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Port Lincoln to host the 47th Tasar National Sailing Championships

PORT LINCOLN, South Australia - The Port Lincoln Yacht Club will host the 47th Tasar National Championships, the first held since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. The hugely popular and highly competitive class will be taking to the waters of Boston Bay from the 31st December 2021 through to the 7th of January 2022.

In an Australian first, the Port Lincoln Tasar National Championships will be co-managed by the South Australian and Western Australian Tasar Associations. This unique approach has been coordinated in the spirit of comradery, after the West Australian Association were first to cancel their National championships due to the pandemic.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has caused so much uncertainty, and in a sport that is driven by community and family, it has been particularly tough not seeing or socialising with each other" said Nicole Kidman, Australian Tasar Council (ATC) President.

"To have two of our associations come together to ensure a world class event is staged in Port Lincoln is something that we are very proud of"

"We will have not held a national event since January 2019, so to say that interest and enthusiasm is high would be a huge understatement".

The regional location of Port Lincoln provides sailors from across the country the ability to travel to the event with relative ease without the requirement to coordinate a container, ensuring a bumper fleet of 60 + Tasars are expected to attend the event. The Port Lincoln Yacht Club has great facilities including an unlimited lawn rigging area and is ready to welcome the Tasar fleet.

The Tasar Association of South Australia's president, Adrian Nicholson expects that the fleet of sailors will open their wallets to support the local community.

"We are a close-knit community, and when towns like Port Lincoln are kind enough to welcome our fleet, we do our best to spend local and give back".



The Tasar is a 4.5 m high performance sailing dinghy which is light weight, low drag, planing hull, a rotating mast, and a jib and fully battened mainsail with efficient sail controls providing exhilarating sailing without the need for spinnaker or trapeze.

For more information on the event, please visit <u>www.tasar.org</u>

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