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From the desk of the secretary...

Well it has been 5 months so since Mike and I have been in the ATC Office, how time flies. I never would have believed what a busy place this office is! Issues coming and going all the time, all requiring attention and follow-up. Some of the big issues that are with us at the moment are the Japan Worlds. At the time of writing this article there are 2 free spots left for Tasars

in the Australian container, and we definitely expect to fill these ASAP. If you want to go to Japan contact your friendly ATC office or Shane Guanaria today. Costs are actually expected to be very reasonable and the Japanese worlds will be a terrific experience. I can whole heartedly recommend it. You know you can get a 5Ltr can of cold beer from a street vending machine over there! And the food - the quality and variety is amazing - OH I'm sure the sailing will be good too.

Next up is the World Masters Games, what a turn of events to have Crown Prince Fredrik of Denmark enter the event! This means great news for Tasars and we've already seen an upsurge in interest for the event. It will also mean added publicity for our class during the event. It will be great to see if the Prince can make it onto the podium - although with the interest being shown from all sorts of terrific sailors this is going to be a tuff call ! If you want to lease your boat for a great price (and it is in good condition) contact your state association YESTERDAY!

The next big issue is the 2010 National Titles - which will be held at the Whitsunday Yacht Club - Airlie beach. The ATC decided on the Whitsunday Yacht Club over 2 other very worthy candidates, Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron and Hamilton Island Sailing Club. All the venues up for selection showed us they were fantastic choices, who would provide a terrific series. After input from all states it was decided that the venue that offered the romantic tropical family holiday was the one to go for - Whitsunday YC. So now the ATC is assisting the TAQ and the Whitsunday YC with pulling the event together. Already the event has had a lot of interest and this is looking like a mega event which will present a few further interesting challenges as we finalise numbers. Stay tuned to the Tasar website for further details, but you had better start investigating accommodation options now.

Now that Michael and I have almost settled into the role of running the ATC a few words of thanks should be said to the previous incumbents, Jonathon (nee Karyn) Ross and Paul (nee Bronwyn) Ridgeway. They have left the ATC in a very secure Financial position and have laid the ground work for our class to move forward as much as our ideas and follow up will allow us.

We have a great website, posters and brochures for all who want them (if you want some - send us an email, they are in my shed !)and cash to play with. On behalf of Tasar sailors across the land, many thanks to you both for your efforts over the last few years, your efforts are very much appreciated.

With the ATC being in such a good position, the ATC voted to suspend State fees for the 2009/10 season, so long as each state meets 2 simple conditions. Firstly the money that would have normally be sent to the ATC be used in promotional events in attracting new members or enthusing current members. If you have a simple idea to promote Tasar sailing in your region get in touch with your State Association and go for it. The second condition is that each state Association (or you) take some photo's of your region enjoying yourself and write an article - with photos and place it in the correct section in our web site. This is the tricky bit.

Alexandra Almond over the past few years has done a fantastic job publishing our newsletter and this is newsletter will be the second to last one. Alex is another unsung hero of the Tasar Class, thanks heaps Alex, for doing such a terrific job, and this Newsletter is again no exception. Alex will work with all regions in the future assisting them where necessary in getting there information up on the website in a timely fashion.

The next few editions of the newsletter will be much more simplistic in that they will let you know of interesting new updates on the website rather than presenting them in newsletter fashion. The purpose of this is to keep our website active and up to date with interesting stories and articles for us all to read and share. When on the website they then become advertisements for people looking at the class and our enjoyment may entice them to sail with us.

Well that's it from me - Michael will be back from his holiday next time so expect to see his report on the web!

All the best
Adrian Nicholson

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

Congratulations to new Tasar National Champions Shane Guanaria & Mel Rippe

There's some beautiful pictures on these pages showing what sailing at McCrae is like. They were actually taken at the regatta (thanks Nic for most of them!) but those who were there might struggle to remember when conditions were like this...

We had what could be described as a "strong" regatta, as evidenced by on 17 of the 67 boats finishing every race (nb. some of those non-finishes may have been due to black flags or other forms of disqualification rather than weather). And it wasn't just windy - it was quite cold! Just ask the hardy campers - or some of the Northern states sailors not used to Victorian conditions who were begging wetsuits from friends and family after a couple of days.

But it was an awesome event, and whatever it felt like at the time we did have a range of conditions from quite heavy in the early days to a near drifter on the final day. It was a great sized fleet and terrific racing from the front all the way to the other end.





Sailing at McCrae...

Congratulations to Sway AUS2847 Shane Guanaria and Mel Rippe on becoming the new Tasar National Champions.

Coollit AUS2848 Rob Douglass and Pete Isaacs finished second, and AUS2851 Edge Off Dave and Doris Bretherton finished third. Full results are on the following pages.

