



2008-2009
Taipan & Capricorn Catamaran
Australian Championships

10 January 2009 - 16 January 2009

Notice of Race

Organising Authority
Taipan & Capricorn association

In conjunction with the host club



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The Taipan and Capricorn Association of Australia invites sailors of Taipan and Capricorn catamarans to the Taipan & Capricorn Catamaran Australian Championships to be sailed between the 10th January 2009 and 16th January 2009 at Belmont 16 Foot Skiff, NSW.

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by:

- The rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* 2005-2008 (RRS),
- Yachting Australia Inc. (YA) Special Regulations - Part 2 (off the beach classes),
- The Championship Rules of the TCAA and Taipan Class Rules,
- The Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions (SIs).

1.2 Boats that display advertising shall comply with Category C in accordance with RRS Appendix 1, 20.3.1

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

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

- 2.1.1 that 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.

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:

**Les Porter,
NSW Taipan Association Representative,
22 Bloomfield Ave,
Corrimal, NSW 2518**

Note: Postal entries will only be accepted up to December 1st 2008. Postal entries will enter a lucky draw for free entry to the regatta.

2.3 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.

2.4 All boats competing in this event shall have third party insurance cover of not less than AUD \$5 million (recommended \$10 million) for any incident.

Insurance certificates must be presented at registration if requested.

3. RACE FEES

Race fee (Includes races, merchandise, entry to Presentation night & Welcome function)

➤	Taipan 5.7	- \$300
➤	Taipan 4.9 sloop	- \$300
➤	Taipan 4.9cat	- \$260
➤	Capricorn	- \$300

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DAY/DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME
Saturday 10 January 2009	Registration	0800 – 1400
	Briefing	1330
	Invitation Race	1500
	Welcome Function	1900
Sunday 11 January 2009	Race 1	1300
	Race 2	ASAP after race 1
Monday 12 January 2009	Race 3	1030
	Race 4	ASAP after race 3
Tuesday 13 January 2009	Lay Day (option Hunter Valley Wine Tour)	
Wednesday 14 January 2009	Race 5	1300
	Race 6	ASAP after race 5
Thursday 15 January 2009	Race 7	1300
	Race 8	ASAP after race 7
Friday 16 January 2009	Race 9	1030
	Race 10	ASAP after race 9
	Presentation	1900

Note: No warning signal will be made after 1530 on Friday 16 January 2009.

5. MEASUREMENTS

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

In addition all Taipans will be weighed and sails checked during registration, this will not apply to Capricorns that are able to produce a valid F18 measurement certificate. Capricorn crews and skippers will be weighed during registration.

Subject to the availability of the measurer, there may be an opportunity for boats to be weighed and sails checked prior to the regatta. Details will be posted on the website when dates and venues becomes available.

Note: A boat may be inspected for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions at any time during the regatta, at the discretion of the race committee.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at registration on Saturday 10th January 2009.

7. VENUE

The host club is Belmont 16 ft Skiff Sailing Club. Located The Parade, Belmont, NSW, 2280, Australia.

8. SCORING

6.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply, except that when 9 or more races are completed, a boat may discard its two worst scores.

6.2 When 5 to 8 races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst race

6.3 When 4 races or less are completed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores

6.4 10 races are scheduled of which 4 races shall be completed to constitute a series.

9. COURSES

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

10. 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.

11. REGATTA SITE

The regatta site is the Belmont 16 ft Skiff Sailing Club. The Regatta Office will be located adjacent to the rigging area. No Trailer Parking in the car park or adjacent streets during the regatta. Trailers are requested to be stored at your accommodation.

12. RACING AREA

The racing area will be laid on Belmont Bay, Lake Macquarie and will be detailed at the briefing.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions, while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

14. DISCLAIMER

The Belmont 16ft Skiff Sailing Club Ltd, the Australian Taipan/Capricorn Association, their members, officers and sponsors and all others involved in the management and conduct of this regatta, shall not be liable for any loss of life or injury, or for the loss of property or damage caused by or arising from participation in this event. The race documents and instructions in no way limit or reduce the complete and unlimited responsibility of a competitor for the management and care of a boat that they have entered in the event. **ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO RRS 4.**

15. AUTHORISATION

By participating in the event the participant automatically authorises the Organising Authorities and the sponsors of the event the right to make use of and show from time to time names, images, sound recording and any other reproductions taken during the event and any other material related to the event without compensation.

16. INSURANCE

All boats competing in this event shall have third party insurance cover of not less than AUD \$5 million (recommended \$10 million) for any incident.

For further inquiries please contact

Les Porter 02 4284 8800

Or

Steve Kiely 02 4441 8689

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ENTRY FORM

Skipper: _____ Age: _____

AYF Member No: _____

Address: _____
 _____ State _____ PCode _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Club: _____

Crew: _____ Age: _____

AYF Member No: _____

Address: _____
 _____ State _____ PCode _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Club: _____

I/we agree to be bound by the RRS and all other rules that govern this event. I/We acknowledge and understand that the organizing authority, the host club, their members, officers, servants or agents, and all others involved in the organization and conduct of this event shall not be liable for any loss of life or injury or for the loss of property or damage thereto whatsoever or howsoever occurring. I confirm my crew is aware of these undertakings.

I further confirm that the boat is covered by Third Party Liability Insurance in accordance with the Item 16 & 2.4 of NOR.

Signed: _____ (Skipper) Date: _____

Signed: _____ (Crew) Date: _____

Entrants Under 18 years of age

As the parent/guardian of the above named skipper/crew. I hereby consent to his/her participation in this event on the terms and conditions as outlined in the Notice of Race.

Signed: _____ (parent/guardian of Skipper) Date: _____

Signed: _____ (parent/guardian of Crew) Date: _____

Boat	Name:.....	Sail
Number:.....		
Class: (please circle)	5.7 (with spinnaker) 5.7(without spinnaker)	

4.9sloop	4.9cat	Capricorn
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I tender the following amounts:

Race fee (Includes races, merchandise, entry to Presentation night & Welcome function)	\$
National Taipan and Capricorn Association fee (to be paid at registration if not already paid, and proof of payment required) (\$40)	\$
Additional tickets for guests to attend Welcome function and Presentation dinner	\$
Adults @ \$60 each	\$
Under 18's @ \$35 each	\$
Total	\$

Cheques are to be made out to the Australian Taipan/Capricorn Association.

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