



The Tasar Association of Victoria Inc. ("TAV")

2016 RONSTAN VICTORIAN TASAR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

at

McCrae Yacht Club, 690 Point Nepean Road, McCrae

12th March – 14th March, 2016

Organising Authority

McCrae Yacht Club Inc.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Note also that it is a requirement of the Prescriptions and Special Regulations (SR) Part 2 of Yachting Australia that:

3.03.1 (a) Centreboards shall be securely fastened to the hull, by lanyard, bolt, pin or other effective means so that they remain in the centreboard case when the boat is inverted.

1.2. Crew Weight. Rule C6.2 of the Tasar Class Rules is modified as follows:

C.6.2 In the event that the weight of the crew, weighed as per C.6.1, shall be less than 130 kg, such crew may race the TASAR, provided that, throughout the event, additional ballast is carried secured in the cockpit. Such ballast shall be equal in weight to the difference between the crew weight and 130 kg, or a maximum of 4kg, whichever is the lesser.

2. ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

2.1. Boats may be required to carry GPS transmitters as specified by the TAV, or Organising Authority.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the upper deck of the McCrae Yacht Club.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 120 minutes prior to the first scheduled start time on the day of racing, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast in the front of McCrae Yacht Club.

5.2. When flag AP is displayed on shore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1. Registration and Information session

Date	Day	Activity	Time
12 March 2016	Saturday	Registration	0900hrs - 1200hrs
12 March 2016	Saturday	Information session	1200hrs
Or at the discretion of the Race Committee			

6.2. Race Schedule / Presentation

Date	Day	Activity	Time of Warning Signal
12 March 2016	Saturday	Race session 1	1400hrs
13 March 2016	Sunday	Race session 2	1200hrs
14 March 2016	Monday	Race session 3	1100hrs
14 March 2016	Monday	Presentation	1600hrs or as soon as practicable after completion of racing

6.3. There will be up to 8 races in the series and a maximum of 3 races each day

6.4. There shall be no warning signal after 1400 hours on 14 March 2016.

6.5. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed on the start boat with one sound for at least five (5) minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

6.6. Code flag "L" flown on the finish boat will indicate that another race will be started following completion of the current race.

7. CLASS FLAG

7.1. The class flag will be the Tasar Class Flag.

8. RACING AREA

8.1. The racing area shall be as shown in Attachment 'B'.

8.2. Boats shall not enter the new 'No Boating Zone' as shown in Appendix C. Failure to comply may result in a boat being scored DSQ for the race or races without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1 and A5.

9. COURSES

9.1. The diagram in Attachment A shows the designated courses and the order in which marks are to be passed.

9.2. The internal angle at Marks 1, 2 & 3 will be approximately 60°. The approximate compass bearing to Mark 1 may be displayed on the Race Committee vessel prior to the warning signal.

9.3. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee shall display the Numeral Pennant of the course to be sailed as described in Attachment A.

9.4. 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, 2 & 3 will be pink cylindrical inflatable buoys.

- 10.2. The start mark will be an orange flag on a stick marker.
- 10.3. The finish mark will be a blue flag on a stick marker.
- 10.4. New marks, as provided in Instruction 12 will be an orange cylindrical buoy.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26.
- 11.2. The starting line will be an imaginary line between a staff displaying the Taser flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.3. A boat starting later than ten minutes after its starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start) without a hearing. This changes rule A4 & A5.
- 11.4. If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or re-sailed or postponed or abandoned. This changes rule 26 Starting Races. When flag U is used as the preparatory signal rule 29.1 Individual recall does not apply. The scoring abbreviation for a flag U penalty is UFD. This changes A11 Scoring Abbreviations.

12. CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finish line will be an imaginary line between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the port-end finish mark.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office, within the protest time limit.

15. TIME LIMIT

- 15.1. The time limit for each race is 90 minutes after the starting signal.
- 15.2. The time limit for Mark 1 on the first leg of any race is 30 minutes after the starting signal.
- 15.3. If no boat has rounded Mark 1 within the time limit noted above, then the race will be abandoned.
- 15.4. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish". This changes rule 35 and A4 and A5.
- 15.5. After more than 75% of the number of boats entered in the series have finished any race, and prior to the time limits indicated in SI 15.4 - the Race Committee may at its discretion allocate score points for that race to boats that have not yet finished, and direct those boats to go directly to the next start or return to the shore as the case may be.
- 15.6. Scored points allocated to competitors under SI 15.4 will be based upon their position in the fleet at that time. This changes rule 28. The decisions of the Race Committee in relation to this instruction shall be final and shall not be grounds for redress under rule 62.1a.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. Protest forms are available at the Regatta Office. Protests shall be delivered to the Regatta Office before the protest time limit.
- 16.2. The protest time limit will be 90 minutes after the finish time of the last boat in the last race of the day. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 16.3. Notices will be posted as soon as practicable after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

