



Notice of Race

2025 Hansa Class World & International Championships
and
Australian & NSW Hansa Class Championships

in conjunction with the
Para World Sailing Championships

23 – 30 March 2025



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Organising Authority (OA)

The OA will be the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club. The Event is sanctioned by World Sailing and the International Hansa Class Association and is supported by Australian Sailing.

Notations

- [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee or the technical committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5; and
- [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 (a).
- [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury and may be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*. Other documents under RRS Definition: Rule (g) include:
- 1.1.1 [DP] Support Person Regulations (including Coach Boats) (SPR).
- 1.1.2 World Sailing Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.2 In all rules governing this regatta;
- 1.3 Both 'athlete' and 'competitor' mean a person competing or intending to compete in the event.
- 1.4 The Para Sailing Championships are, in addition, governed by:
- 1.4.1 The World Sailing Race Management Manual Section Y, Part 1.
- 1.4.2 The Para-Classification Rules of Sailing.
- 1.4.3 For a World Sailing sanctioned event, the World Sailing Race Management Manual Section Y and Para-Classification Rules of Sailing may be changed only with written authority of the World Sailing Technical Delegate, if one has been appointed.
- 1.5 The prescriptions of the National Authority (Australian Sailing) will not apply.
- 1.6 Racing rules 44.1, P2, 61.1, 63.3, preamble of Part 4 is changed as follows: -



- 1.6.1 RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 are changed as follows: Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.6.2 RRS 61.1(a) Informing the Protested is changed: "the hail 'Protest' is not required but should be made where possible. The protesting boat doesn't need to display a red flag".
- 1.6.3 RRS 63.3(a) Protest Hearing is changed: "a boat representative at a protest hearing need not have been on board at the time of the incident".
- 1.7 Liberty Class Rule C.2.3 Sailor Weight Equalisation shall apply.
- 1.8 The SKUD 18 shall be sailed as per Section J5 of the Class Rules without additional provisions specified by World Sailing.
- 1.9 World Anti-Doping Code Regulations will apply. Competitors are reminded of the World Sailing Rules and Regulations concerning the use of banned methods and substances, which are contained, in the World Sailing Anti-Doping Code. Drug testing may take place during this event. Additional information is available at <https://www.wada-ama.org> .
- 1.10 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 1.11 The Organising Authority may amend this Notice of Race. Amendments shall be posted on the Official Notice Board on the Event Website, <https://hansaworlds.org>
- 1.12 If there is a conflict between languages, the English language text will take precedence.

2 Venue / Hosts

- 2.1 The regatta location is: Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club
- 2.2 The event hosts are: Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, hereafter referred to as the **OA**

3 Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Sailing Instructions will be available by Saturday 15th March 2024 and will be published on the Official Notice Board on the Event Website: <http://hansaworlds.org>

4 Communication

- 4.1 The Official Notice Board is located on the Event Website <https://hansaworlds.org>
- 4.2 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data





transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. The Sailing Instructions may vary this rule for sailors with low vision.

5 Eligibility & Equipment

- 5.1 The event is open to all boats of the following classes:
 - 5.1.1 Hansa 2.3 / Hansa 2.3 Servo One-Person
 - 5.1.2 Hansa 303 One-Person
 - 5.1.3 Hansa 303 Two-Person
 - 5.1.4 Liberty / Liberty Servo
 - 5.1.5 SKUD 18
- 5.2 The event is open to competitors who are current members in good standing of their National Hansa Class Association or the International Hansa Class Association. For One-Person classes, the Skipper shall be a current member of an NHCA or the IHCA where no NHCA exists in their country. For Two-Person classes, at least one crew shall be a current member of an NHCA or the IHCA where no NHCA exists in their country.
- 5.3 For the Para Sailing World Championships, in addition to complying with RRS 75 (Entering an Event), competitors shall be nationals of the country that they are representing, and that country shall be affiliated to World Sailing through a Member National Authority.
- 5.4 Eligible boats shall enter by completing the electronic Entry Form, on the Event Website and paying the required fees at the time of entry. Early entries close 30th November 2024.
- 5.5 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
- 5.6 The following restrictions on the number of boats apply:
 - 5.6.1 For all classes, the minimum number of entries required for a division to be valid is six (6) boats.
 - 5.6.2 For servo classes, the minimum number of entries required for a division to be valid is four (4) boats.
 - 5.6.3 Where the number of entries for any one division does not meet the minimum number by the entry closing date, that division will be combined with another compatible division. Should Servo division entries not reach the required minimum number, boats of that class would only be eligible for prizes in the Open class.
- 5.7 For the Australian Championships, the minimum number of entries required for a division to be valid is four (4) boats and competitors must be Australian residents.
- 5.8 For the New South Wales (NSW) Championships, the minimum number of entries

