



Minutes of ATC Members Meeting – 2 September 2015

Meeting commenced at 8.00PM (EST) as a conference call

Members in attendance:

Michael Paynter	ATC (President)
Adrian Nicholson	ATC (Secretary/Treasurer) (TASA)
Kym Widdows	(TASA)
Peter Davies	(TANSW)
David Taylor	(TAV)
Alex Kostin	(TAQ)
Stuart Templeton	ATC (Measurer)

Apologies

B Vinot	(TAV)
Pete Ellis	(WTC)

Previous Minutes and Business Arising

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as correct.
Moved Adrian Seconded Mike - Passed.

1 SA – News

The TASA program in place, looking to get 20 boats to each state heats, Have done a training weekend for beginners, which went well.

2 Vic - News

Some news from the TAV

- Season launched on 15th of August with award night
- Calendar is now completed with a travellers series including 4 events
- State titles are now confirmed for Cairn Curran, a return to country Victoria after several seaside events. Our aim is to attract 50 boats.
- Strategic review has been completed (see draft attached for your information).
- Container for Townsville to be loaded on 12th of September.
- Membership renewal underway with focus on more personal contacts and information on coming events.
- Outwards media communication plan under consideration
- Boats are back on the water , 5 to 6 boats at Mordialloc the last 3 week ends.
- Our next official event is Sail Mordi, last week end of August.

3 NSW – News

Bit of training for the Nationals, Program set and published. Travellers program done.
Ballmoral club growing along, Georges river going along strong.

4 NT – News

Not Available...Need reps to dial in

5 QLD – News

Had state Titles, had a meeting at states to try to get people into a committee kind of structure going. Are starting to do a bit of training as well.

6 WTC - News

Nil – Pete Ellis absent

7 QLD Nationals

Planning well under way, most things in hand. Need a hand to get the results out onto the net ASAP... Need a face book update person. Need people to help with rego and sail measurement. Each state to provide a bit of help with this. Roster developed. Registration flow all looking good. Stuart T to have a look who could be the measurer up there.

8 ATC to Host Worlds in Asia Pacific

The issue is NO GO, we are unable to get support from our Australian Agents.

9 Measurement Issues

Various issues as per below are being discussed and various motions being developed were discussed...These require comments and priorities setting by the states.

NOTES on Various Rule Changes from Mike Karakas and Cary Pedicini...

Here are the rules associated with compasses:

C.2.2. (e) Additional threaded inspection ports with openings not exceeding 6" may be installed in the deck or cockpit if required for hull repairs, or for mounting of compasses.

(g) A maximum of two compasses may be mounted as desired.

C.3.2 If a compass, clock etc., is mounted in or on an inspection port area to permit removal, there must be a permanently watertight component behind the port mounting ring.

C.3.3 Any compass which is recessed into the deck shall be permanently installed with fastenings and a sealant.

D.3.1 (Weighing stuff)

Interpretations:

32. No electronic device which could be used to increase boat speed or gain a tactical advantage shall be attached to a boat or carried by a crew member, other than (a) time keeping devices, and (b) compasses as allowed by rule C.2.2.g, provided these cannot calculate speed or location information for use while racing.

Interpretation 32 seems to be the one which is causing the most confusion. And in this day and age of GPS tech, is becoming harder to to comply too, since even watches are beginning to include GPS functionality.

For a place to start, here is the proposal from the Tasar Assn. of Victoria, maybe we can use it as a baseline to work from:

1. Control of Electronic Equipment

Reason for Change

To clarify the current understanding of the rule within the class and to restrict the costs and uses of new technology as it becomes available.

Current Interpretation

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Insert Rule

C.9 Electronic Equipment carried by Tasars competing at sanctioned Tasar events.

C.9.1 No electronic device shall be attached to a boat or carried by a crew member, other than:-

(a) time keeping devices

(b) electronic compasses with heading and timing functions only

(c) camera(s), providing that all video and photos captured at a Tasar sanctioned event is made immediately available for promotional purposes upon request of the relevant event Tasar Class Association.

(d) GPS tracking devices when provided by event Race Management. Tracking devices shall not be tampered with and the information gathered shall not be able to be seen during the race/s in which the GPS is carried.

Race Management shall declare prior to each sanctioned event whether the data recorded by electronic equipment covered by this rule will be admissible in a protest hearing at that event.

10 Sail Price Increasing

Letter from TASA received by ATC and comments have been returned. Letters have been forwarded to Julian Bethwaite and discussions are being held at the moment with the Agent at the moment. We will all be watching this space in an anticipation of an improvement.

Will further discuss at the ATC AGM after the meeting and will need some time frames inserted into our future. TAQ suggested using the old Dacron sails with Hanks on them to preserve Mylar sails.

11 Class Development

There is a possibility of Manufacture of hulls being bought back to Australia. This will involve the manufacture of a new mold and some simple design changes to improve the boat. All a bit of a possibility at this stage need something to happen. An changes to the class do need to be approved by the class, and this is a lengthy process.

12 Next Meeting

Next Meeting will be ????nd of December 2015.
The meeting closed at 8.55PM (CST)