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*McCrae: the post-sailing quiet*

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## President's Report

Doesn't seem that long ago we were travelling back from the Adelaide nationals and yet it is time to saddle up for the 36th Australian Tasar Championships at McCrae. It was interesting to hear from one quarter to expect 'light' conditions during the event. I wouldn't be so sure and if the last month's club racing at McCrae is anything to go by, better to come prepared for a bit of everything.

This is my last President's report as both Paul Ridgway and myself will be stepping down from our ATC positions at the next AGM. Nominations for both President and Secretary need to be forwarded to Paul prior to the AGM if you are interested in taking up one of these roles.

I'd also like to publicly thank Paul for all the work he has done on the ATC, particularly in relation to the organising and running of the Phuket Worlds. The ATC has never been in better shape financially or administratively thanks to Paul's careful stewardship. Thank you also to Alexandra Almond for taking on the Newsletter Editors role. She does a magnificent job in performing what is often a thankless task.

A quick tip of the hat also to Nicole Douglass. From the outside looking in, the NSW Association appears to be going through a resurgence of participation and interest. I don't know if it is coincidental but Nicole has initiated much communication amongst NSW members through her weekly Thursday night forum posts and monthly online newsletters. It seems like the resurgence largely coincided with the boost in communication. Maybe an interesting topic for conversation at McCrae about how to bolster participation amongst association members and Tasar sailors generally. Well done Nicole.

Hope to see you at McCrae in a few weeks time.

Jonathan Ross  
President, Australian Tasar Council

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# Unibilt Australian Tasar Championships 08-09

McCrae Yacht Club  
28 Dec 2008 to 3 Jan 2009



Unibilt Australian Tasar Championships 2008-2009  
McCrae Yacht Club, Victoria

## Welcome to the Unibilt 36th Australian Tasar Championships.

McCrae YC is on the southern shores of Port Philip Bay and with so much to see and do locally, we are expecting it will be a great event both on and off the water. The event will be held between 28th December 2008 and 3rd January 2009.

McCrae is only 70 minutes south of Melbourne via the freeways linking the city to the Mornington Peninsula. The Peninsula is Melbourne's playground and offers an incredible variety of things to see and do. Gourmet food, wineries by the dozen, magnificent beaches (both ocean and bay) plus natural attractions everywhere.

Accommodation over the holiday period can be a little tight, so to counter this and create an "all in" atmosphere, we have organised a Tasar only camping area in Section 10 of the Rosebud foreshore camping reserve. There will be 45 camping sites available on a first come, first served basis. Think of it as like Yarrowonga (for those that have been to the Vic States) but on the Bay.

It is also the intention to run this regatta as a very affordable event keeping the entry and accommodation costs as low as possible. Entry fees for the regatta are \$430 for Regatta entry including camping fee, or \$300 for just Regatta entry (no camping option).

The online entry form is now available:

[http://www.tasar.com.au/index.php?option=com\\_netinvoice&action=orders&task=order&cid=1&Itemid=178](http://www.tasar.com.au/index.php?option=com_netinvoice&action=orders&task=order&cid=1&Itemid=178)

Entry fees will include the usual entry for crews to the social functions planned and something a little different in the way of regatta apparel.

For those who attended the Mordialloc nationals some year back, you might remember the great social events planned by Alexandra Almond and her partner, Peter. Well they are back onboard again to plan more fun and merriment and make the social events a highlight of the regatta. The key being getting all competitors mixing and socialising at the start of the regatta, not just getting into the swing of things when its time to go home!





*Sailing at McCrae...*



## McCrae Nationals social program

Date	Event	When and where	Format / Activities	Catering	Cost
Sun 28 Dec	Welcome Night	6pm start At the club	Casual dining with some "get to know other people" activities	Chicken and salad	Included in entry for skipper and crew Extra tickets \$25 (\$12.50 for children < 12)
Mon 29 Dec	No formal function, but a section will be reserved for Tasars in the restaurant across the road from club				
Tues 30 Dec	Not-a-trivia night	6pm start At the club	Not trivia, but almost anything else (host Peter Newling)	Pizza / pasta	\$15 per head (\$10 for children < 12 yrs)
Wed 31 Dec	New Years Eve party	8pm start At the club	Party at the club with a band, bar set up downstairs Open to club members as well as Tasars	Finger food, drinks at bar prices	(approx) \$40 per head
Thur 1 Jan	New Years Day	No sailing! Details on a range of activities to be available at registration Lists up on notice board to put your name down if interested, so you can join up with other Tasars doing the same thing (but all self-organised)			
Fri 2 Jan	No formal function, but a section will be reserved for Tasars in the restaurant across the road from club				
Sat 3 Jan	Presentation night	7pm start Rosebud Country (Golf) Club	Aside from the presentations, the only entertainment will be one single "skit" with volunteers from every state	Formal dinner	Included in entry for skipper and crew Extra tickets \$50 (\$25 for children <12 yrs)