required for a division to be valid is four (4) boats and competitors must be NSW residents.

- 5.9 Entry for vision impaired sailors will be restricted to category IBSA B2 or B3 sailors in the single person divisions. Blind and Vision impaired sailors of any category may compete in the two-person divisions with a sighted crew member.
- 5.10 The Hansa 2.3 Single and Wide will be crewed by one person.
- 5.11 The Hansa 2.3 Servo and Liberty Servo entries will sail with and be scored as part of their respective open fleets.
- 5.12 To be eligible for the Servo Championships, the helm and all sheets must be controlled by servo electric equipment. Partial servo boats are deemed to be manual.
- 5.13 Competitors (each crew member) shall upload the following compliance items when entering or present during registration:
- 5.13.1 Their valid MNA sailing license (if applicable by their MNA).
 - 5.13.2 A parental authorisation for persons aged less than 18 years of age.
 - 5.13.3 Proof of Hansa Class Association membership.
 - 5.13.4 If necessary, authorisation to display personal advertising on the boat.
 - 5.13.5 Proof of valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUS\$ 5,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.
- 5.14 The following Para Sailing World Championships will be held in conjunction with the International Hansa Class World & International Championships:
- 5.14.1 Para Sailing World Championship One-Person Non-Technical Male – Hansa 303 – Minimum Disability (MD).
 - 5.14.2 Para Sailing World Championship One-Person Non-Technical Female – Hansa 303 – Minimum Disability (MD).
 - 5.14.3 Para Sailing World Championship One-Person Non-Technical High Support Needs - Hansa Liberty Servo – Minimum Disability (MD).
 - 5.14.4 Para Sailing International Championship Two-Person Keelboat Open - SKUD 18 – One Crew Member with Minimum Disability (MD).
 - 5.14.5 Para Sailing International Championships Intellectual Impairment (One Person and Two Person) - Hansa 303 – One Crew Member with Australian Sailing Provisional Classification for Athletes with Intellectual Impairment (AWII).

6 Para Classification

- 6.1 For the International Hansa Class World and International Open Championships, World Sailing Para Classification requirements will not apply except IBSA Classification as in NOR 5.9 above.
- 6.2 For the Para Sailing Championships, World Sailing Para Classification requirements shall apply.
- 6.3. International Para Classification will be conducted on March 23 & 24, 2025.
- 6.4 Information about Para Classification and the Australian Sailing Provisional Classification for Athletes with Intellectual Impairment is available on the Event Website. <https://hansaworlds.org>
- 6.5 Athletes wishing to compete in the Para Sailing World and International Championships should register for classification no later than Sunday 9 March 2025 by completing the registration form on the event website. <https://hansaworlds.org>

7 Entry Fees

- 7.1 A competitor may enter a single person class and a two-person class. Entry fees are in Australian Dollars (AUD \$) are as follows: -

Class	Entry Fee (before December 2024)	Late Entry Fee (after 30 November 2024)	Additional Class Entry
2.3 Single	\$595	\$795	\$250
303 One-Person	\$595	\$795	\$250
303 Two-Person	\$795	\$995	\$250
Liberty	\$595	\$795	\$250
SKUD 18	\$795	\$995	\$250

- 7.2 If the skipper of a two-person boat is also sailing in a single-person division then the skipper

needs only to complete one entry form. They need to pay \$795.00 - for the two-person division (covers both skipper and crew) and an additional \$250.00 - for the single-person division.