Also thanks to the Victorian committee who ran an excellent event, and to Pete Newling and the land lubbers who helped make the Not A Trivia Night (return edition) a success.

This is not easy to see at first glance - but look closer... It's the Tasar fleet on the start line taken from Arthur's seat. Thanks for the awesome pic Nicole!



Unibilt Australian Tasar Championships 2008-2009 at McCrae (scratch results)

Sail	Boat Name	Skipper	Score	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
1	2847	Sway	Shane Guanaria	19.5	[68.00B]	1	2	6	2	2	1.50G	1	4	[17.00]
2	2848	Coollit	Rob Douglas	21.5	2	4	[5.00]	4	1	1	1.50G	4	[8.00]	4
3	2851	Edge Off	David Bretherton	37	6	3	1	[19.50]	[11.00]	3	2	2	10	10
4	2846	Placebo Effect	Craig Davidson	48	[13.00]	[12.50]	6	3	8	9	6	6	2	8
5	2776	Rasta Farian Rock	Luke Owen	56	[17.00]	11	4	8	3	[68.00B]	7	3	7	13
6	2781	Chaos Theory	Chris Payne	66	4	[20.00]	11	12	4	4	[23.00]	15	9	7
7	2731	Orange Lodge	Paddy Oliver	68	11	9	10	2	7	[68.00B]	[26.00]	23	3	3
8	2784	Corsair VIII	John Gibson	77	3	7	7	10	[20.00]	16	15	7	[31.00]	12
9	2842	Mango Chilli	Josh Faddy	82	5	[22.00]	15	15	13	5	11	12	[17.00]	6
10	2770	Trouble	Michael Quirk	83	7	[24.00]	20	11	15	6	[25.00]	8	15	1
11	2454	Rocky Ride	Scott Olsen	88	14	[68.00F]	9	[14.00]	6	12	13	13	12	9
12	2667	Hard Attack	Sean Hackett	92	10	8	17	18	10	7	[20.50]	17	[68.00F]	5
13	2853	Sheep Stations	Jon Ross	96	[68.00B]	5	8	5	34	23	5	5	11	[34.00]
14	2862	Purple Patch	Michael Paynter	103	12	15	3	7	18	[68.00C]	[68.00F]	28	5	15
15	2345	Pigs Can Fly	Chris Darby	113	1	16	[28.00]	23	5	19	24	[26.50]	14	11
16	2011	Instinct	Max Taylor	116	[68.00B]	19	22	1	17	11	12	16	[68.00F]	18
17	2823	Okidoki	Derick Warne	124	8	2	29	25	16	8	[68.00F]	[68.00F]	1	35
18	2236	Grumpy	Murray O'Brien	126.5	25.5	10	23	16	12	13	8	19	[28.00]	[27.00]
19	2785	Two To Tango	Leigh Riddell	134.5	21	[36.00]	13	26.5	24	10	[28.00]	10	6	24
20	2830	Oogy Wawa	Stuart Templeton	138	[31.00]	6	21	30	26	18	4	9	24	[44.00]
21	2742	Ridgididge	Megan Ridgway	148	20	21	[31.00]	19.5	14	21	20.5	[22.00]	13	19
22	2673	Liquid Asset	Chris Allen	166	24	29	14	28	23	[33.00]	10	11	27	[36.00]
23	2820	Agamemnon	Chris Parkinson	172.5	34	12.5	[35.00]	[36.00]	22	20	16	18	29	21
24	2782	Hudwaloper	Kym Widdows	175	30	25	[68.00F]	13	28	22	22	14	21	[33.00]
25	2587	Speed Racer	Rob Hartnett	179	9	18	24	32	30	27	[68.00C]	25	[35.00]	14
26	2828	Cookie Monster	Harley Kruse	181	68.00B	14	18	17	9	15	[68.00C]	[68.00F]	38	2
27	2763	More Edge	John Balass	185.5	[68.00B]	28	34	[68.00B]	37	17	9	20	18.5	22
28	1975	Pinch Hitter	Trevor Gurr	192	[44.00]	30	32	9	19	26	[68.00C]	29	16	31
29	2656	Violet Femme	Alexandra Almond	198	29	26	27	22	29	25	17	[36.00]	23	[38.00]
30	2786	U & I	Ian Shand	200.5	[33.00]	32	16	26.5	31	24	18	21	[40.00]	32
31	1875	Organised Kaos	Lachlan Pearman	205	[68.00B]	17	30	29	[35.00]	14	27	31	34	23
32	2779	Clarebuoyant	Alistair Murray	220	15	68.00C	[68.00F]	37	21	[68.00S]	19	24	20	16
33	2812	Disco Volante	Andrew Robertson	252	28	27	38	24	41	34	31	[45.00]	[43.00]	29
34	2769	The Antz Pantz	Tony Creak	261.5	38	23	25	31	33	68.00B	[68.00F]	[68.00C]	18.5	25
