



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2024 Taipan Catamaran National Championships

Proudly hosted by:

Victor Harbor Yacht Club

30 December 2023 to 5 January 2024

Organising Authority:

Victor Harbor Yacht Club in conjunction with:

Taipan Catamaran Association of Australia Inc. (TCAA)



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4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

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- 6.1. Code flag “L” will be flown on the finish boat to indicate that another race will be started following completion of the current race. If code flag “L” is not displayed on the finish boat at the finish of any race, that race session is concluded.
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- 6.3. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1500hrs.
- 6.4. A maximum of 10 races shall be sailed.
- 6.5. There shall be no more than 3 races sailed back-to-back in any one Race Session, unless required on the final day to constitute a series. There may be more than one Race Session per Race Day, which shall be advised at the Briefing.
- 6.6. The Race Committee, in consultation with the TCAA Organising Committee, may utilise the scheduled Lay Day on 1/1/2024 in order to make up a shortfall in races completed or to anticipate an inability to race on 5/1/2023 based on weather forecasts.

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7.1. DIVISIONS

- 7.1.1. DIVISION 1 – Taipan 4.9 Cat – Numeral Pennant 1
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8. RACING AREA

8.1. The racing area shall be on the waters of Victor Harbor in the vicinity of the Victor Harbor Yacht Club.

9. COURSE

9.1. The Course is shown at Appendix "A"

9.2. Legs of the course shall not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes Rule 33

9.3. No later than the warning signal, the race committee may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

10. MARKS

10.1. Marks 1, 2s and 2p will be tall orange inflatable buoys

10.2. Mark 1a will be a large red cylindrical inflatable buoy.

10.3. Mark 3 will be a black cylindrical inflatable buoy

11. THE START

11.1. Races will be started as follows:

Signal	Flag and Sound	Minutes
Warning	Division flag; 1 sound	3
Preparatory	P, I, or black flag; 1 sound	2
One Minute	Preparatory flag removed; 1 long sound	1
Start	Division flag removed; 1 sound	0

11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on a large yellow conical inflatable buoy at the port end.

11.3. [NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.4. [NP] A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5

11.5. General Recall. The warning signal for the first recalled Division will be displayed at the start of the last Division, except when there are no other divisions to start. The warning signal of subsequently recalled Divisions will be displayed at the start of the preceding recalled Division. This changes Rule 29.2.

12. THE FINISH

12.1. The finishing line will be between a mast displaying a blue flag on the race committee

vessel and pink buoy.

- 12.2. [NP] 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. The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty. This changes Rule 44.1.

14. TIME LIMIT

- 14.1. The time limit for the first boat to complete the course in each Division is 60 minutes.
- 14.2. [NP] Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in her division shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15. SHORTEN COURSE

- 15.1. Courses shall only be shortened at the gate (2S, 2P), where Code Flag "S" shall be displayed attached to or adjacent to the mark.
- 15.2. The Course shall not be shortened unless the "gate" has been traversed at least once by a boat from any division.

16. HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1. Protest forms are available at the race office, located on the upper deck. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2. For each Division, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 16.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the rear of the race control tower, beginning at the time posted.
- 16.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.5. [NP] Breaches of instructions 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under these instructions will be DPI.
- 16.6. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - 16.6.1. within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; and/or

- 16.6.2. no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes Rule 66
- 16.7. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. (Rule 62.2a)

17. SCORING

- 17.1. Four races must be completed to constitute a Championship series.
- 17.1.1. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.
- 17.1.2. When five to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.1.3. When nine or more races are completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores, excluding her two (2) worst scores.

18. [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. Sign On and Sign Off: All boats must "sign on" before leaving the shore and "sign off" as soon as practicable after returning to shore at the completion of the session's racing.
- 18.2. The Sign On period for each Division will close at the scheduled warning signal time of the first race for that session on that day. Competitors who wish to sign on for subsequent races in that session must advise the Regatta Office.
- 18.3. The Sign Off period for each Division will close 60 minutes after the last boat has completed the last race of the session, or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 18.4. Each skipper shall Sign On and Sign Off using the relevant function within the Sailor app. Traditional hardcopy pen/paper is not available
- 18.5. A boat's regatta registration will constitute her Sign On for the first session.
- 18.6. In respect to 18.2, a boat may approach the Race Committee Vessel, prior to the raising of the Warning Signal for the first division of the Race Session, and "verbally" Sign-on". This dispensation shall only apply once to each entrant over the period of the regatta.
- 18.7. Failure to Sign On or Sign Off in accordance with Sailing Instruction 18.1 will result in that boat being scored DSQ for all races of the relevant session without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 18.8. Races shall NOT START where the average wind strength over the previous 10 mins exceeds 22 knots or is less than 4 knots.

19. [NP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the

Race Committee in consultation with the TCAA Organising Committee (refer Championship Rule 3). Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee in writing at the first reasonable opportunity.

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- 25.1. 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.

26. INSURANCE

- 26.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000.00 (recommended \$10,000,000.00) per incident or the equivalent. Competitors may be required to produce evidence of such insurance and any competitor not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

APPENDIX A

COURSE

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- 34.1. The racing area shall be on the waters of Victor Harbor in the vicinity of the Victor Harbor Yacht Club.
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- 35.1. The Course is shown at Appendix "A"
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