## NSW update

thanks to Nicole Douglass

### The Summer Season Opens at Jervis Bay Regatta - 4th and 5th October

What a great opening! 22 Tasars out on the beautiful waters of Jervis Bay for some great racing! The Canberra Fleet were there in force along with Kogarah Bay, Northbridge, Jervis Bay, Concord Ryde, RPAYC, Balmoral and Woollahra! An awesome representation of clubs!

#### Series Results [Mixed Class YS] for Division 3 up to Race 4 (Drops = 0)

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Crew	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1	2710	Chukkel	R Douglas	4.00	N Douglas	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
2	1	Up A Tree	C Davidson	8.00	M Davidson	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
3	2603	Tie Me Down	B Stephens	12.00	C Woods	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
4	2472	Big Blue	K Norris	21.00	D Todd	4.00	4.00	4.00	9.00
5	2187	Fearless	A Cumming	23.00	A Cumming	5.00	5.00	7.00	6.00
6	2191	Dead Calm	L Jackson	24.00	B Jackson	6.00	7.00	6.00	5.00
7	2182	Doof Doof	N Borel	30.00	A Plumb	12.00O	6.00	5.00	7.00
8	2188	ADFA	S Casken	32.00	G McDermott	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
9	1750	Dionysis	P Potapowicz	38.00	T Foon	7.00	9.00	9.00	13.00
10	2107	Ramboat	T Gleeson	43.00	E Gleeson	12.00F	11.00F	10.00	10.00
11	2345	Pigs Can Fly	C Darby	49.00	M Plumb	15.00C	15.00C	15.00C	4.00
12	2186	It Was Him	H Schlimbach	49.00	C Schlimbach	9.00	15.00C	11.00	14.00
13	2108	Sidewinder	A Green	56.00	K Lea	15.00C	15.00C	15.00C	11.00
14	2193	Team Boo Boo Racing	B Naylor	57.00	S Bogle	15.00C	15.00C	15.00C	12.00



## NSW update cont.

### Canberra Sprint Series - They Came for the Cash!

We all came, and there was wind for the Canberra Sprint Series and part 1 of the NSW Short Course Series.

14 boats hit the water in a tricky norwester that kept all on their toes - not to mention the other 6 or so divisions of boats that were on the water :) Craig and Mel Davidson, newbies to the class showed their speed and local knowledge - look out when they are in their new boat!

As usual the Canberrans were above and beyond as hosts for the weekend. Thanks to all for your hospitality, and the CYC for hosting the racing!

Some stuck around for the club race on the Sunday where 85 boats took to the water! Amazing!

If anybody doesn't currently receive the NSW Update (circulated at least monthly) and wants to, please email [nicole\\_douglass@hotmail.com](mailto:nicole_douglass@hotmail.com) or go to the website to subscribe

### Belmont Bethwaite Series - Blown Out

Well what an awesome turnout!!!

Unfortunately, only five boats left the beach the whole weekend, two broke masts, and two had some other form of damage! Needless to say the weather on the 22nd and 23rd November was extraordinarily windy. The social at the 16's on Saturday night was a great way to get to relive the days events.

With no racing - TT2 will again be void for this year.

Quirky & Maurise, and myself and skipper Phil Thompson managed to break bottom sections off at the spreaders! Phil and I had a great time sailing back to shore from above the top mark without any sail power! Surfing waves! That is possibly a good indication of just how windy it was!

Thanks to all for travelling up for the event, especially the Port Macquarie representatives, awesome effort! Thanks also to Bethwaites for their organisation, unfortunately there is nothing they can do about the weather!

### NEXT UP - Port Macquarie Weekend

31st January and the 1st February, set to be a great event yet again!

Racing on Saturday at Queenslake, and on the Sunday at Port Macquarie. Stay tuned next week for details.

The Mecure in town will be offering some great deals including a continental breakfast each morning, due to an insider (our Treasurer Andrew Finney) being an owner. It is looking like we will also have the social on Saturday night at the Mecure as well.