35	2747	Tsunami	John Eriksson	276	41	39	33	38	39	29	[68.00C]	32	25	[43.00]
36	2188	Paid To Be Here	Sacha Casken	288	19	41	54	34	25	35	35	[68.00C]	45	[55.00]
37	2588	What A Pearler	Andrew Finney	290	[49.00]	40	42	35	43	32	32	33	33	[53.00]
38	2844	Call Mr Mike	Ross MacDonald	295	36	35	41	33	38	[68.00S]	34	42	36	[46.00]
39	2187	Fearless	Andrew Cumming	300	40	34	36	40	45	36	29	40	[56.00]	[52.00]
40	2585	Private & Confidenti	Aron Gavin	315	68.00F	[68.00C]	[68.00F]	45	36	28	14	43	44	37
41	2771	Fire Fly	Ian James	325	18	48	37	39	49	38	[68.00C]	[68.00C]	47	49
42	2237	Dodgy Elements	Andrew Foulkes	327.5	25.5	47	53	44	40	41	[68.00F]	35	[54.00]	42
43	1954	Cows With Guns	Chris Todd	331.5	47	33	19	68.00C	68.00C	[68.00C]	[68.00C]	26.5	30	40
44	2727	Single Malt	Graham Hanna	333	16	31	26	68.00C	68.00C	68.00C	[68.00C]	[68.00C]	26	30
45	2859	Paving The Way	Gavin Rietman	334.5	39	46	39.5	21	47	31	[68.00C]	[68.00C]	53	58
46	2861	Mojo	Melissa Crawford	338	42	49	49	41	27	37	[68.00C]	[68.00S]	46	47
47	2659	Hakuna Matata	Peter Lentz	340	22	42	45	[52.00]	51	43	[68.00F]	41	51	45
48	12656	Two Dry Martinis	Ray Martin	363	27	68.00F	12	68.00C	68.00C	68.00C	[68.00F]	[68.00C]	32	20
49	2789	Playstation	Ian Scholes	363	48	45	43	50	46	30	[68.00F]	[68.00F]	42	59
50	2854	Water Rat	Cary Pedicini	369	37	50	52	42	44	68.00B	[68.00C]	[68.00C]	37	39
51	2849	Just Crusin	Colin Frank	373	43	68.00C	50	46	32	39	[68.00C]	[68.00C]	41	54
52	2613	Rumline	Richard Mackinnon	373	53	44	44	47	50	42	[68.00F]	38	55	[56.00]
53	1877	Turandot	Dave Hart	374	23	38	47	68.00C	68.00C	[68.00B]	[68.00F]	39	50	41
54	2798	Me'n'tone	Tony Hammond	382	35	68.00F	46	43	42	40	[68.00C]	[68.00F]	57	51
55	1956	B"ess	Barry Stapleton	385	52	51	51	51	[68.00F]	46	33	44	[62.00]	57
56	2590	Slam Dunc	Duncan Robertson	397.5	50	37	39.5	68.00C	68.00C	[68.00C]	[68.00C]	37	48	50
57	2778	Manipulator	Bryan Hill	425	51	52	56	48	48	47	[68.00C]	[68.00F]	61	62
58	2819	Fire Fly	Derek Hadwen	435	68.00C	68.00C	68.00C	68.00C	68.00C	[68.00C]	[68.00F]	30	39	26
59	2843	Just Chill	Paul Neal	444	46	43	48	68.00B	53	68.00D	[68.00C]	[68.00F]	58	60
60	1867	It's Not Easy	Andrew Hill	445	45	68.00C	55	53	52	44	68.00C	[68.00C]	60	[68.00]
61	2093	Sneaky Sailing Syste	Paul Jenkins	446	68.00C	68.00C	68.00C	68.00C	[68.00C]	[68.00C]	30	34	49	61
62	2841	Wooohooo!!	Richard Gallimore	458	68.00C	68.00C	68.00C	68.00C	68.00C	68.00C	[68.00C]	[68.00C]	22	28
63	2617	Waimukabout	Warren Stahel	472	32	68.00C	68.00C	68.00C	68.00C	68.00C	[68.00C]	[68.00C]	52	48
64	2799	Synergy	Glen Watson	484	68.00C	68.00C	68.00C	49	54	45	68.00C	[68.00F]	[68.00F]	64
65	2142	Shear Water	David Elmslie	486	68.00D	68.00F	57	54	55	48	68.00C	68.00C	[68.00F]	[68.00]
66	2608	True Blue	Darren Eger	522	54	68.00C	68.00F	68.00C	68.00C	68.00C	[68.00C]	[68.00C]	63	65
67	1888	Ava-1888	David Maslow	530	68.00C	68.00C	68.00C	68.00C	68.00C	68.00C	[68.00C]	[68.00F]	59	63

Tasar attracts royalty to the World Masters Games

The thrill of one-design racing in the best class in the world - the Tasar! - is bringing Denmark's Crown Prince Frederik to Sydney later this year.

