



**2023**

**Taipan Catamaran  
Victorian Championships**

**11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Notice of Race**

**Organising Authority:**

Taipan Catamaran Association of Australia Inc. (TCAA)

**In conjunction with the host club:**

Altona Yacht Club (AYC)



WG Cresser Reserve,  
10 Beach St,  
Seaholme Vic 3018

[www.altonayachtclub.org.au](http://www.altonayachtclub.org.au)

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

## **1. RULES**

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2** The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2, Off the Beach Boats, shall apply.
- 1.3** Appendix T, Arbitration, and the Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.4** The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions as outlined in the Sailing Instructions for the event.

## **2. ADVERTISING**

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

## **3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1** The regatta is open to boats of the Taipan catamaran classes:
  - 3.1.1** Whose skipper and crew (if applicable) are members of a Club affiliated to Australian Sailing and have an Australian Sailing number, or hold a valid Sail Pass, or if an international competitor, be a member of club affiliated to a World Sailing recognised Member National Authority; and
  - 3.1.2** Whose skipper is a financial member of the TCAA (memberships due **September 2022**).
- 3.2** Taipan 5.7 sail configuration:
  - 3.2.1** Entrants must nominate a sail configuration to use for the regatta on the Entry Form, being either With Spinnaker or Without Spinnaker.
  - 3.2.2** Entrants that nominate With Spinnaker will have their elapsed race times adjusted by the VYC Yardstick for a Taipan 5.7 with spinnaker to calculate corrected time.
  - 3.2.3** Subject to 3.2.5, entrants that nominate Without Spinnaker will have their elapsed race times adjusted by the VYC Yardstick for a Taipan 5.7 without spinnaker to calculate corrected time.
  - 3.2.4** Results will be based on corrected time.
  - 3.2.5** Entrants that nominate Without Spinnaker on the Entry Form, but which carry a spinnaker at any time whilst racing, will be deemed to be With Spinnaker for the regatta and have their race results calculated/recalculated in accordance with 3.2.2, regardless of whether the spinnaker is actually used or able to be used.
  - 3.2.6** Entrants that nominate With Spinnaker on the Entry Form but who wish to change to Without Spinnaker may do so up until the close of Registration but must provide written evidence to the Race Committee that at least 75% of registered Taipan 5.7 entrants consent to the change, whereupon their race results will be calculated in accordance with 3.2.3.
  - 3.2.7** Sail configuration may not be changed during the Regatta except in accordance with 3.2.6.
- 3.3** The Organising Authority reserves the right to combine classes with less than 5 entries in the same Division.
- 3.4** Entering this regatta will be taken as confirmation that the skipper and/or boat owner has the required insurance cover in place for the regatta. Insurance certificates should be available for inspection at registration.

**3.5** Eligible boats can enter by either:

- 3.5.1 Completing the online entry form and making payment via the TCAA website ([www.taipan.asn.au](http://www.taipan.asn.au)) prior to midnight on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023 (**preferred method**); or
- 3.5.2 Completing the attached Entry Form and making payment by cash or cheque at Registration. Cheques should be made payable to "Taipan Catamaran Association of Aust."

**3.6** Entries close at 09:00 hrs on 12th March 2023.**4. ENTRY FEES****4.1** Discounted entry fee (if paid by PayPal before midnight on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023):

- 2-up boat = \$ 170
  - Adult skipper & crew U/16 = \$ 150
  - U/16 skipper & crew = \$ 130
- 1-up boat = \$ 150
  - U/16 skipper = \$ 130

**4.2** Late entry fee (if paid after midnight on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023) – Additional \$30**4.3** TCAA membership - \$50 (if not current member).**5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS****5.1** Registration:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	09:00 – 12:00 hrs

**5.2** Dates of racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>
Saturday March 11 2023	Information Session	12:30 hrs
Saturday March 11 2023	Racing Sessions	14:00 hrs
Sunday March 12 2023	Racing Sessions	10:00 hrs
Monday March 13 2023	Racing Sessions	10:00 hrs
Monday March 13 2023	Presentation	ASAP after racing.

**5.3** Multiple racing sessions may be held each day. A maximum of 3 races will be conducted back-to-back in a racing session.**5.4** No Warning signal will be made after 14:00 hrs on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**5.5** The series will comprise of a maximum of 9 races.**6. MEASUREMENT****6.1** Each boat shall comply with the measurement requirements of its respective Class Rules and hold a valid measurement certificate (if required).**6.2** A boat may be inspected for compliance with its respective Class Rules and the Sailing Instructions at any time during the regatta, at the discretion of the Race Committee.**7. VENUE****7.1** Attachment A shows the location of Altona Yacht Club and the racing areas.

