

The 2022 Tasar World Championships are happening, and the North American Tasar Association, and the Seattle Fleet, couldn't be happier to be hosting! It has been a long and weird last few years, filled with uncertainty, optimism, and eagerness to get back in our Tasars and just go sailing.

In the three years since our last meeting, there has been a lot of change in the North American Tasar Association. Paid NATA membership is currently 20 boats representing roughly 50 sailors. The Facebook group is up to 429 members. Our most recent polling shows that we have 55 boats within the region, with approximately 25-30 boats actively raced. The US and Canadian fleets have seen little of one and other due in part to the border / pandemic restrictions. The Seattle fleet has grown considerably, with 70 active sailors, while in Canada, there has been less sailing taking place.

On the US side of the border, sailing and racing has been very active over the past three years, with roughly 6 regattas per year. Highlights include the Tasar North Americans in 2020 with 22 boats, US Nationals drawing 24 boats in 2021 and 13 boats in 2022. Additionally, fleet development clinics have taken place each year. The Seattle fleet has been trying new sailing venues, including Orcas Island and Skamania Coves. While not logistically convenient, they have been great destination events with decent participation averaging 17 boats.

Participation may be up in the Seattle Fleet, and some new boats have been purchased, but the fleet is ageing. The older fleet has meant a low barrier for people to join the fleet, but also come with the challenge of keeping the older, more fragile boats functional. To keep the fleet growing, more new boats will need to be purchased, and the class will need to grow beyond the traditional stronghold in the Pacific Northwest.

I want to thank the members of NATA who have put in a lot of energy promoting the class and preparing for the upcoming 2022 Tasar World Championships.

See you on the water!

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