The Tasar has been chosen as the two person open dinghy class for the World Masters Games to be held in Sydney in October 2009.

This is a great opportunity for the Tasar Class to gain new members to the class as well as take part in the competition themselves. The TANSW, ATC and WMG committees are working closely to make this happen.

Charter Boats

We are keen to source as many people as possible who would be willing to charter their boats. There is a large international contingent expected to attend so having boats will be critical. Perhaps you could include sails in your charter fee, or anything up to \$2000 for the top range boats.

Please go to www.tasar.com.au and the WMG section for more information or post on the forum to let us know if you are interested in finding out more about chartering your boat, what you include/exclude with your hull and what your charter fee would be.

We will eventually aim to set up a "Trading Post" like site/forum where those who have boats to charter, and those who are looking to charter can exchange details.



Prince sails in for fun and Games

Jessica Mahar
May 10, 2009

DENMARK'S Crown Prince Frederik will combine his loves of sailing and Sydney when he competes in the World Masters Games in October.

The prince (pictured), who met his Tasmanian-born wife, Mary, at a Sydney pub during the Olympic Games, will compete in the 35-plus Tasar sailing competition from October 12 to 16.

NSW Premier Nathan Rees said the prince would attend the opening ceremony.



Crown Prince Frederik

"Crown Prince Frederik's attendance is a vote of confidence for Sydney as an international destination and a vote of confidence for the World Masters Games," Mr Rees said.

"This is a high-profile addition to the biggest event Sydney will host this year, an event that will provide a \$50 million boost to the NSW economy."

Competition Dates: Tuesday 13th October to Friday 16th October 2009

- Competitor registrations close 31st July 2009.
- Entry is AUD220 per person This includes free public transport (excluding Airport Train) during the games, a seat at the opening ceremony and many other benefits).

Full details at www.2009worldmasters.com
<<http://www.2009worldmasters.com/>>

Accompanying persons (not competing) can be registered for AUD110 to receive the same benefits (excluding competition entry).

As the Japan Worlds are in the month prior to this event, many will have the option of going to the Masters Games in Sydney, as well as the Worlds, or in place of them if they can't make it to Japan.

For more information, go to www.tasar.com.au or the World Masters Games site - www.2009worldmasters.com

Nicole Douglass
(with some eds from the ed)

Thanks to SMH for the article...

smh.com.au
The Sydney Morning Herald

2010 Nationals - we're off to the Whitsunday Islands!



The best view in the Whitsundays

At the ATC meeting in April, a decision was made to accept the offer from Whitsunday Sailing Club at Airlie Beach, QLD as the next venue for our National Championships - to be held from 3 July to 10 July 2010.

This was a very difficult choice for your representatives to make, given the quality of submissions made by the other two entities - Royal Queensland Yacht Club in Brisbane and Hamilton Island Resort. A decision was made after careful consideration of all relevant issues, including accommodation options and cost, regatta facilities and of course, sailing conditions and race management.

The Queensland Tasar Association is undergoing some restructuring at present, so it is likely that you will be hearing from either Adrian or myself at the ATC regarding further details about the regatta and then in due course, all the information that you will need to enter and book accommodation.

In the meantime, get your annual leave forms in and start saving up!

Michael Paynter
President ATC

2009 worlds - Wakayama, Japan

We are getting close to finalizing containers for Australian boats being sent to Japan to contest the 2009 World Championships.

The cost of sending your boat across to Japan will be roughly \$1800 per boat. The ATC has already started taking deposits for container spaces with Ken Pearson from NSW being the first in closely followed by Josh Faddy. Spots will fill up quick so please contact me ASAP for details on how to pay your deposits - shane@macdiarmidsails.com.au .



Currently it looks as though we will have a contingent of 15 boats from NSW, VIC, SA, WA and the ADF.

There are limited charter boat options available but these are being reserved for competitors with no access to containers. Containers are being organized from North America/Canada and also the UK and combined with Japan's growing fleet will assure you of some great racing.

Entries are now open and in the first week 10 entries were received from the US, Canada and Japan.

For further information see the world's website at <http://www.tasarworlds.sakura.ne.jp/>

Happy Sailing.