### NATIONALS - Team Tshirts Anyone???

Important stuff for the Nationals - the Committee is in the process of designing a team shirt for those who are going. Always great to wear to the opening night drinks etc and be part of a team! Hey who doesn't want to show those other States just how great we are.

If you are keen for a shirt, please reply to this email and indicate the number of shirts that you would order.

It is looking like they will be just over \$30 each, but the more shirts we order, the more the price will go down!!!

### They're Multiplying!

Shane and Jeanette Guanaria, Harley and Trish Kruse, Josh Faddy & Louise, Jeff Mephram and the Dougli will all have new boats come out to play in the next few weeks! Fantastic to see!!!



## Wedding of the year!

Congratulations Nic & Stu - a marriage made in Tasars! By all accounts it was a great day in Darwin - the ceremony on the sandbar, and the reception at Pee Wees on the Point.



### TANSW Program 2008 - 2009

Date	Event	Location	Time	Other
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Summer TT	Balmoral	TBC	TT3 Measurement Day
Dec 27 <sup>th</sup> 08 & Jan 4 <sup>th</sup> 09	Unibit McCrae Nationals	McCrae YC		<a href="http://www.tasar.com.au">www.tasar.com.au</a> See Nationals Tab
31 <sup>st</sup> Jan/1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	QLake/PMSC	Port Mac	Sat QLake, Sun Port Mac	TT4 Sun
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb/1 <sup>st</sup> March	Bethwaite Series	Woollahra	11 am both days	NSW SC 2 <i>Coaching debrief</i>
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Kurnell Cup	Kogarah Bay SC	12.30PM Start	TT5
10 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> April	NSW States	Speers Point Amateur SC	NOR to be distributed	Presentation Evening Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> April

## South Australian report

No rest for the wicked. Things have been pretty busy over the Winter months. Our general motto - 'Max numbers sailing and having the Max Fun' has worked for many years now and numbers continue to build. The Port Pirie fleet has been a big success story with numbers building from 1 to 6 in the past 4 to 5 years. We'll be having a State Heats weekend there in early December.

Somerton YC continues to be our stronghold in Adelaide but we now also have one boat each at Largs Bay, Brighton, Grange and Henley. At Somerton we have 19 boats on the books, all regular sailors, which gives us some great racing.

The boat to beat of course, is More Small Things and Craig and Gill have again brought a lot of kudos to Somerton, SA, and Tasars in winning the SA Sailors of the Year. Gill received the award (we now know why they need such a big house) at a glittering night at ASC, while Craig was keeping the world's energy supplies coming on the North West shelf.

We're again putting much into our training at SYC. As well as the usual ten minute pre-race talk on How to Setup and Sail Your TASAR for Today's Conditions, in 2008-09 we are using a Buddy System - basically an experienced, well-performed Skipper and Crew being responsible for training 1 or 2 less experienced Skippers and Crews. Melissa C and Adrian N have taken this original idea and embellished it to the stage of Gladiators with much fun in-built.

We're extremely happy to have bought 5 of the 28 new Australian boats. What a huge vote of confidence in our great class.

Hope to catch up with many of you at McCrae.

Kym Widdows  
Hudwalloper 2782



*South Australians hard at work on their new boats*



## Tasar WA report

Thanks to Immediate Past TAWA President Bart Thompson and Secretary / Treasurer Sharon Thompson.

Bart has been the President of TAWA since the fleet moved from MBSC to RPYC in 2000, mostly with Sharon Thompson as Secretary & Treasurer. Since Bart & Sharon started in their roles a lot has changed and happened within the WA Tasar Fleet, they have seen...

- Fleet numbers fluctuate but overall grow from 5-6 Tasars to 10-12 Tasars in one fleet.
- Members come and go. Aside from Bart, Sharon, Warren & Matt Morris there are no other current TAWA members that were sailing Tasars at that time!
- TAWA host a successful National Championship and numerous state championships.
- The importation of boats from the East to meet the demand for more boats
- The introduction of mylar sails. And now...
- The spreading of Tasars to Fremantle Sailing Club, Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club, Broome Sailing Club, and Port Hedland Sailing Club, which is great opportunity to grow and spread the class within regional and metro areas.

Bart & Sharon have clearly put a lot of effort and thought into TAWA over the past 8 years and their efforts have gone well above and beyond the call of duty. Congratulations on your achievements, and from the WA Tasar community, thank you both very much!

