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NEWSLETTER 4 April 2014

Please excuse the lack of updates lately! And the late notice for some events below. And the general thrown-togetherness of this newsletter.

OFFICIAL LAUNCH

TWO new Tasar dinghies are about to be officially launched at Darwin Sailing Club.

Too Shifty, sailed by Lachlan Heath and Carmen Walker, and *Whammy!* sailed by Conor Byrne and Michelle Mackie, will hit the water at the slipway at **6pm tonight, Friday, April 4.**

All are welcome to join us for a sunset tack; to raise a can, or pastic cup or glass; or to chat to us about sailing Tasars at the barbecue after.

Bring your own meat.

The boats will be raced hard in Darwin all year in preparation for the Tasar World Championships in Bussleton, WA, in January.

WORKING BEE

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help get the Darwin Sailing Club rescue boats prepared for the season, and to clean up the race tower. It's not expected to take long, but if you can give an hour or two, find James and ask him to give you a job.

I understand the party meets at the Rotunda at 10am tomorrow, Saturday, April 4. Wear gloves, sunscreen, a hat, and solid shoes.

LAKE ARGYLE TRIP

About 30 people in a dozen boats, including five Tasars, are expected to make the trip to Lake Argyle, WA, for Easter weekend. Anyone else interested should get in touch with me sooner rather than later. The details:

- Lake Argyle Resort is a good campsite with all the usual facilities.

There is a small shop with a bar and a restaurant. Give the resort a call if you've any specific questions on that.

-Territorians cannot bring fruit and veg past the inspection checkpoint on the border. But if you [place an order with Coles in Kununurra](#), the resort will collect it for you and bring it to the campsite on Thursday afternoon. You will also be able to order not only fruit & veges, but other grocery items as well, however, the prices may be higher than from Darwin supermarkets. Fiona McManus will be sending an email with more explicit details next week. Contact fiona.mcmanus@nt.gov.au for details.

- Nobody is planning to camp somewhere up the lake overnight.

Everyone is planning to return to the resort on Saturday night.

- The lake level is quite high, so there is little room for rigging. We'll have to rig on road trailers in a line close along the side of the ramp, be patient and helpful, and maybe launch one-at-a-time from road trailers, bringing cars and trailers for parking up the ramp immediately after launching. We'll revisit the plan on Friday night / Saturday morning. Fishing boats/tour boats/swimmers/boatplanes also use the ramp so we'll have to be mindful of chiking up the ramp.

-There are a few trophies hanging around, so we may need to have an informal race around a few rocks or islands.

- Book the campsite yourself with the resort and make sure you say you're from Darwin Sailing Club.

- Some people are planning on leaving Holy Thursday after work, others early on Good Friday. People plan to head for Darwin on Easter Monday morning.

- A few powerboats are planning to come too.

- Please consider personal safety for the whole journey. The Lake Argyle chart says boats should carry two red and two orange flares - but that may be a little extreme. But think about: extra spare car and trailer wheels, rego, toolkit, radiator hoses, fanbelts, petrol cans, trailer lights, boat paddle, bouyancy aids, warm clothes, drinking water, communication, and sun protection.

-Any questions? Maybe Google it first ;). Then ask me.

OPEN DAY

DARWIN Sailing Club open day is on next Saturday, April 12, along with the Legends of the Sea race. For the millionth open day in a row, I'm rostered on at work. So we're seeking volunteers to give some time manning the Tasar stand and spread the good tasar word. If someone is willing to rig their boat and take a few people out sailing that would be exceptional. contact: emailconorbyrne@gmail.com.

START OF SEASON

AND the first race of the season is the following day, next Sunday, April 13. Tasars are rostered to man the start boat and the safety boats that

day. So if it looks unlikely your boat will be at the club by then, it's a good opportunity to get your duty out of the way for the year. everybody must do it at some point under a new rule. Contact emailconorbyrne@gmail.com to volunteer. We need six bodies.

TULLULAH

CONGRATULATIONS to Rory and Toni who have bought Tullulah #925. They hope to have her on the water in May.

TASARS UNDERSTOOD TO BE FOR SALE: (Send this to a mate who should buy a Tasar)

Tasar 758 "And Mary" \$1800. Spare sails, trailer. Or contact Peter Vincent pvincent6@gmail.com.

Tasar 1862 "Dangerous" \$5,427.38 ono. "Very good condition & light hull. Ready to race. Registered road trailer and beach/rigging trolley. Timber foils in excellent condition. Plenty of new bits including traveller and car, wisker pole, standing rigging, sheets, bailer etc." contact Tony Waldron 0428 695 815 tony.waldron@nt.gov.au.***Pics on the Facebook***

Tasar 2246 "All Blick". *Pictures on NTTA Facebook* "My boat comes with a good 'dolly' for launching, a really good cover, good sails - albeit not Mylar and centreboard and rudder are all in very good condition and it does not take water..." contact Helen Garnett 0416 222 000 or hmg@cdu.edu.au.