

Executive Secretary's Report to 2022 World Council Meeting

I would firstly like to thank the NA Tasar Association for organising the 2022 Tasar World Championships. It is an overused phrase that the world has changed dramatically following on from the pandemic state of COVID19 and the organizing committee have had to not only change the date of the event but adjust the organisation considerably.

I would therefore like to acknowledge the work of the committee to organise an event under very difficult circumstances and the class would like to wish all of the sailors competing next week an enjoyable regatta.

The World Tasar Class Association

To give some idea of the activity within the class I can report the following (and some previous data as a comparison):

Boats

| | Reported in 2017 | Reported in 2019 | To Report in 2022 |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Plaques Sold | 7 | 12 | 21* |

*7 of which have only had the plaque sold, but the boats have not been sold by the supplier.

Sails

| | Reported in 2017 | Reported in 2019 | To Report in 2022 |
|------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Sails Sold | 442 | 294 | 346 |

As a Comparison Across Each Country

| Region | Percentage 2017 | Percentage 2019 | Percentage 2022 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| AUS | 63 | 48 | 44 |
| JAPAN | 25 | 19 | 9 |
| UK | 11 | 25 | 32 |
| NA | 1 | 8 | 15 |
| Total number of Sails Sold | 442 | 294 | 346 |

Finances

The Class remains in a stable financial position, due to the "in and out" nature of the steady income from sail royalties. Whilst the class continues to receive Sail Royalties there will be no requirements for the Regions to contribute funds to the running of the WTC. One area used for these funds is to pay for the class World Sailing fee. This annual fee is one to ensure that the Class remains as a World Sailing Recognised Class. The funds from the Royalties are also used to pay for the website hosting of the class website (www.tasar.org) which is available to use for all regions of the Tasar class.

The funds are also used to purchase World Sailing Plaques. This is a process that involves a supplier requesting a plaque from the WTC, which is then purchased from World Sailing. This plaque fee is then reimbursed by the supplier when they receive the plaque. This is a process that does not cost the WTC, but a small amount of funds are needed to carry this out.

There are now funds available to transfer to each region. This will be the proportional distribution of the Sail royalties based upon the number of sails that went to each region, subtracting the World Sailing fee and website hosting fee for 2023 and 2024, which is being kept in reserve as future sail royalties cannot be predicted. This means that AUS\$8200 will be distributed between the regions in total, with a remainder of AUS\$2000 remaining in the WTC account. This is being held for the areas mentioned above.

Class Rule Changes to Date Since Last Worlds

There have been no class rule changes since the last World Championships. There has been guidance released on Centreboard case modifications as well as updated standard Tasar specific parts, released earlier this year, which have not required changes to the class rules.

Current Class Rules Changes Under Consideration

The class is currently undertaking a process for a proposed change to the class rules to remove the minimum weight rule. This has been proposed by the Japan Tasar Association and will aim to be resolved by the 1st February 2023. Information on this can be found on the Tasar Website.

Class Rules Format Moving Forwards

It was raised at the 2019 WTC meeting that the class rules would need to change their format in order to meet the World Sailing format. This is still the case with a draft document still ready, but I would suggest that changes to the Class constitution are a priority for the class.

Proposed Change to the Class Constitution

The class constitution needs to be updated to bring it in line with World Sailing recommendations for a World Sailing Class, and also in line with the current practice of the class. A proposed document has been produced that each Region has a copy of. This does propose a major change to the way in which the class carries out its voting process, and I believe that the class should consider this strongly as it looks to move the constitution to fit more in line with the modern times. The new proposed class constitution does also provide for a more understandable way in which the class operates, as well as giving more recognition that the class is a World class, and less centric towards one particular country.

WTC Meetings

A new initiative since the previous Worlds Meeting is that the WTC now holds a monthly online meeting. This is a major step forward for the class with the WTC previously only meeting once every 2 years. This is an initiative that was started in 2021. This has allowed for regular updates from around the world, as well as discussions to have taken place around topics such as the class rules and class constitution. For more information on what is discussed at these meetings, please contact a WTC representative as can be found on the WTC website.

Tasar Sailors Worldwide Facebook Group

In the last cycle, the WTC approached the admin of the Facebook group "Tasar Sailors Rock" in order to ask to rename this, and then promote this page as a central group for Tasar Sailors worldwide to discuss and share all things Tasar. This has been a good success in this time period. We would encourage all Tasar sailors to join the group.

Moving On

On a personal note, this is my third and final Executive Secretarys report, having taken on the role in 2015. Having first been a member of the WTC in 2007, I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the class and will remember the time fondly. Thank you to all of those who I have worked alongside in various different roles. The Tasar is a very special class as not only is it a beautiful boat to sail, but it has so many great people involved. I look forward to seeing you all on the water in the future.

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