Introducing the 08-09 TAWA Committee

President: Scott Olsen 'Rocky Ride'  
 Secretary/treasurer: Kayne Binks 'That's Kool'  
 Measurer: Mark Hansen 'Tasarback'  
 Social Secretary: Kate Best 'Spinifex Pigeon'  
 Publicity: Julie Meehan 'Rocky Ride'  
 RPYC Rep: Roger Best 'Spinifex Pigeon'  
 FSC Rep: John Whittington 'Part Time'  
 MOFSC Rep: Brad & Kelly 'Lovers & Sinners'  
 North West Rep: Mike Forbes 'Dynamic'

**This Season So Far...**

This season has seen several new Tasar owners take to the water! Brad and Kelly from Mandurah purchased Tasar 1883 'Lovers & Sinners' (but who is who?) and have been sailing regularly with the mixed dinghy fleet. Mike & Jenny Forbes and Steve & Nic in Port Hedland have purchased 2 Tasars to form the beginning of a Port Hedland Fleet. They will all hopefully join us in Perth for the states in the second half of the season.

Uli and Thomas have just started racing in their Tasar Kismet at RPYC! They have shown great perseverance and patience in learning to sail and should be congratulated on their first race! Their first start they found themselves a little far from the line at the go signal. After some advice from Kayne to hang around near the

start boat their second start was an absolute screamer, heaps of pace, and at the right end of the line, but also unfortunately OCS! Subsequent starts saw them get into the swing of things. Well done Guys.

**Indian Ocean Classic: Fremantle Sailing Club**

The event known as 'the annual battering' this year served up some excellent sailing! 10 to 15knots from the South with some sea swell to make the downwind legs interesting. Unfortunately only Rocky Ride, BTR & Part Time could enjoy the conditions. It came down to the last race to decide who took home the bounty between BTR and Rocky Ride with Rocky Ride triumphant in the end.

**Mandurah Offshore Fishing & Sailing Club Race**

Part-Time, Rocky Ride and BTR recently travelled to MOFSC to join Lovers & Sinners for an afternoons racing on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November. Luckily Brad and Kelly could actually make it out sailing that Saturday. When they heard we were coming they quickly turned 'international parents in town for one night only' into 'babysitters' to look after little Mitch (after meeting him for the second time, only earlier that day)! It was a gusty shifty South Easterly which was tricky to sail in to say the least. Probably not surprisingly the racing was all over the place with BTR & rocky ride swapping the lead and Part Time and Lovers & Sinners bringing up the rear. The reaches were awesome, with the bow wave extending directly from the bow to my face! Hopefully next time there is an invitation race we will be a little more organised and a few more boats can make it to Mandurah and enjoy sailing in the beautiful water and the usual conditions that they have there.

**Olympian Welcome Home Function**

Just before the start of the season RPYC in conjunction with FSC and RFBYC hosted a welcome home for Olympic Gold medallists Elise Rechichi and Tessa Parkinson. Almost all of the Tasars (and the remainder of the WA yachting fraternity) turned up and had a great time celebrating the return of the medallists. It was a great night for encouragement and inspiration for everyone from sailing newcomers to old salts.

**Tasar Events Coming Up!**

- RPYC Miniseries 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> November.
- RPYC Christmas Function 14<sup>th</sup> December. Remember to bring a plate of salad or dessert.
- 36<sup>th</sup> Australian Tasar Championships McRae Victoria 29<sup>th</sup> Dec 08 to 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2009
- WA State Championships - MBSC (to be confirmed) 28<sup>th</sup> Feb to 2<sup>nd</sup> March (Labour Day Long Weekend)
- Mandurah Easter Regatta 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> April Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club

Over & Out  
BTR

## Victorian report

Christmas is fast approaching and Nationals so the next few weeks are important in honing your skills in a bigger fleet. Also, many of you have been busy fitting out your new boats and not had much time on the water, so make sure you are organised to come along and sail in the following events.

