



2023 Taipan Catamaran Victorian Championships

11th March 2023 – 13th March 2023

Sailing Instructions (Supplementary)

Organising Authority:

Taipan Catamaran Association of Australia Inc. (TCAA)

In conjunction with the host club:

Altona Yacht Club (AYC)

1. RULES

1.1 This regatta will be hosted by AYC, in conjunction with the TCAA and is governed by the rules as defined in:

- The World Sailing *Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024* (RRS), including Appendix S
- YA (Yachting Australia) Special Regulations Part 2 for off-the-beach boats
- The Championship Rules and Class Rules of TCAA
- These Sailing Instructions (SI), including any changes made in compliance with SI 4.
- Appendix 3 to the 2020 World Sailing Regulations regarding eligibility of regatta entrants.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising shall only be displayed in accordance with the World Sailing Advertising Code (Refer World Sailing Regulation 20).
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the Official Regatta Noticeboard, which is located outside Briefing Area (compliant with COVID 19 restrictions).

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to these Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the Official Regatta Noticeboard (see SI 3) not less than one (1) hour before the warning signal of a race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the AYC flagstaff.
- 5.2 When code flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced by “not less than 30 minutes” in the race signal AP. This changes the Race Signals

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The Organising Authority will attempt to conduct races to take advantage prevailing conditions. However, the racing schedule may be altered to allow for unfavourable weather patterns.
- 6.2 After considering issued weather forecasts and any other factors, the Organising Authority will advise competitors (via Briefing) of the proposed schedule for the day’s racing 1.5 hours before the scheduled race start for that day.
- 6.3 A total of up to **9** races are planned for the series. A minimum of **3** races must be completed to constitute a series
- 6.4 There shall be no more than 3 races sailed back-to-back in any one session, unless required on the final day. There may be more than one session per Race Day.
- 6.5 There is no scheduled Lay Day.
- 6.6 When more than one race is to be held in a session, code flag “L” shall be displayed on the Race Committee Vessel at the finish. If code flag “L” is not displayed on the Race Committee Vessel at the finish, that race session has concluded.
- 6.7 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed on the Race Committee Vessel at least five minutes before the warning signal for the first division to start is displayed.
- 6.8 Sailing schedule:

Event	Day	Date	Time	First warning signal	Last warning signal
				Not before	Not after
Registration	Saturday	11-Mar-23	0900 hrs – 1200 hrs		
Briefing			1230 hrs		
Race Session 1			1400 hrs		
Briefing	Sunday	12-Mar-23	0930 hrs		

Race Session 2 and 3	Sunday	12-Mar-23		1000 hrs	1700 hrs
Briefing	Monday	13-Mar-23	0930 hrs		
Race Session 4 and 5	Monday	13-Mar-23		1000 hrs	1400 hrs

7. DIVISIONS

7.1 Division 1 – Taipan 4.9 cat (Standard and Sports Rig)

Division 2 – Taipan 4.9 sloop

Division 3 – Taipan 5.7

7.2 Divisional flags

Division 1 – Numeral pennant 1

Division 2 – Numeral pennant 2

Division 3 – Numeral pennant 3

8. RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area will be Port Phillip Bay, or as detailed on the Official Regatta Noticeboard, and will be detailed at the briefing.

9. COURSE

9.1 The actual course length shall be set at the discretion of the Race Officer, to facilitate optimum sailing for the conditions of the day. The Race Officer will aim for races of approximately 40 – 45 minutes duration.

9.3 The Taipan Championship Course is shown in SI 25.

10. MARKS

10.1 Mark 1 will be a Pink cylindrical inflatable buoy.

10.2 Mark 2 will be a Red round inflatable buoy .

10.3 Marks 3A and 3B will be Pink cylindrical inflatable buoys.

10.4 Mark 4 will be a Orange round inflatable buoy.

10.5 The Finish Mark (Mark F) will be a Red flag Buoy.

10.6 The Start Mark (Mark S) will be a Red flag Buoy.

11. THE START

11.1 Races will be started in a 3-minute sequence as follows:

Signal	Flag & sound	Minutes
Warning	Division Flag; 1 sound	3
Preparatory	P, U, I, Z or Black Flag, 1 sound	2
One-minute	Preparatory Flag removed; 1 long sound	1
Start	Division Flag removed; 1 sound	0

This alters rule 26.

