



44th Australian Tasar Championship

30th December 2016 – 7th January 2017

NOTICE OF RACE



On behalf of the Australian Tasar Council (ATC), the Tasar Association of New South Wales in conjunction with Port Stephens Sailing and Aquatic Club as the Organising Authority will conduct the 44th Australian Tasar Championship on the waters of Salamander Bay, New South Wales from 30th December 2016 to 7th January 2017.

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The YA Special Regulations Part 2- Off the Beach Classes will apply.

2. Advertising

Advertising is permitted in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20- Advertising Code. The forward 25% of the hull is reserved by the regatta organising committee for display of advertising by event sponsor(s).

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Tasar class that comply with the Rules of the World Tasar Class Association.
- 3.2 All skippers and crew shall be financial members of a Tasar Association which is a constituent of the World Tasar Council.
- 3.3 All skippers and crew shall be a member of a Yachting Australia affiliated sailing club. International entrants will need to provide proof of membership to their country's ISAF Member National Authority.
- 3.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing an online entry form and paying the required fee. The entry form will be located <http://tasar.org/major-events/upcoming-events/2016/12/port-stephens-nationals/>, and will be available after 1st July, 2016.
- 3.5 Late entries will be accepted until 1400 hours on 31st December 2016.

4. Fees

- 4.1 Required fees are as follows:

Early bird entry fee (prior to COB 31/10/2016)	AUS \$425
Entry fee (1/11/2016 to 2/12/2016)	AUS \$475
Late fee (3/12/2016 to 31/12/2016)	AUS \$525
- 4.2 The Entry Fee will include a regatta merchandise set for the skipper and crew plus 2 tickets for each of the welcome night and presentation dinner. The entry fee is halved for skippers who are eligible for the Junior Helm trophy

5. Schedule of Events

- 5.1 Registration, measurement and boat inspection:-
 - Friday 30th December 2016, between 1300 and 1700 hours;
 - Saturday 31st December 2016, between 0800 and 1400 hours; and
 - Sunday 1st January 2017, between 1000 and 1200 hours by prior arrangement only.(NB An additional fee may be charged)

- 5.2 Regatta briefing:
Sunday 1st January 2017 at 1300 at PSSAC.
- 5.3 Dates of racing:-

Event	Day	Date
Invitation Race	Sun	1 st January 2017
Race Day 1	Mon	2 nd January 2017
Race Day 2	Tue	3 rd January 2017
Race Day 3	Wed	4 th January 2017
Reserve Day	Thu	5 th January 2017
Race Day 4	Fri	6 th January 2017
Race Day 5	Sat	7 th January 2017

- 5.4 The warning signal for the Invitation race shall not be before 1500 hours.
- 5.5 There shall be no warning signal after 1400 hours on the last day of racing.
- 5.6 In the event of more than 70 entries being received the race committee may be required to split the fleet into divisions. In this case a qualifying and finals system will be used and the arrangements will be detailed in the sailing instructions.
- 5.7 There will be a maximum of three (3) races per day. In the event that a qualifying and finals system is used there will be a maximum of three (3) races per day per division.

6. Measurement

- 6.1 Boat measurement and crew weigh-in will be in accordance with the Tasar Class Rules.
- 6.2 Boats may be inspected for safety equipment and measurement compliance at any time during the regatta.
- 6.3 It is the responsibility of each entrant to provide any supplementary weights necessary to ensure compliance with Tasar Class Rule 29. These must be presented at Registration. The Race Committee may reject, at its discretion, any form of supplementary weight it considers unsuitable.
- 6.4 Random measurement and compliance checks will be made throughout the regatta at the discretion of the Race Committee.

7. Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions will be available on the internet (<http://tasar.org/major-events/upcoming-events/2016/12/port-stephens-nationals/>) after 23th December 2016. A limited number of copies will be available at registration.

8. Venue

The regatta will be conducted from the Port Stephens Sailing and Aquatic Club on the waters of Salamander Bay, NSW.

9. The Courses

The courses to be sailed may consist of (approximately) equilateral triangles or windward/leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. Penalty System

- 10.1 Application to Yachting Australia for appointment of a National Jury has been made and if approved decisions of the Jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.
- 10.2 Appendix P- *Special Procedures for Rule 42*, will apply as amended by NOR 10.3.
- 10.3 Appendix P is changed as follows, P2.3 is deleted and the words 'or subsequent' are added after the word 'second' in P2.2.

11. Scoring

- 11.1 A maximum of ten races are scheduled and where the regatta is sailed as a single fleet, four races are required to be completed to constitute a series. If the regatta is sailed as two fleets, then 2 races shall be required to constitute a qualifying series and 1 finals race of the Gold fleet shall be required to constitute a regatta for all boats.

- 11.2 A maximum of two races for the regatta may be discarded, the details of which will be provided in the sailing instructions.
- 12. Support Boats**
- 12.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay at least 100 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first division to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 12.2 Support boats are required to render assistance if requested to do so by the race committee or a competitor.
- 13. Radio Communications**
- 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. Venue Access**
- Access to the rigging park will be available to all competitors from 30th December 2016. Access to storage prior of this date must be arranged on an individual basis with the venue. The race committee reserves the right to ask all competitors to rig in the designated rigging area for the duration of the regatta.
- 15. Prizes**
- Prizes will be given as follows:
- Perpetual trophies for the Championship
 - Masters (combined age of 80-99 years)
 - Grand Masters (combined age of 100 years and over)
 - Super Grand Masters (combined age of 120 years and over)
 - First Lady Helm
 - First Junior Helm (aged <21 years)
 - Prizes awarded to the skipper and crew of the first three finishers of each aged category.
 - Other prizes may be awarded arbitrarily by the race organisers.
- All ages are taken as at 1st January, 2017.
- 16. Disclaimer of Liability**
- Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to Rule 4, 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.
- 17. Risk Warning**
- 17.1 This risk warning is issued jointly by the Tasar Association of NSW, PSSAC and NSW Maritime, pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002, to all persons wishing to participate in the 44th Australian Tasar Championship. Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death. As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:
- the extremes of weather and sea conditions
 - the potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels

- the sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that the participants may fall or be thrown overboard resulting in drowning
- the possibility that participants may be injured by equipment in the vessel
- the absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available
- exposure to the elements for extended periods

17.2 The Tasar Association of NSW, PSSAC and NSW Maritime also warn participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who may be in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event. Participants are also advised that although PSSAC is covered by third party liability insurance, this cover does not extend to participants. Any participant who considers they have a need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer. Membership of a Sailing Club affiliated with Yachting NSW entitles you to personal insurance cover through Yachting NSW.

18. Insurance

- 18.1 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).
- 18.2 All owners/competitors who sign the entry form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Competitors may be required to produce evidence of such insurance and any competitor not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

19. Further Information

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Details of social events, meetings and other activities during the regatta will be made available in a separate information sheet prior to 31st October 2016.