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2018 Taipan Catamaran Victorian Championships

10 - 12 March 2018

Sailing Instructions

Organising Authority:

Taipan Catamaran Association of Australia Inc. (TCAA)

In conjunction with the host club:

McCrae Yacht Club (McCYC)

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be hosted by McCYC, in conjunction with the TCAA and is governed by the rules as defined in:
- The ISAF *Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020* (RRS)
 - YA (Yachting Australia) Special Regulations Part 2 for off-the-beach boats
 - The Championship Rules and Class Rules of TCAA
 - These Sailing Instructions (SI), including any changes made in compliance with SI 4.
 - Appendix 3 to the 2014 ISAF Regulations regarding eligibility of regatta entrants.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising shall only be displayed in accordance with the ISAF Advertising Code (Refer ISAF Regulation 20).
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

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3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the Official Regatta Noticeboard, which is located opposite the Tower on the upper deck.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to these Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the Official Regatta Noticeboard (see SI 3) not less than one (1) hour before the warning signal of a race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the McCYC flagstaff.
- 5.2 When code flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced by “not less than 30 minutes” in the race signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 There shall be no more than 3 races sailed back to back in any one session, unless required on the final day.
- 6.2 When more than one race is to be held in a session, code flag “L” shall be displayed on the Race Committee Vessel at the finish.
- 6.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed on the Race Committee Vessel accompanied by one sound signal at least five minutes before the warning signal for the first division to start is displayed. The orange flag will be lowered on the expiration of the starting time-limit for the last division.

6.4 Sailing schedule:

Day	Date	Event	Time	No warning signal before	No warning signal after
Saturday	10-Mar-18	Registration	1000 hrs – 1100 hrs		
		Briefing	1200 hrs		
		Session 1		1330 hrs	
Sunday	11-Mar-18	Briefing	0900		
		Session 2		1030 hrs	
		Session 3		1430 hrs	
Monday	12-Mar-18	Briefing	0900		
		Session 4		1030 hrs	1430 hrs
		Presentation	After racing		

7. DIVISIONS

- 7.1 Division 1 – Taipan 4.9 cat (scratch)
Division 2 – Taipan 4.9 sloop (plus 3 minutes)
Division 3 – Taipan 5.7 (plus 6 minutes)

7.2 Divisional flags

- Division 1 – Numeral pennant 1
Division 2 – Numeral pennant 2
Division 3 – Numeral pennant 3

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8. RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area will be the waters of Port Phillip in the vicinity of McCYC and will be detailed at the briefing.

9. COURSE

9.1 The actual course length shall be set at the discretion of the Race Officer, to facilitate optimum sailing for the conditions of the day. The Race Officer will aim for races of approximately 40 – 45 minutes duration.

9.2 Any boat entering a 'No Boating Zone' will be disqualified without a hearing.

9.3 The Taipan Championship Course is shown in SI 25.

9.4 The starting line should be the length in meters approximately 5 times the number of boats starting. For example, 20 boats in the largest division = start of 100 metres (being 20 x 5).

9.5 The leeward gate should be approximately 6 boat lengths wide. For large fleets (50 or greater), this distance may be extended to 8 boat lengths.

10. MARKS

10.1 Mark 1 will be a large pink inflatable buoy.

10.2 Mark 2 will be a small blue inflatable buoy.

10.3 Marks 3A and 3B will be large pink inflatable buoys.

10.4 Mark 4 will be a large yellow inflatable buoy.

10.5 The Finish Mark (Mark Y) will be a floating staff displaying a blue flag.

10.6 The Start Mark (Mark X) will be a floating staff displaying an orange flag.

11. THE START

11.1 Races will be started in a 3-minute sequence as follows:

Signal	Flag & sound	Minutes
Warning	Division Flag; 1 sound	3
Preparatory	P, U, I, Z or Black Flag, 1 sound	2
One-minute	Preparatory Flag removed; 1 long sound	1
Start	Division Flag removed; 1 sound	0

This alters rule 26.

11.2 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark (Mark X).

11.3 Boats whose warning signals have not been made shall avoid the starting area.

11.4 A boat starting after her designated start time shall not interfere with boats that have commenced their starting sequence.

11.5 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS).

11.6 In the event of a General Recall, that division shall cycle to the end of the divisional start list. This alters rule 29.2.

11.7 The Black Flag or Code Flag "U" may be used at the discretion of the Race Officer, as per rule 30.4 and 30.3 respectively.

