

Tasar 2019 World Championship at Hayling Island SC, UK

Saturday 3 August - Round Up

Australian father and daughter duo, Rob and Nicole Douglass won their third World Championship (2005, 2009 & 2019) and the Masters Trophy.

The event certainly had its moments. The British weather threw everything it had at the Tasar fleet from brilliant sunshine, rain, to varying wind strengths.

There was no racing on Tuesday due to the high winds and protests included one against the Race Officer for breaching the class wind strength limits which was dismissed and one against Championship winners (and others) for class design breaches which could have knocked them out of the Championship completely. It was eventually dismissed and final results stood.

The Japanese and Australian boats were packed into their respective containers and competitors donned their glad rags for the Championship Dinner and Prize giving.

Everyone was entertained at their tables by a magician and danced the night away afterwards in the bar to a live band.

Tasar 2019 Worlds Prizegiving:

1st Rob & Nicole Douglass (Jervis Bay SC) – World Champions and Masters
2nd James & Tara Burman (GRSC)
3rd James Peters & Charlie Darling (Hayling Island SC)
4th Rick Longbottom & Darryl Bentley (RANSA) - 1st Grand Master
5th Michael Karas & Molly Jackson (Seattle YC)
6th Paul & Bronwyn Ridgway - 1st Senior Grand Master (Leigh & Lowton SC)
7th Hugh & Anna Tait (Northbridge)
Heather Macfarlane – Female Helm
Gwen Sargent – Junior Helm

The competitors leave HISC this morning for their return trips home, some via a well-deserved holiday and others to various sailing championships and regattas around the globe.

Mark Wood Race Officer praised his team this morning saying:

“It was a long Championship and it had it’s ‘moments’ but that’s how it is sometimes. Strangely yesterday (Saturday) was the toughest of the week with my race officers’ hat on, as the wind was shifting around and we had a strong tide across the race track but will still managed to get two fair races in.”

“To achieve the scheduled 12 races is a true reflection on how good and strong our race team was and we can all hold our heads up high.”

The Tasar 2021 World Championship will be held at Seattle Yacht Club.