Sat 6 - Sun 7 December, Geelong Off-Beach Regatta & Traveller Trophy 4

Saturday 13th December, Mordialloc Short Course Championship & Traveller Trophy 5

Sail Melbourne is on 19-21 December at Sandringham: <http://www.sailmelbourne.com.au/events/>

### Bethwaite Regatta wrap

McCrae turned on a pretty interesting weekend for all those that attended the Bethwaite Regatta. Saturday saw 4 races held in a westerly breeze that started off around 15 knots for Heat 1 and built to 25+ knots for Heat 4. There were a number of new boats hitting the water for the first time on Saturday afternoon which made for some interesting stories. Great to see Rob and Nic making the trip south to do some reconnaissance for the Nationals in a few weeks time. Interesting concept doing a shake-down cruise in a new boat when its nudging 30 knots. At least they now know the rigging is sound, even if Nic had to climb the mast a few times (best if she tells the story I think.) Interested to hear Rob's comments that McCrae is rumoured to be "light and shifty". What do you think now Rob???

Sunday's wind was forecast to moderate and it did throughout the 3 heats held. Still pretty brisk at times but not nearly as strong as Saturday afternoon. The Douglis looked dangerously fast in the new boat but the racing was tight enough that lots of different boats all had a turn towards the pointy end. I think it was heat 6 where there was only about 100 metres separating the 2nd and 12th boat. Congratulations to Murray O'Brien and Glen Koffyburg taking out the event overall. Class newcomers John Gibson and Monica Tonner came in second in a great effort. Good to see some new names popping up in the results.

Jon Ross, Sheepstations

### Vale Dawn Shand

Sadly, Dawn passed away while she and Bruce were visiting her family in Ireland earlier this year.

Those of us who were privileged to know her will always remember Dawn's warm, friendly approach to life, her vivacity, her ready laugh and her good company.

She is greatly missed by the Victorian Tasar community and our thoughts are with Bruce and his family.

### Victorian program 08-09

Geelong Off-Beach Regatta (TT4)	Sat/Sun 6/7 December	Geelong YC
Short Course Championships (TT5)	Sat 13 December	Mordialloc YC
Sail Melbourne	Fri 19 - 21 December	Sandringham YC
Unibilt 36 <sup>th</sup> Australian Tasar Championships	Mon 29 December 2008 to 3 Jan 2009	McCrae Yacht Club
Short Course Championships	Sat 31 January (by invitation only)	Docklands YC
Training Day 2 Trophy Race	Sat 7 February am Sat 7 February pm	Port Melb YC
Round French Island (Cruise)	Sat 14 & Sun 15 Feb	Westernport YC
Australian Masters Games	Fri 20 to Fri 27 Feb	Geelong YC
Ronstan Victorian State Championships	7/8/9 March (Labour Day weekend)	Yarrowonga YC
NSW State Championships	10 - 13 April (Easter)	Lake MacQuarie, NSW
Winter Championships	6/7/8 June (Queen's Birthday weekend)	Latrobe Valley YC



Unibilt Australian Tasar Championships 2008-2009  
McCrae Yacht Club, Victoria

## NOTICE OF RACE

### **UNIBILT 36th AUSTRALIAN TASAR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**to be held at McCrae Yacht Club, Victoria**

**27<sup>th</sup> December, 2008 to 3<sup>th</sup> January, 2009**

The organising authority for the regatta is The Tasar Association of Victoria Inc on behalf of the Australian Tasar Council Inc in conjunction with the McCrae Yacht Club Inc conducted under the authority of Yachting Victoria.

#### **1. Rules**

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008.

Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 2 Off the Beach Boats will apply. It will be the responsibility of all competitors to ensure that personal flotation devices comply with a standard equivalent to those listed in RRS YA SR Part 2 R1 *Personal Buoyancy*.

#### **2. Advertising**

The regatta is designated a Category C event in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code. The forward 25% of the hull is reserved by the regatta organizing committee for display of advertising by event sponsor(s). Boats intending to carry advertising should provide details of their sponsors on the entry form attached. Entrants shall be advised if they are in conflict with the event sponsor(s). Tobacco and related product advertising shall not be permitted.

#### **3. Eligibility and Entry**

Entries will only be accepted for Tasar class yachts, whose skipper and crew are both members of an AYF affiliated club. At least one crew member shall be a current financial member of a Tasar Association which is a constituent of the World Tasar Council. Presenting a valid Australian Yachting Membership card at the Registration and Measurement day is proof of current AYF affiliated club membership. International Entrants will also need to provide proof of membership to their country's yachting organizing authority.

All yachts competing in this event must be covered by third party property and personal insurance. An original or photocopy of the owners insurance renewal will be required as proof during registration. All boats must have third party insurance cover of not less than AUD \$5,000,000 (recommended AUD \$10,000,000).



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All boats competing do so at their own exclusive risk in every respect. See Rule 4 Decision to Race. The organizing authority, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no liability in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the regatta or how so ever arising in connection with the event.