**8. COURSES**

The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

**9. PENALTY SYSTEM**

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

**10. SCORING**

**10.1** There are up to 9 races scheduled of which 3 are required to be completed to constitute a series.

**10.2** (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When between 5 and 8 (inclusive) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When 9 races are completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

**10.3** Where a Division constitutes more than one Class, the finishing time of each boat in that Division will be adjusted in accordance with the "Australian Sailing Yardsticks – OTB Catamarans" Version 1.0, dated 12 August 2022.

**11. SUPPORT BOATS**

Support boats shall register with the regatta office before going on the water the first time. All support boats **must** carry a working VHF radio able to be tuned to channels 71, 72, 73 and 77 as well as be prepared to assist the race committee if requested to do so until cleared to leave the course area.

**12. BERTHING**

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park.

**13. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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

**14. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded for each Division as follows:

<b>Number of entries (by Division)</b>	<b>Prizes awarded *</b>
3 or fewer boats	1 <sup>st</sup> place
4 to 6 boats	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> place
7 or more boats	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 11 February 2023.*

**15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing 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.

**16. RISK STATEMENT**

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

**17. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10 million per incident or the equivalent.

**18. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

In participating in an Event, a competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the Event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the said Event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said Event without compensation.

**19. AMENDMENTS**

Any amendments to this Notice of Race shall be posted on the TCCA Website ([www.taipan.asn.au](http://www.taipan.asn.au)) no later than 5:00 pm on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

**20. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please refer to the Events forum on the TCAA website.

**21. SOCIAL**

Dinner and a will be provided at the club on Saturday evening at approximately 18:00 hrs. The cost of the dinner will be \$30 per adult and \$15.00 per child (under 16) payable via online registration, or during registration at the club. The dinner is open to all skippers, family and friends. Drinks will be available to be purchased at the bar.

Catering will be available on site at the Yacht Club with lunch and other food and drinks available.

**22. LOCATION NOTES, ACCOMODATION**

Further information of interest to competitors will be posted on the AYC website, <https://altonayachtclub.org.au>.

# ATTACHMENT A – RACING AREA



**ENTRY FORM**

<b><u>BOAT DETAILS</u></b>				
Name: .....		Sail No.: .....		
Class (please circle):	4.9 cat	4.9 sloop	5.7 With Spinnaker	5.7 Without Spinnaker
<b><u>INSURANCE DETAILS</u></b>				
Insurer: .....		Policy No.: .....		
<b><u>SKIPPER DETAILS</u></b>				
Name: .....		Age: .....		
YA No.: .....	Club: .....			
Address: .....				
Phone: .....	State: .....	Postcode: .....		
Email: .....				
<b><u>CREW DETAILS</u></b>				
Name: .....		Age: .....		
AYF No.: .....	Club: .....			
Address: .....				
Phone: .....	State: .....	Postcode: .....		
Email: .....				
<b><u>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT(S)</u></b>				
<p>I/we agree to be bound by the RRS and all other rules that govern this event. I/We acknowledge that none of the AYC or TCAA, nor their respective members, officers and sponsors and all others involved in the management and conduct of this regatta, shall be liable for any loss of life or injury, or for any loss of property or damage thereto, whatsoever or howsoever occurring, arising from participation in this event. I confirm that I have made my crew aware of these undertakings (where applicable) and that my boat is covered by Third Party Liability Insurance in accordance with item 3.4 of the Notice of Race.</p>				
Signed: .....		(Skipper)	Date: .....	
Signed: .....		(Crew)	Date: .....	



**ENTRANTS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE**

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

**Signed:** ..... (Parent/guardian - skipper) **Date:** .....

**Signed:** ..... (Parent/guardian - crew) **Date:** .....

**PAYMENT FOR SAILING ACTIVITIES**

*(due at or before registration)*

Entry fee (includes race fee and welcome function for competitors only)  
Discounted entry fee (if paid by PayPal before midnight on 5th February 2021):

- 2-up boat = \$
  - Adult skipper & crew U/16 = \$
  - U/16 skipper & crew = \$
- 1-up boat = \$
  - U/16 skipper = \$

\$.....

Late fee (if entry received after 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023) - \$30 \$.....

TCAA membership fee for 2022-2023 (if not already paid) - \$ 50 \$.....

**Total sailing activities** \$.....

**Method of payment (please circle):**                      Online                      Cash                      Cheque

**PAYMENT FOR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**(extras only)**

*can be paid via PayPal with online registration (preferred), or in cash at registration*

**Welcome dinner – additional to entry fee**

Pricing –  
Adults = \$ \$.....

Kids (U/16) = \$ \$.....

**Total social activities** \$.....