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12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finish line shall be between a staff displaying a Blue flag on the Race Committee Vessel and the Finishing Mark (Mark Y).
- 12.2 A boat having finished her race shall not interfere with boats that are still racing and shall keep clear of the course side of the finish line.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

14. TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 A race shall be abandoned if no boat finishes within 90 minutes.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in that division sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 Protests shall be written on the form available from the Race Office and shall be submitted no later than one (1) hour after the last boat in that Division has finished the last race of the day.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted on the Official Regatta Noticeboard no later than 60 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at McCYC as soon as possible following the posting of the notice.
- 15.4 Notices of protest by the Race Committee or Protest Committee shall be posted on the Official Regatta Noticeboard.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 The Low Point System as in Appendix A of the RRS shall be used.
- 16.2 Any race not conducted in compliance with the Championship Rules as determined by TCAA may be disregarded.
- 16.3 Provisional results should be posted on the Official Regatta Noticeboard as soon as possible after the completion of each race.
- 16.4 Four (4) races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.5 When from five (5) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding the worst score.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 For each race session, yachts intending to race shall 'Sign-on' by signing the race sign-on sheet no later than 15 minutes prior to the 1st warning signal. Failure to comply will result in a boat being scored DNC for the race or races of the relevant race session without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 17.2 All boats shall sign the race 'Sign-off' sheet upon returning to shore, no later than 60 minutes after the final boat in their division has finished the last race of that session. Failure to comply will result in the boat being scored DNC for the race or races of the relevant session without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4 and A5.

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18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors shall not be allowed without the prior written approval of the Race Officer.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless approved by the Race Officer. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Officer at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time by the regatta measurer or a delegate appointed by the Race Committee.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

21. OFFICIAL BOATS

- 21.1 Official boats shall be identified by an McCYC burgee, or as advised.

22. PRIZES

- 22.1 The number of and type of prizes to be awarded shall be at the discretion of TCAA.

23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

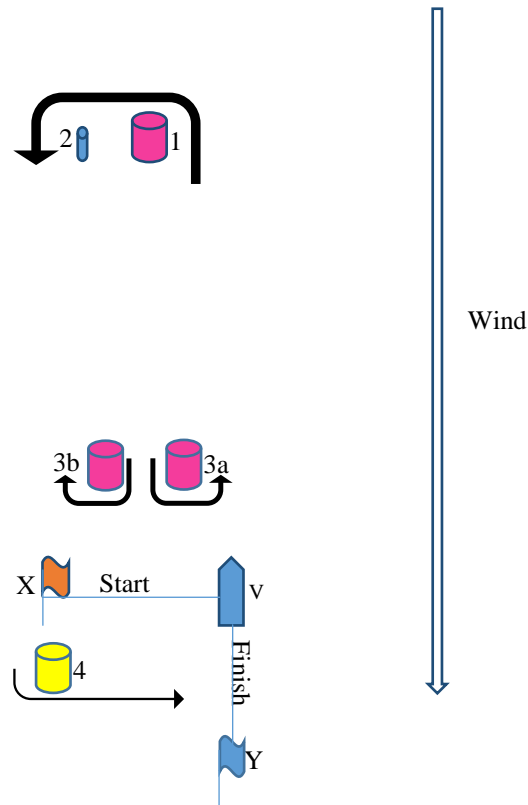
- 23.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

24. INSURANCE

- 24.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance policy, including cover whilst racing and with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 (recommended \$10,000,000) per event or the equivalent. All owners/competitors who complete the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.
- 24.2 Competitors may be required to produce evidence of such insurance being held prior to or at registration.

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25. COURSE DIAGRAM



- 1 Windward Mark (Pink inflatable buoy)
- 2 Reaching Mark (Blue inflatable buoy)
- 3A Leeward Port Rounding Buoy (Pink inflatable buoy)
- 3B Leeward Starboard Rounding Buoy (Pink inflatable buoy)
- V Race Committee Vessel
- X Start Buoy (a floating staff displaying an orange flag)
- 4 ID mark (Yellow inflatable buoy)
- Y Finish Mark (floating staff displaying a blue flag)

The Sequence of mark roundings for the Taipan Championship Course shall be:

Start – 1 – 2 – 3A/3B – 1 – 2 – 3A/3B – 1 – 2 – 4 – Finish

The windward marks **1** and **2** shall be rounded to port.

The leeward marks **3A** and **3B** shall be set as a gate. All boats shall pass through the gate entering from the direction of Mark **2** before rounding Mark **3A** to port or **3B** to starboard.

When finishing, mark **4** must be taken to port.

The Finish Line shall be between the Race Committee Vessel (Start Boat) and mark **Y**.

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