11.2 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark (Red Flag Buoy)

11.3 Boats whose warning signals have not been made shall avoid the starting area.

- 11.4 A boat starting after her designated start time shall not interfere with boats that have commenced their starting sequence.
- 11.5 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS).
- 11.6 In the event of a General Recall, that division shall cycle to the end of the divisional start list. This alters rule 29.2.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finish line shall be between a staff displaying a Blue flag on the Race Committee Vessel and the Finishing Mark (Red Flag Buoy).
- 12.2 A boat having finished her race shall not interfere with boats that are still racing and shall keep clear of the course side of the finish line.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

14. TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 A race shall be abandoned if no boat finishes within 90 minutes.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in that division sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit (15.2).
- 15.2 Protests shall be written on the form available from the Race Office and shall be submitted no later than one (1) hour after the last boat in that Division has finished the last race of the day.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted on the Official Regatta Noticeboard no later than 60 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at AYC as soon as possible following the posting of the notice.
- 15.4 Notices of protest by the Race Committee or Protest Committee shall be posted on the Official Regatta Noticeboard.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 The Low Point System as in Appendix A of the RRS shall be used.
- 16.2 Any race not conducted in compliance with the Championship Rules as determined by TCAA may be disregarded.
- 16.3 Provisional results should be posted on the Official Regatta Noticeboard as soon as possible after the completion of each race.
- 16.4 Three (3) races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.5 When from five (5) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding the worst score.
- 16.6 When nine (9) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 For each race session, yachts intending to race shall ‘Sign-on’ no later than 15 minutes prior to the 1st warning signal. Failure to comply will result in a boat being scored DNS for the race or races without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4 and A5.

17.2 All boats shall sign the race ‘Sign-off’ upon returning to shore, no later than 60 minutes after the final boat in their division has finished the last race of that session. Failure to comply will result in the boat being scored DNF for the race or races without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4 and A5.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1 Substitution of competitors shall not be allowed without the prior written approval of the Race Officer.

18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless approved by the Race Officer. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Officer at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time by the regatta measurer or a delegate appointed by the Race Committee.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATION

20.1 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.

21. OFFICIAL BOATS

21.1 Official boats shall be identified by a AYC burgee, or as advised.

22. PRIZES

22.1 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for each Division as follows:

Number of entries (by Division)	Prizes awarded *
3 or fewer boats	1 st place
4 to 6 boats	1 st and 2 nd place
7 or more boats	1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd place

* Further prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

Note: To allow for accurate and timely purchase of trophies, the TCAA Committee will base its decision to award prizes on the number of completed online registrations as at midnight on 11th Feb 2023.

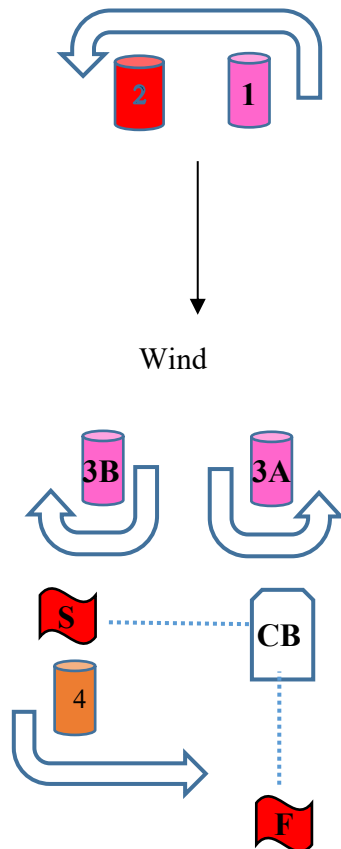
23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

23.1 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.

24. INSURANCE

- 24.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance policy, including cover whilst racing and with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 (recommended \$10,000,000) per event or the equivalent. All owners/competitors who complete the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.
- 24.2 Competitors may be required to produce evidence of such insurance being held prior to or at registration.

25. COURSE DIAGRAM



- 1 Windward Mark (Cylindrical Pink Inflatable)
- 2 Offset Mark (Red Buoy)
- 3A Leeward Port Rounding Buoy (Cylindrical Pink Inflatable)
- 3B Leeward Starboard Rounding Buoy (Cylindrical Pink Inflatable)
- CB Race Committee Vessel (5.5m Orange Rescue Boat flying Alton Burgee)
- S Start Buoy (Red Flag Buoy)
- 4 Identifying Mark (Round Orange Buoy)
- F Finish Mark (Red Flag Buoy)

The Sequence of mark roundings for the Taipan Championship Course shall be:

Start (S-CB) – 1 – 2 – 3A/3B – 1 – 2 – 3A/3B – 1 – 2 – 4 –Finish (F)

The windward marks **1** and **2** shall be rounded to port.

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.

When finishing, mark **4** must be taken to port.

The Finish Line shall be between the Race Committee Vessel (Start Boat) and mark **F**.

Hazards at AYC.

There is a red port lateral Mark approximately 300 meters to right of yacht club this marks a reef which is visible at low tide. Any boat passing inside this Mark and the shore will be disqualified without a hearing. The Race Committee will endeavour to not have this mark on any Lay lines or rhumb lines.