Shane Guanaria

Victorian State Titles 2009

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	2857	Roll Your Own	C Mcphee	6.00
2	2742	Ridgididge	P Ridgway	14.00
3	2781	Chaos Theory	C Payne	20.00
4	2011	Instinct	S Kivell	20.50
5	2096	007	G Shapcott	23.00
6	2851	Edge Off	D Bretherton	23.50
7	2862	Purple Patch	M Paynter	30.00
8	2823	Okidoki	D Warne	37.00
9	2236	Grumpy	G Koffyberg	45.00
10	2826	Aquaholic	C Allen	46.00
11	2853	Sheepstations	J Ross	54.00
12	2854	Water Rat	G Pedicini	55.00
13	2769	The "Antzpantz"	T Creak	59.00
14	2656	Violet Femme	A Almond	65.00
15	2747	Tsunami	J Eriksson	69.00
16	2790	On Edge	P Edge	71.00
17	2617	Waimukabout	W Stahel	79.00
18	2579	Smitten Chips	G Smith	89.00
19	2180	Indecision	S Humphrey	93.00
20	1975	Pinch Hitter	R Vise	96.00
21	2849	Just Cruisin	C Franke	99.00
22	2570	Menace	D Hammon	101.00
23	2796	Sirocco	P Collins	115.00
24	2798	Me'n'tone	T Hammong	115.00
25	2789	Playstation	I Scholes	115.00
26	1940	Aqua Duck	R Miles	117.00
27	2794	Sapphire	M Bray	127.00
28	2142	Shearwater	D Elmslie	130.00



With 28 boats this years Victorian State Titles was a great success.

Excess weed at our usual venue (Yarrowonga on the March long weekend) meant the regatta was held at Mordialloc a couple of weeks later than usual. The regatta saw plenty of fierce competition over two days of quite light racing (well, compared to McCrae earlier in the season anyway).

Congratulations to SA raiders Craig & Phillipa who took out the title - and thanks to Mordialloc SC and the Victorian committee for organising.



67 boats at NSW State Titles



A new location, new sailing program and a new social program were well received by the 67 boats that entered the regatta. Interstate competitors from every mainland state and territory were there to make up the all but record breaking fleet! The weekend was all finished off with a presentation night for the States regatta as well as the season's travellers trophy events.

So for an event that brings the best together on and off the water, it's all about the NSW State Titles!!!

A fantastic event for all who attended - minus the wind! The new format was a hit for all, those who travelled had a spare day to get home before going

back to work AND we got to have a presentation night!

Thanks to all who donated on the final night to the BCNA - we managed to raise just over \$500 just by passing the bucket around! The Breast Cancer Network Australia helps to support families and those with Breast Cancer. www.bcna.org.au

Podium places were as follows:

- 1st: Rob & Nicole Douglass CHUKKEL 2710**
- 2nd: Shane Guanaria & Felix Grench SWAY 2847**
- 3rd: Martin Linsley & Bruce Eddes RAN 2482**

Look forward to seeing you all next year!

See you on the water! Nic D



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

Port Pirie Yacht Club, South Australia

Five Tasars now sail regularly at Port Pirie, one of them being one of the new boats purchased this year. Another new boat set up by Craig McPhee will also be sailed in Pirie next season by one of our current sailors. We have a club Tasar for people to try out and hope to keep as many of the older Tasars in Pirie as possible when their owners move onto new Tasars.

Those of us with older boats and Dacron sails will just have to work harder to keep up with the newer lighter boats. Such is the enthusiasm for Tasars in Port Pirie that we felt confident to host the first half of the South Australian State heats.

Now those who have sailed in Pt Pirie will know that it is challenging sailing, especially in and around the turning basin. Because the wind gusts and lulls as it comes around the buildings of the silos and smelter, you need to be ready to hike hard or throw yourself back into the boat at a seconds notice, so we were keen to use our acquired experience to thrash the sailors coming up from Adelaide. Alas it doesn't work that way and we now know that we need to have a few more training sessions over the lay off to improve our sailing skills and knowledge of the new rules. Even the departure of an ore carrying ship past the course didn't faze them.



Even though most of the Pirie sailors lagged towards the back of the fleet, we enjoyed the company of the friendly and enthusiastic guys from Adelaide who really know how to party on.

The future of Tasars in Pirie looks good with a solid core of dedicated Tasar sailors and more sailors in other classes already expressing interest in moving across to Tasars at some point when their crews are big enough.

Tina & Alan Moore
Mr Bean 2068

Southern State Titles - Yarrawonga



The Yarrawonga Sailing Spectacular was held over the Victorian long weekend 7-9 March.