#### 4. Entries

Boats may register by completing the on line registration form on the ATC Website at [www.tasar.com.au](http://www.tasar.com.au) or by downloading the entry form and paying by cheque or direct debit. Entries will be accepted up until 10th December 2008. Late entries will be accepted up to 26th December and will incur a late entry fee of \$150.

Standard entry fee is \$300.

Entry Fee will include Regatta merchandise, 2 Welcome Night Tickets and 2 Presentation Dinner Tickets for Skipper and Crew.

#### 5. Schedule of Events

##### 5.1 Registration and Measurement

Registration and measurement will be at Race Headquarters, McCrae Yacht Club on Saturday 27th December, 2008 between 1000 and 1600 hours and on Sunday 28th December, 2008 between 1000 and 1200 hours.

##### 5.2 Racing – Maximum 3 races per session

Event	Day	Date	Warning Signal
Invitation Race	Sunday	December 28	1430 hrs
Racing	Monday	December 29	Racing Session #1
Racing	Tuesday	December 30	Racing Session #2
Racing	Wednesday	December 31	Racing Session #3
Lay Day	Thursday	January 1	Lay Day
Racing	Friday	January 2	Racing Session #4
Racing	Saturday	January 3	Racing Session #5*

\*No Warning signal after 12:00 Hrs

#### 6. Registration and Measurement

Boat measurement and crew weigh-in will be in accordance with Tasar Class Rules and the Sailing Instructions.

6.1. A boat's crew may not be changed during the series unless a prior written request is made to, and permission is granted, by the Race Committee.

6.2 Attention is drawn to Tasar Class Rule 21 which states that the registration number as moulded into each hull shall be the sail number of the boat. In the event that a number has not been moulded into the hull at manufacture, a valid ISAF sticker will suffice.



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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 available at Registration. Fluid in containers will not be acceptable unless capable of being sealed for the duration of the Regatta.

The Race Committee may reject at its discretion any form of supplementary weight it considers unsuitable.

When carried, supplementary weights must be secured as near as possible to the centre-line of the boat and the middle of the boat and must not be moved during the series, refer rule interpretation 26.

6.4 Each boat is required to carry a tow line of suitable strength and length of a minimum of two and a half times the length of the boat.

6.5 Each person in a Safety Management Boat shall wear a PFD as described in 7.5

6.6 In participating in this event a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the said event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

## **7. Sailing Instructions**

The sailing instructions will be available at registration.

## **8. Regatta Site**

See links provided on the ATC Web Site to McCrae Nationals.

## **9. Racing Area**

The default course area will be located offshore approximately 2-3 kms due north from the McCrae YC. Depending on wind conditions, competitors should allow between 30-45 minutes to sail to and from the course area. Location of the race course area may change according to wind and weather conditions on any given day when racing is scheduled.

## **10. Courses**

The preferred courses for the Tasar are (refer to RRS Appendix L Addendum A):

-Windward- leeward-triangle course with 60 degree internal angles

-Windward –leeward course, using an offset mark.

## **11. Scoring System**

The Low Point System (see RRS Appendix A) will apply. Ten races are to be scheduled. A minimum of four races shall be completed to constitute a series.



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## 12. Welcome Function and Official Opening

Welcome drinks and the official opening will be held at Race Headquarters at 6.00pm, Sunday 28th December, 2008. All competitors and supporters are invited to attend. Cost of this function for competitors is included in the entry fee. Bookings of additional tickets for this function are essential and can be made on the entry form.

## 13. Presentation Dinner

A presentation dinner and prize giving will be held on Saturday 3rd January, 2009 at the Rosebud Country Club commencing at 7.00pm. All competitors and supporters are invited to attend. Two adult tickets to this function are included in the entry fee. Bookings of additional tickets for this function are essential and can be made using the entry form.

## 14. Prizes

- Perpetual trophies for the Championship
- Masters (aggregate age 80-99 years),
- Grand Masters (aggregate age 100 years and over),
- Super Grand Masters (aggregate age 120 years and over),
- First Lady Helm.
- First Junior Helm
- Other prizes may be awarded arbitrarily by the race organizers

All ages calculated to the nearest whole day on December 29th 2008.

## 15. Additional Information

The Annual General Meeting of the Australian Tasar Council will be held at 9.00am Sunday 28th December, 2008. All delegates and observers are cordially invited to attend.

## 16. Further Information

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