

Monday 29 July - Race Day 1 . . . Updated

Tasar 2019 World Championship at Hayling Island SC, UK

Rob and Nicole Douglass of Australia rule on Day 1

Three races were completed for the first day of racing and overall leaders are Rob and Nicole Douglass of Australia, who won the opening race and followed it with a pair of second places to give them a 7 point lead.

In second are the British pair James Peters and Charlie Darling who finished the day with 12 points from a 4,5,3 score line. A protest, which could have dramatically change their position, was ruled invalid.

In third place are another Aussie pair, James and Tara Burman who won the final race to finish the day with 14 points and they are one point ahead of Rick Longbottom and Darryl Bentley, who won the second race, and are tied on 15 points with Paul and Bronwyn Ridgway.

It was a long day on the water for the 60 plus teams as Race Officer Mark Wood took advantage of the good conditions in the Bay to complete the maximum three races ahead of a possible bad weather warning for Tuesday.

If the thunderstorm forecast does cause the racing to be canned on Tuesday (decision by 10:00 hrs) then the Thursday lay-day will be used to catch-up with the programme.

The first race got away under a black-flag after a general recall and although there was a 15 deg wind shift the race team was able to reset the triangle for the second lap.

Winners were Rob and Nicole Douglass ahead of Michael Karas and Molly Jackson of the USA, with the Ridgeways in third.

The second race was again under the black flag, with two boats OCS. This was a win for Longbottom and Bentley ahead of Rob and Nicole Douglass, with another USA pair, Jay and Lisa Renehan taking third.

The third and final race went to James and Tara Burman (disproving the old wives tale about winning the practice race) ahead of Rob and Nicole Douglass, with Peters and Darling proving to be super-fast downwind to grab third.

So we wait now on a decision Tuesday morning . . . 'will they won't they' race ?

Tasar 2019 World Championship – Leaders after 3 races (67 entries)

1st	AUS	2848	Rob Douglass	and	Nicole Douglass	1	2	2	5	pts
2nd	GBR	2877	James Peters	and	Charlie Darling	4	5	3	12	pts
3rd	AUS	2942	James Burman	and	Tara Burman	7	6	1	14	pts

4th	AUS	2813	Rick Longbottom	and	Darryl Bentley	8	1	6	15	pts
5th	AUS	2831	Paul Ridgway	and	Bronwyn Ridgway	3	7	5	15	pts
6th	USA	2398	Michael Karas	and	Molly Jackson	2	10	4	16	pts
7th	AUS	2857	Craig McPhee	and	Gillian Berry	5	4	9	18	pts
8th	USA	2916	Jay Renehan	and	Lisa	14	3	8	25	pts
9th	NED	2876	Willem Schutte	and	Luna Schutte	6	11	10	27	pts
10th	AUS	2969	Heather Macfarlane	and	Chris Payne	9	8	11	28	pts

Full results available - <https://www.hisc.co.uk/media/2815/tasar-world-championship.htm>

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The Club is sited on a sandy peninsular with direct access to two superb sailing areas; either the sheltered water of the harbour or the open water of Hayling Bay - an ideal venue for national and international championships. At high tide it is possible to lay an Olympic course adjacent to the sailing club, allowing superb spectating from the impressive clubhouse.

HISC organises regular weekend racing throughout the year for a wide range of dinghy classes as well as regular Youth events and training and Cruiser races; there is a very active social sailing section.

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