Yarrawonga is a splendid small town near Albury-Wodonga, a nice expanse of water with plenty of room for good sailing. Numbers were a little low this year - only 15 boats - which may have been due to the talk of low water and weed in the lake.

The water was fine - plenty of it, but the weed was a problem. You were sailing along and constantly had to pull up the centre board and check the rudder to get the weed off. The Water Board is taking the step to completely drain the lake this winter to kill the weed off as much as possible, so next year the lake should be clear and weed free. The area offers lots of camping spaces so it is easy to stay right amongst the action.

The lush green grass and facilities right there make it a breeze for camping and what's even better if you don't like camp cooking - you just pop around the corner to a lovely restaurant with some terrific Rutherglen wines. Now that's camping at its very best.

Oh the sailing - yes we did have a few races, light with a few gusts coming across the water. Steering was tricky when you had your centreboard and rudder covered in weed. A funny thing happened to Jonathon Ross on one downwind leg; centreboard right up, sitting as far forward as possible in no wind. Then out of no where came a gust of wind that basically just pushed his bow into the water and lifted the back right out, in the drink! Then stuck on the bottom of the lake, he took a while to get out of that mess. Provided terrific entertainment to locals watching from the bank.





The start...

A bunch of races and a variety of interesting courses, well done by the club.

The few Yarrowonga volunteers did a terrific job with cooking breakfasts and lunches and dinners. Also their rescue boat team set some great courses and starts. Well done guys. If you are considering going along next year - Yarrowonga is a must for all the family.

Adrian Nicholson



The start boat...

Southern States results

Place	Sail	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew	From	Score
1	2710	Coolit	R Douglas	N Douglas	Jervis Bay	5
2	2823	Oki Doki	D Warne	G Warne	Chelsea	13
3	2851	Edge Off	D Bretherton	D Bretherton	Chelsea	14
4	2781	Chaos Theory	C Payne	P Pedicini	Sandringham	20
5	2667	Hard Attack	S Hackett	P Arerolo	Somerton	21
6	2673	Liquid Asset	C Allen	L Allen	McCrae	23
7	2853	Sheep Stations	J Ross	J Bange	McCrae	28
8	2769	The Antz Pantz	T Creak	J Creak	Royal Geelong	29
8	2862	Purple Patch	M Paynter	K Paynter	McCrae	29
10	2854	Water Rat	C Pedicini	H Macfarlane	Westernport	30
11	2747	Tsunami	J Erisson	J Rae	Mordialloc	35
12	2779	Clarebuoyant	A Murray	T Thompson	Sandringham	40
13	2850	Parrot Fever	A Nicholson	R Nicholson	Somerton	42
14	1975	Pinch Hitter	R Vize	T Gurr	Mordialloc	43
15	2849	Just Cruisin	C Franke	W Franke	Westernport	49
16	2864	The Grey Ghost	W Ward	D Stone	Albury	55
17	2778	Naiad	B Hill	R Anderson	Westernport	66

Winter warm-up for Worlds

NSW will have a great winter program this year in the lead up to the Worlds and World Masters Games. Racing at Woollahra and Kogarah details can be seen in the following reports. Balmoral will have winter sprints. Keep an eye on the Tasar website for further details, including lead up regattas at Woollahra - the site of the WMG.

Woollahra Winter Series

The WSC winter series starts this Saturday May 16th. Yes Saturdays! Whilst the club has racing each week the Tasars will be on every second week.

Notice of race: www.woollahrasailingclub.org.au/winter09_nor.pdf

We expect to have a very active Tasar winter program with many visitors in the lead up to the Japan Worlds and the World Masters Games.

We will run coaching on some of the Saturdays for those wanting to improve their skills. On Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd August there will be a Tasar Short Course Regatta for all club and Tasar visitors. This will be a shakedown for those going to Japan and a good event pre World Masters Games.

Free Coaching Sessions in May

The Club will offer free sail coaching to members on both Saturdays and Sundays in May for the dates 9/10, 16/17, 23/24 and 30/31.

The focus will be on race mechanics such as starting drills, mark roundings and covering strategies. Coaching session scheduled from 10 am to 12 noon on Saturdays. This will leave enough time for a return to the ramp prior to the Winter Series 1.30 pm start.

Harley Kruse

KOGARAH BAY TASARS 2008-09 SEASON WRAP

The 2008-09 Summer season at Kogarah Bay Sailing Club was another very successful one with the fleet continuing to grow. By seasons end we had 15 Tasars registered with the club, with most boats on the water every Sunday. Word is that we can expect another few boats to join us next season. A big factor in the success at KBSC is the close camaraderie among all our Tasar members and the willingness of a core group of our members to share the work load of coordinating activities on and off the water.

We started planning for this season last Winter with a group of us meeting and putting together a new program format to add some variety to our racing and to also incorporate a few social functions.