- 16.4. For the purpose of RRS 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the Measurer appointed by the organizing authority.
- 16.5. Infringements of Sailing Instructions 18, 19, 20 & 21 shall not be grounds for protest by competitors, but may result in action by the Race Committee or Protest Committee (amends RRS 60.1(a)).
- 16.6. At the discretion of the Race Committee, an arbitration hearing may be held prior to a protest hearing involving an alleged breach of a rule of RRS part 2 or rule 31 (affecting Rule 63). After a written protest form is properly lodged, each skipper shall meet with the arbitrator and no witnesses will be allowed.

After hearing the testimony of each representative, the arbitrator shall make one of the following designations:

- (a) There was no rule broken. If the protestor agrees, the protest is then withdrawn and cannot be reopened or appealed.
- (b) There was a rule broken by one or more of the parties involved. The representative of the offending boat(s) has the option of accepting the scoring penalty contained in this SI 16.6. If the penalty is accepted by the offending boat and the protestor agrees, the protest is then withdrawn and cannot be reopened, redressed or appealed.
- (c) Direct that the protest be submitted to the jury for a hearing.

A boat that accepts fault at an arbitration hearing will be penalised by having its race score increased by 25% of the difference between the boat's finishing score and the score for the DSQ rounded up to the nearest whole number. All other boat scores will remain the same. Once accepted this decision is not subject to reopening or appeal. This alters RRS 63, 64.1(a), 66 and Appendix A. Protests not resolved by arbitration will be heard by the Protest Committee. This changes RRS Rule 63.3(a).

- 16.7. On the last day of the regatta, a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) within the time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66

- 16.8. 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. This changes rule 62.2.

17. SCORING

- 17.1. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2. A maximum of 8 races will be sailed in the series.
- 17.3. If only four (4) races are completed then all races will be counted towards a boat's total series score.
- 17.4. When from five (5) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst score.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. For each race session each boat intending to race shall 'sign-on' by signing the sign-on form located on the bench downstairs at McCrae Yacht Club no later than 30 minutes prior to the 1st warning signal. Failure to comply shall result in a boat being scored DSQ for the first race in the session without a hearing. This changes Rule 63.1.
- 18.2. A boat's regatta entry will constitute the Sign On for the first session.
- 18.3. All boats shall sign the race sign-off form located on the bench downstairs at McCrae Yacht Club upon returning to shore, no later than 30 minutes after the last boat reaches the beach at the end of the session. Competitors who retire from a race or otherwise wish to record DNF must indicate that intention by making the appropriate note on the sign off sheets, and making reference to the relevant heat number. Failure to comply shall result in the boat being scored DSQ for the last race in that session without a hearing. This changes Rule 63.1.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 19.2. Substitution of damaged or lost major items of equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee or allowed by class rules. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity. For the purpose of the event 'major equipment' consists of hull, mast, top mast, whisker pole, boom, dagger board, rudder - tiller and stock and sails.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions at any time. On the water, the Race Committee or measurer can instruct a competitor to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 20.2. A boat failing to meet compliance may be given a discretionary penalty by the Race Committee. The discretionary penalty may be less than the points of the finishing boats plus one.

21. ADVERTISING

- 21.1. Boats shall display advertising supplied by the Organising Authority in position as instructed.
- 21.2. Advertising will be in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

22. OFFICIAL BOATS

- 22.1. Official Boats will be marked by displaying the McCrae YC Club burgee.

23. SUPPORT BOATS

- 23.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel intending to go on the water at any time during the regatta are required to register with the Race Committee by reporting to the McYC Control Tower and completing an appropriate registration form.
- 23.2. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay at least 100 metres outside areas where boats are or may be racing from the time of the orange flag signal for the start until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Under no circumstances are any such boats to be inside the triangle at these times unless specifically directed by the Race Committee in an emergency or as set out in instruction 24.7 below.
- 23.3. Support boats shall be required to carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on Channels 72 and shall radio the McCrae YC Club Tower when they are present in the race area. McCrae Yacht Club's call sign is McCrae Tower.
- 23.4. Support boats may display a burgee of the club they are representing and shall display a sign of identification (for example, a numbered flag) as requested by the Organising Authority.
- 23.5. Support boats shall not signal to competitors by any means whatsoever during a race.
- 23.6. Disciplinary action may be taken against supported competitors for any breach of these rules by a support boat.
- 23.7. Support boats are required to render assistance to any boats if requested to do so by the Race Committee or a competitor.

24. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 24.1. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction includes mobile telephones.

25. PRIZES

- 25.1. Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the Notice of Race.

26. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

26.1. Competitors participate in the Event entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race.

26.2. None of the Organising Authority, McCrae YC, TAV, their officers, volunteers, employees, members, servants or agents accept any responsibility or liability in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss of or damage to property which may be sustained in conjunction with, by reason of participation or intended participation in this event or howsoever arising in connection with this event, prior to, during or after the event.

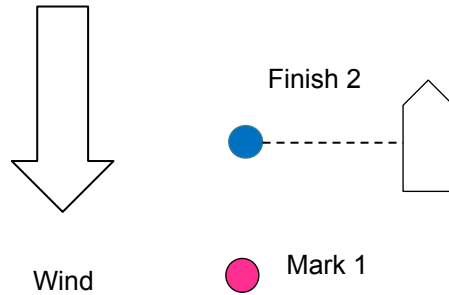
27. INSURANCE

27.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of not less than AUD \$5,000,000 (recommended AUD \$10,000,000) per incident or the equivalent.

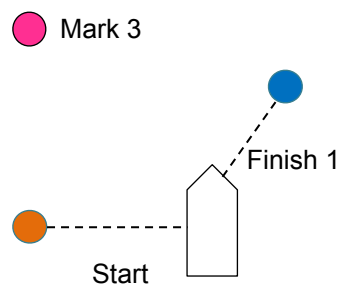
Attachment A

Course Diagrams

Course	Description
1	Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish 1
2	Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish 2
3	Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 2 - Finish 1
All mark roundings to Port	

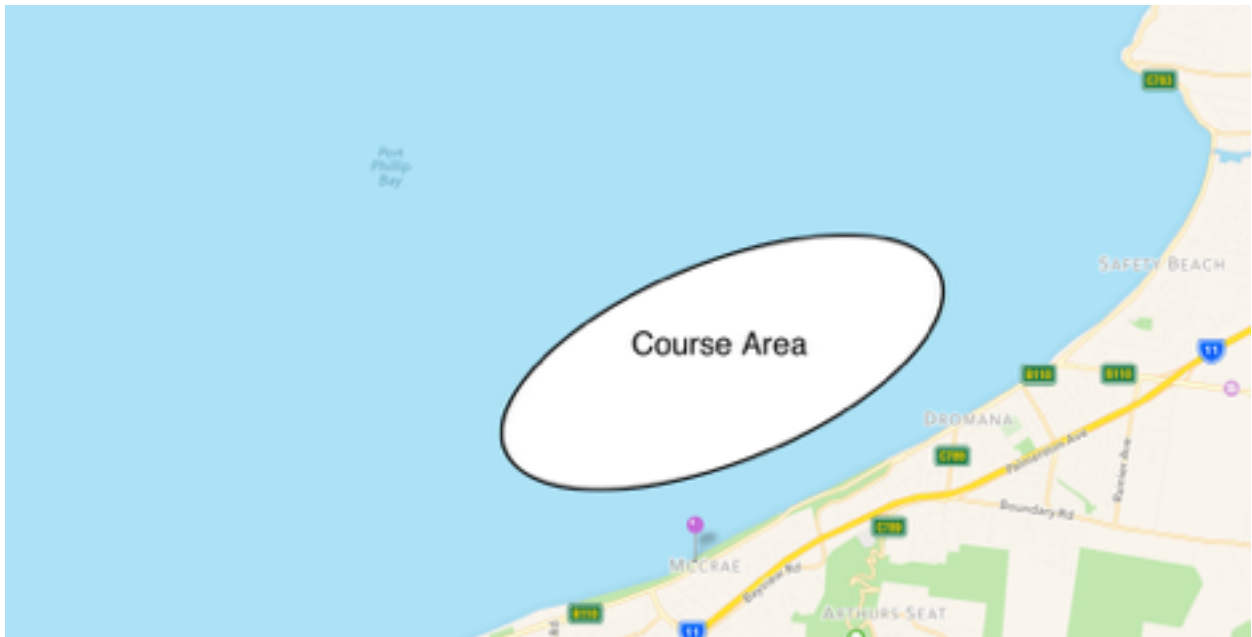


● Mark 2



Attachment B

Race Area



Attachment C

Parks Victoria 'No Boating Zone'



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