



NOTICE OF RACE

2024 Taipan Catamaran National Championships

Proudly hosted by:

Victor Harbor Yacht Club

30 December 2023 - 5 January 2024

Organising Authority:

Victor Harbor Yacht Club in conjunction with:

Taipan Catamaran Association of Australia Inc. (TCAA)



Notice of Race

Preamble:

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Sailing Instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024* (RRS).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be made available to competitors prior to the event, both online and at VHYC.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1. The official Notice Board is located at Victor Harbor Yacht Club
- 3.2. [DP] Whilst racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make or receive voice or data transmissions that is/are not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The Event is open to all financial members of the Taipan Catamaran Association of Australia (TCAA).
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee. This is to be done via the Website of the Taipan Catamaran Association of Australia at: www.taipan.asn.au
- 4.3. Entries will not be accepted after 1200, Fri Dec 29th 2023.
- 4.4. The person in charge shall be a financial member of the TCAA.
- 4.5. Junior Competitors shall be under the age of 18 years for the duration of the event.
- 4.6. Taipan 5.7 Entries shall nominate a Sail Configuration to be used during the Event on the Entry form.

5. FEES

- 5.1. 4.9 Cat Rig - \$400.
- 5.2. 4.9 Sloop Rig - \$450.
- 5.3. 5.7 Sloop Rig - \$450.
- 5.4. Junior Competitors shall receive a \$50 discount.
- 5.5. For Entries received after 26 December 2023 a late fee of \$60.00 shall apply.

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1. Boats may be required to display Advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
- 6.2. If required, boats shall display event advertising supplied by the event sponsor such that the event advertising stickers are located on outer starboard and port sides of the hulls within 25% their lengths (approx. 1.35 meters) from the foremost point of the hulls.
- 6.3. [DP] Advertising stickers shall remain in place for the duration of the regatta.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DAY	EVENT	TIME
Saturday December 30, 2023	Registration and Measurement	0900hrs-1700hrs
	Welcome Dinner	1800hrs
Sunday December 31, 2023	Competitor Briefing	1130hrs
	Racing – Session 1	1330hrs
Monday January 1, 2024	Lay day	
Tuesday January 2, 2024	Daily Briefing	0930hrs
	Racing – Session 2	1100hrs
Wednesday January 3, 2024	Daily Briefing	0930hrs
	Racing – session 3	1100 hrs
Thursday January 4, 2024	Daily Briefing	0930 hrs
	Racing – Session 4	1100 hrs
Friday January 5, 2024	Daily Briefing	0930 hrs
	Racing - Session 5	1100 hrs
Presentation Dinner	Venue TBA	Approx 1800

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1. All boats will be weighed at registration and sails may be measured.
- 8.2. Boats may be inspected at any time during the event for compliance with class rules.

9. VENUE

- 9.1. The event shall take place on the waters in the vicinity of Victor Harbor Yacht Club
(See Appendix A).

10. COURSES AND MARKS

- 10.1. Shall be in accordance with the TCAA Championship Rules and defined in the Sailing Instructions.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. 4 races are required to constitute a series.
- 11.2. When fewer than 5 races are completed, a boats series score shall be the total of all her races.
- 11.3. When 5 to 8 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.4. When 9 or more races are completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores
- 11.5. Boats that enter “With Spinnaker” have their corrected race times calculated using the current Australian Sailing Yardstick for a Taipan 5.7 Spin.
- 11.6. Boats that enter “Without Spinnaker” on the entry form but are rigged with a spinnaker at any time whilst racing (invitation race excluded), are rated as “With Spinnaker” for all Race Sessions. Race results are calculated in accordance with 11.5, regardless of whether or not the spinnaker is actually used or able to be used.
- 11.7. Boats that enter “With Spinnaker” on the Registration Form, but who wish to change to “Without Spinnaker”, may do so up until the close of Registration. However, written evidence must be provided to the Race Committee that at least 75% of registered Taipan 5.7 entrants consent to the change, whereupon their race results are then calculated in accordance with 11.5
- 11.8. Once Taipan 5.7 sail configuration is confirmed at Registration it shall be fixed for the event

12. INSURANCE

- 12.1. Each participating boats shall be insured with valid third- party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 per incident or equivalent.
- 12.2. Boats shall produce evidence of the above at registration.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

13.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 3, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

14. PRIZES

14.1. Prizes for each division shall be as follows:

- 14.1.1. 3 boats or less – 1st place only.
- 14.1.2. 3 to 6 boats – 1st and 2nd place only.
- 14.1.3. 7 or more boats – 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

15. BOAT AND TRAILER STORAGE

- 15.1. Boats may be left at the club and its surrounds at the owners risk.
- 15.2. Trailers may only be stored in only in the designated area at the owner's risk.
- 15.3. Boats may be delivered prior to the event on 30/12/2023 between 1030 and 1830.

Appendix A