Along with the usual Club Pointscore and Club Championship races, we added some afternoons of short course racing (timed to be held on weekends before major Association inter-clubs), a Clubman series pointscore for crews still wanting to race at the club while others were away at Association events (we try not to program normal racing on weekends of Association events), and we also programmed six mornings of coaching for the benefit of our newcomers to the Class. Off water functions were a Season opener BBQ, Christmas BBQ, and a Season end BBQ all hosted at members homes. All were really well attended and very enjoyable events.

On the racing front, the Club Championship was taken out by Trevor and Lea in AWOL. Second was a newcomer to the club, Bruce and Kate in White Noise. Third was Chris and Lorna in Like Lightning.

The Season Pointscore was won by Chris and Lorna in Like Lightning closely followed by Noel and Annette in Doof Doof and third was Andrew and Julie in What a Pearler.

The Short Course series was won by Trevor and Lea in AWOL followed by Andrew and Julie in What a Pearler and third was Chris and Lorna in Like Lightning.

It was great to see a good percentage of our crews attending a variety of Association events throughout the season culminating in a representation of seven boats at the States over Easter.

The club has recently purchased a very well priced second hand Tasar for use in its sailing school program. This boat is also available for a small hire fee to sail in our club races of an afternoon and was on the water racing most Sundays toward the end of the season. This is a great asset to the club and should help in the introduction of further crews to our Tasar fleet.

KBSC holds racing over Winter on May 17, June 21, July 19 and August 16 with a 1.00pm start. Visitors are very welcome.

Big thanks to everyone at KBSC Tasars that made the 2008-09 Season such an enjoyable one on and off the water. Looking forward to another good one next season.

Trevor Hilleard.

Latrobe Valley Sauna Sail - 6-8 June 2009

Now that the minor regattas have been run and won you can focus on the major events of the sailing calendar. Latrobe Valley Yacht Club annual Sauna Sail is on again over the Queen's Birthday Long Weekend 6, 7 & 8 June. First race start is 13:00 Saturday with entries required to be in by 11:30 Saturday.

This Regatta is also the TASAR Victorian Winter Championships for a must be there experience. On Line entries and Notice of Race are available on line at

www.lvyc.org.au/ . \$50.00 for on line entry prior to 4th June. \$60.00 for entry on the day.



Camping is available at the Club for a fee or the warmer choice is a Motel in nearby Morwell. As usual the weather may be mild, cold, windy, calm or just right, but the water will be warm. Drop me a line if you have any questions.

Ian Shand

WA Tasar Association

Tasar sailing in WA is on the rise. In addition to turning heads after taking out the Three of a Kind Regatta the Tasar fleet has been increasingly active in supporting local regattas and developing the profile of Tasar sailing in WA.

12 boats competed in the WA State Tasar Championships which were held over the 1st weekend in March. The Tasars joined other Bethwaite designed boats for the MBSC Centreboard regatta in which each fleet (49ers, 29ers and Tasars) conducted their own State Championships in a seven race series.

The defending State Champions Scott and Julie Olsen sailed to a solid win, retaining the title in their new boat Unleashed, this is the first new Tasar purchased in WA for five years. In second place was Kayne Binks and Louise Blagrove of RPYC sailing That's Kool followed by class new comers, Lloyd Lissiman and Fiona Campbell, also of RPYC sailing Bungarra.

A Consistency Championship was also run in conjunction with the series, this was won by Scott Johnson and Jordan Johnson Veale sailing Part Time, from Mike and Jenny Forbes in Happy Endings (2nd), with Brad and Kelly Peaker 3rd, in Lovers and Sinners.

The 2008 -2009 season has seen fleets in their infancy at Fremantle Sailing Club, Mandurah Offshore Fishing & Sailing Club, and in the North West at Port Headland Sailing Club, complementing the established fleet at Royal Perth Yacht Club.

Through Promotion of the Tasar within these clubs and leasing of the association boat we have stimulated much interest. 'Cows with Gun's will soon be heading to a new home in WA however access to second hand boats is still a major hurdle that we are trying to overcome.

