

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2006-07 Sail Melbourne Taipan & Capricorn F18 Catamaran Australian Championships

The organising Authority is the McCrae Yacht Club,
Taipan Catamaran Association of Australia and Sail Melbourne

Hosted by the McCrae Yacht Club, Mornington Peninsula

27th December 2006 – 3rd January 2007

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, and the Prescriptions and Special regulations Part 2 of Yachting Australia.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the upper deck of the McCrae Yacht Club

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not later than 45 minutes prior to the scheduled start time on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club flagstaff. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1 Wednesday 27th December 2006

- Measurement 1000hrs – 1600hrs

Thursday 28th December

- Registration 1100 – 1200hrs
- Information session 1300hrs
- Invitation Race from 1400hrs
- Welcome Function 1830hrs

Friday 29th December

- Heats 1 + 2 from 1400hrs

Saturday 30th December

- Heats 3 + 4 from 1400hrs

Sunday 31st December

- Heats 5 + 6 from 0930hrs
- New Years Eve Function

Monday 1st January 2007

- Lay Day / Provision for Re-Sail

Tuesday 2nd January

- Heats 7 + 8 from 1400hrs

Wednesday 3rd January

- Heats 9 + 10 from 0930hrs
- Presentation Function

5.2 No more than 2 races shall be held back-to-back.

5.3 Races not sailed as scheduled may be rescheduled at the discretion of the Organising Committee

5.3 Flag “L” displayed on the finish boat indicates that another race will be held in that session.

5.5 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1600hrs.

6 DIVISIONS

Boats shall start and race as per the following divisions:

Division	Class	Division Flag
1	Taipan 4.9 Cat	Numeral Pennant 1
2	Taipan 4.9 Sloop	Numeral Pennant 2
3	Taipan 5.7, Capricorn F18	Numeral Pennant 3

7 RACING AREA

The racing area shall be on Port Phillip in the vicinity of the McCrae Yacht Club.

8 COURSE

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the approximate distance between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

8.3 When sailing from Mark 2 towards the Gate marks, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

8.4 The Invitation Race shall be sailed as per Attachment B

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 2, 3S and 3P will be Yellow inflatable buoys.

9.2 Mark 4 will be a Orange inflatable buoy with black band.

9.3 Substitute marks will be Orange inflatable buoys with black bands.

10 THE START

10.2 The starting line will be between the mast displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and mark A at the port end.

10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

10.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

11 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be a mast displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and mark B, which is a blue and white diagonal flag with FINISH in white lettering.

12 SHORTENED COURSE

12.1 Where the course is shortened at Mark 1, Code flag S will be displayed from a Committee boat at that mark, accompanied by 2 sound signals and the Class flag or Class flag substitute being displayed. Boats will finish by passing between this mark and the Committee Boat, leaving the Committee Boat to Starboard.

12.2 The course will not be shortened at Mark 2.

12.3 Where the course is shortened at the Gate marks, Code flag S will be displayed from a Committee boat in the proximity of either Gate mark 3s or 3p, accompanied by 2 sound signals and the Class flag or Class flag substitute being displayed.

Boats will pass through the Gate from the direction of the previous mark and then to the Finish line as indicated in Attachment A diagram to finish.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

A 360° turn, comprising one tack and one gybe, is required. This changes rules 44.1 and 44.2

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 The time limit will be 90 minutes for each division.

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their Class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest forms are available at the regatta office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the session.

15.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room, located at the rear of the race control tower, beginning as soon as possible after posting of the notice.

15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

15.5 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66.

16 SCORING

- 16.1** 10 races are scheduled of which 4 races required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2** (a) When 4 or less races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When 5 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (b) When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst 2 scores.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 17.2** For each race or race session each boat intending to race shall 'sign on' by signing the race sign on form located on the lower deck adjacent to the canteen prior to the warning signal. Failure to comply may result in a boat being scored DNC for the race or races without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1.
- 17.2** All boats shall sign the race sign off form upon returning to shore, no later than the end of protest time for that race session. Failure to comply may result in a boat being scored DNC for the race or races without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

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

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked by the McCrae YC burgee.

21 SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

22 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

23 PRIZES

23.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first 3 places in each division

23.2 Yachting Victoria yardsticks will be used to determine the results for Division 3

23.3 The Organising Committee may award additional prizes at their discretion

24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing 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.

25 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000.00.

**ATTACHMENT A
(excludes Invitation Race)**

Course: Start, 1, 2, 3s/3p (gate); 1, 2, 3s/3p (gate); 1, 2, 4, Finish

Marks 1 & 2 to be left to Port, Mark 3s to Starboard or Mark 3p to Port.

The Gate mark 3s/3p shall not be a mark of the course on the leg to the Finish.

Distances

Gate to Mark 1	0.5 - 1.2 Nm
Mark 1 to Mark 2	0.1 N
Gate 3s to Gate 3p	0.05 Nm
Mark 4 to Finish	0.1 Nm

1

2

Gate

3s 3p

A ————— Start

4

Finish

B

**ATTACHMENT B
(Invitation Race only)**

Course: Start, 1, 2, 3; 1, 3; 1, 2, 4, Finish

All marks to be left to Port

Distances

Start to Mark 1	0.5 - 1.2 Nm
Mark 1 to Mark 2	0.5 - 1.2 Nm
Mark 2 to Mark 3	0.5 - 1.2 Nm
Mark 4 to Finish	0.1 Nm

1

2

3

A ————— **Start**

4

Finish
B