside this shall not be grounds for redress.*
 - 7.6** *The starting line should be the length in metres approximately 2.5 times the number of boats starting. Eg: 50 Boats in largest division, Start line 125 metres (50*2.5)*
 - 7.7** *The leeward gate should be 6 boat lengths apart. For large fleets (50 or greater) this distance may be extended to 8 boat lengths if necessary.*
 - 7.8** *A change of course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original configuration. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with the original mark.*
 - 7.9** *A change of course will be signaled by the Race Committee boat, which will display code flag "C" to indicate the next mark has been shifted. Sound signals will be made to alert competitors.*
 - 7.10** *Courses shall not be shortened but can be abandoned in accordance with RRS 32.*
- 8.0** *The Start/Finish*
- 8.1** *Races shall be started in accordance with RRS 26*
 - 8.2** *The start line and the finish line shall be between the flagstaff on the start/finish boat and a mark as described in the Sailing Instructions.*
 - 8.3** *Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29, 30.1 and 30.3 only.*
- 9.0** *Time Limit*
- 9.1** *A race shall be abandoned if no boat finishes within 90 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat shall be deemed not to have finished and shall be scored as a DNF.*
 - 9.2** *If the wind reduces to less than 3 knots for a period of 15 minutes or more before the first boat finishes, then the race should be abandoned.*
 - 9.3** *If during a race the wind significantly shifts to preclude fair sailing, as determined by the Race Committee, the race should be abandoned.*
- 10.0** *Scoring*
- 10.1** *The Low Point System as in Appendix A of the RRS shall be used.*
 - 10.2** *Any race not conducted in compliance with the Class Championship Rules as determined by TCAA may be disregarded.*
 - 10.3** *Provisional results should be posted on the Regatta Notice Board as soon as possible after the completion of each race.*
 - 10.4** *If four races are sailed, all four shall count.
If five races are sailed, four shall count.*



*If six races are sailed, five shall count.
 If seven races are sailed, six shall count.
 If eight races are sailed, seven shall count
 If nine races are sailed, seven shall count.
 If ten races are sailed, eight shall count.
 If eleven races are sailed, nine shall count.
 If twelve races are sailed, ten shall count.*

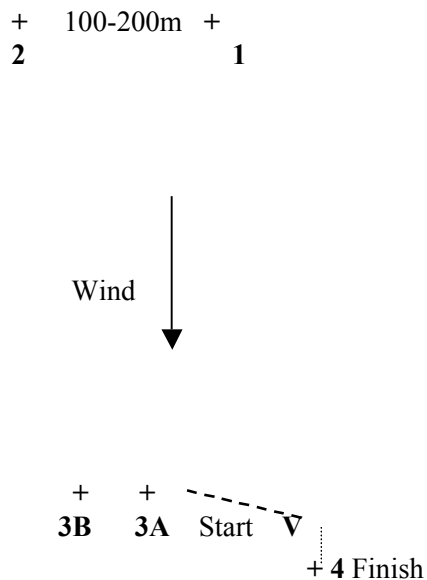
11.0 Protests

- 11.1** *Protests shall be written on the forms available from the host club Regatta Office no later than one hour after the Race Committee returns to Shore after the last race of the day. There shall be no protest fee.*
- 11.2** *When a boat infringes a rule of RRS Part 2, the Alternative Penalty Rule 44.2 shall apply, except that the 720 degree turn shall be replaced by a 360 degree turn and shall include one tack and one gybe.*

12.0 Insurance and Disclaimer

- 12.1** *A valid third party insurance for a minimum of \$2,000,000 AUD shall exist for each participating boat and proof of this insurance shall be available at all times.*

13.0 Course Diagram





- 1 Windward Mark
- 2 *Reaching Mark*
- 3A Start Mark and Leeward Port Rounding Buoy
- 3B Leeward Starboard Rounding Buoy
- V Race Committee Vessel
- 4 Finish Mark

14.0 Recommendations to Organising & Race Committees

- 14.1** *The primary purpose of the Taipan Championship Rules is to simplify the Sailing Instructions for each event. In summary, the only points that should be required for the Sailing Instructions are:-*
 - *The Venue, Host Club Name and National Authority organising the event.*
 - *The colour of the original course and altered course marks.*
 - *The Start/Finish mark.*
 - *The dates and schedule of races.*
 - *The social calendar.*
- 14.2** *The Windward-Leeward distance should vary between 0.6nm for light wind and 1-1.2nm in strong wind. This distance can also vary depending on fleet size.*
- 14.3** *When greater than 2 races per day are being sailed the target time for the race should be closer to 40 minutes than 60 minutes.*
- 14.4** *The wind strength shall be measured and recorded at regular intervals using a wind meter when the lower and upper limits may be in question as described in the Championship Rules. These readings should be made available to the Association if required.*
- 14.5** *In relation to Championship Rule 9.0 apart from the Flags/Signals used for racing, no other flags shall be flown from the Start/Finish Vessel without prior permission of the Association.*



#334 brand new. If only Kings could work out how to put that bloody harness on.





ENTRY FORM

Taipan & Capricorn Australian Championships

Boat Name:

Class: 5.7 (with spinnaker) 5.7(without spinnaker)

4.9sloop 4.9cat F18

Sail Number:.....

Hull Colour:.....

Skipper:..... Age:

AYF Member No:..... Shirt Size

Address:.....

.....State.....PCode.....

Club:.....Phone:.....

E-mail:

Name of Crew:..... Shirt Size.....

AYF Member No:.....

Address:.....

.....State.....PCode.....

Club.....Phone:.....

E-mail:

I AGREE TO BE BOUND by the Racing Rules of the ISAF; the prescriptions and Racing Regulations of the A.Y.F, the relevant rules of the following associations, Taipan & Capricorn Association and F18 Association Class Rules, all as modified by the Sailing Instructions of the RQYS.

I further acknowledge and agree that in consideration of my entry into this series being accepted, without any obligation on your part to so accept my entry, my participation and the participation of my crew, is at my own risk.

I am wholly and solely responsible for the seaworthiness, sufficiency and adequacy of my yacht and its equipment, and any decision to sail in any race or in the series waters between races shall be my own. I hereby indemnify and hold blameless the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, their members, officers, or agents, the F18 Association, their members, officers, or agents, the Taipan & Capricorn Catamaran Association of Australia Inc., their members, officers or agents from all claims, costs and demands whatsoever and howsoever arising from the 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:Skipper Date:
Crew Date:

I tender the following amounts:

| | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Race fee (Includes races, merchandise, entry to social events) | \$ |
| National Taipan and Capricorn Association fee (to be paid at registration if not already paid, and proof of payment required) Not applicable to F18s other than Capricorns* | \$ |
| ADDITIONAL TICKETS for guests to attend Welcome Dinner and Presentation Dinner | |
| • Adults _____ @ \$50.00 | \$ |
| • Under 18's _____ @ \$30.00 | \$ |
| Total | \$ |

* Proof of F18 association membership is required.

Ralf Steyer is sailing fast on *Bullet 035*, but will be even faster on his new boat - #335