SA Tasar Billabong Regatta 2009 Roundup



What a weekend! Storms, gales, horizontal rain, jetties being blown away, king tides, beaches destroyed, trees down - certainly savage storms wreaked havoc on the greater Adelaide area. However, only a 130 km north east from the CBD (as the crow flies) near Morgan on Lake Schubert, the 2009 SA Tasar Billabong Regatta went ahead as planned... And what a trek to the Billabong it was - with rain, wind, wombats, snow - pardon? - Ah, yes - wombats! The local population was literally jumping for joy at the water falling from the sky - I have never seen a wombat jump before! The record was 5 wombats spotted by 1 lucky car! Amazing!! PS I might have been exaggerating with the snow

Held each year over the ANZAC weekend, the Billabong is a favourite in the SATA social calendar. And were the SA Tasars going to let a little rain dampen their weekend? NO WAY!! However, you could hear the soft but unmistakable sounds of tarp erection and repairs happening late into the night - yes... Scott, playing with that bloody tarp - again! Scott had the second best erection for the weekend - the erection prize went to Chris Tyerman though - a 21 step instruction booklet to put up a tent??? (Provided by his mum no less). Interestingly Melissa Crawford would win the prize for most erections at the Billabong - helping put up no less than 8 tents during the regatta! Well Done!!! (except Gill's tent fell down and then blew away - some of those gusts were fairly strong). Ian and Jan purchased a new tent for the weekend - aptly named - 'The Cougar'. A far cry from brother Gavin's late sixty's tent bright orange and yellow tent called Eggs and Sauce!

Sailors knew from the opening ceremony that this was to be a Billabong to remember. Before a word was uttered from the "official" party there was a cry of joy from the young Michael Nicholson - "a fish". And yes, it was a fish, a Murray River Whiting no less - "haven't seen one of those for years" was heard to be muttered from our wonderful hosts! Tim O'Shea was amazed by the existence of Murray River Whiting - he'll be back next year with rod and reel. The official opening ceremony then proceeded without a hitch, and the competitors had less than 35 minutes to be on the water for the start sequence. Action stations!

Races 1 and 2 were held on the Saturday in challenging conditions - shifty winds and bullets kept competitors on their toes! Fantastic reaches, and some close competitive sailing saw the competitors back on shore in time to enjoy a lovely lunch!

The afternoon presented a respite from sailing - no-one prepared to brave the 30 knot gusts - read social regatta. So, by the comfort of a beautiful log fire at the club house, and after a SATA complimentary red/champers or beer, sailors were briefed by the Race Officers on race 3. This involved using 'whatever they could find' to construct an unseaworthy Tasar. The judging criteria were design, marketability and originality, and competitors had a 45 minute time limit. The enthusiasm and engagement of the competitors produced one of the most hotly contested 'races' of the regatta!



On to presentation for Day 1. In another of the SATA traditions at Billabong Regattas presentations, for the day coincides with the raising of the champagne flag. Unfortunately due to misplacement (who lost the flag?!!) there was no raising of a champagne flag; however there was champagne, wine, beer and soft drinks provided by SATA, not to mention a huge bonfire, to assist competitors with the cooling evening conditions. The results from day 1 produced a number of surprises. With 11 Tasars competing in the 3 events, there were 9 different winners for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. And amazingly, the 3 'awards' given at the presentation for 'notable events' included the other 2 Tasars. A shock result! All 11 Tasars competing on day 1 enjoyed the winner's limelight. I am not sure if an unidentified Commodore who grannied at a Gybe mark because of the "wind" wants to remember the 'winner's limelight' however!

The evening progressed with the 'Iron Chef' cook off - fun enjoyed by all. The ever relaxed Trudy and newcomers Colleen and Maryanne did a great job talking the competition up to stalwarts David and Tina. There was also the camp ovens and damper shared by all, lively conversation, who can forget the ukuleles, an amazing bonfire (you know it's a real fire when you need a tractor to put on another piece of wood!) and Scott fixing his tarp (again) adding to a great evening.



Day 2 - and an early start for our intrepid sailors. 3 races were held back to back in the morning, with the first being a stern chaser started from shore. Conditions were superb for Tasar sailing - flat, fresh water and a good breeze that occasionally shifted a little keeping everyone focused and engaged.

Then, almost all of a sudden, it was over. Sailors began de-rigging - tents began to fall. Stories began to be told - like Kym being reunited with his dry suit; Churchy getting his head around how the vang is set up after 2 years of it being wrong (only 4:1); all the fish that were caught in capsized boats and how much bigger they were getting; and what was Kym's actual relationship with the RAA man from Blanchetown - 2 visits in 1 weekend?

Results from races 4, 5 and 6 confirmed the winner of the 2009 Billabong Regatta:

1st	Ricochet	Tim and Jamie
2nd	Sparks Fly	Michael & Chris
3rd	Touchy Feely	Richard & David

To finish, quotes we will remember from the 2009 Billabong Regatta

"Why would you want to sail anywhere else?" - Adrian

"Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, I love you !" Michael N

"These are the short version of instructions" Chris Tyerman

Emailing "I love getting away from the keyboard" Karen C

"We shall have no doubts about next year, unless it is snowing!" - Tina

F="#@"&\ TARP!!! - Scott

Cheers!!

Adrian