- 7.3 If the crew of a two-person boat is also going to skipper a different single-person boat, then the crew needs to fill in a separate entry form. In this case they only need to pay an extra \$250.00.
- 7.4 The race committee will make every attempt to schedule single-person races at different times to two-person races, to allow competitors to compete in more than one class. However, the race committee may change this scheduling in the event of adverse weather conditions.
- 7.5 The Entry Fee includes Opening and Closing Ceremony events for competitors.
- 7.6 Coaches must also register. Coaches' registration fee of \$150.00 will include Opening and Closing Ceremony events.
- 7.7 Additional tickets for non-competitors, helpers or guests may be purchased for \$75.00 per event. This includes Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

8 Cancellations and refunds

- 8.1 Before the 1st December 2024: a full refund of entry fee shall be refunded less any banking charges and differences in exchange rate.
- 8.2 After 1st December 2024 and before 22nd February 2025: 50% of entry fee shall be refunded less any banking charges and differences in exchange rate.
- 8.3 After 22nd February 2025 there will be no refunds.

9 [DP] Media Rights and Advertising

- 9.1 In accordance with WS Regulation 20 (advertising code), boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
- 9.2 By participating in the Championship, competitors and appointed support persons automatically grant to the Organising Authority, Para World Sailing / World Sailing and event partners / sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their

discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

- 9.3. Athletes may also be asked to be available for interviews and media conferences, on either training or competition days.

10 Schedule

10.1 Registration:

Date (2025)	Opens	Closes	Venue
Sunday 23 March	0900hrs	1700hrs	RPYC
Monday 24 March	0900hrs	1700hrs	RPYC

10.2 Equipment Inspection and Event Measurement:

Date (2025)	Opens	Closes	Venue
Sunday 23 March	0900hrs	1700hrs	Technical Area
Monday 24 March	0900hrs	1700hrs	Technical Area

10.3 Para Classification:

Date (2025)	Opens	Closes	Venue
Sunday 23 March	0900hrs	1700hrs	RPYC
Monday 24 March	0900hrs	1700hrs	RPYC

- 10.4 A Competitor Briefing will be held Monday 24th March at 1700hrs. Each racing day, an additional briefing may be held at 1100hrs.

- 10.5 The Opening Ceremony will be held Monday 24th March at 1730hrs.



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10.6 A Sailors Forum will be held Thursday 27th March at 1800hrs.

10.7 The Prizegiving and Closing Ceremony will be held Sunday 30th March at 1800hrs.

11 Dates of Racing

Date (2025)	1 st Warning Signal	Class	Event
Monday 24 March	1300hrs	Hansa 2.3, 303 One Person, 303 Two Person, Liberty and SKUD 18	Practice Racing
Tuesday 25 March	1300hrs	Hansa 2.3, 303 Two Person, Liberty & SKUD 18	Racing
Wednesday 26 March	1300hrs	Hansa 2.3, 303 One Person, Liberty & SKUD 18	Racing
Thursday 27 March	1300hrs	Hansa 2.3, 303 Two Person, Liberty & SKUD 18	Racing
Friday 28 March	1300hrs	303 One Person	Racing
		Hansa 2.3, 303 Two Person, Liberty & SKUD 18	Reserve Day
Saturday 29 March	1300hrs	Hansa 2.3, 303 Two Person, Liberty & SKUD 18	Racing
Sunday 30 March	1300hrs	Hansa 2.3, 303 One Person, Liberty & SKUD 18	Racing

11.1 The racing is scheduled to take place on two courses areas in Pittwater and will be finalised according to the number of entries across the classes.

12 Equipment Inspection

- 12.1 [DP] Boats, including chartered boats, shall be made available for equipment inspection as per NoR 10.2 boats will be inspected in accordance with IHCA Equipment Regulations.
- 12.2 Boats may be inspected at any time.
- 12.3 Sails shall be marked in accordance with the current class rules. Sails with 100mm high sail numbers will NOT be permitted.
- 12.4 The sail numbers on sails provided by the competitor shall include national letters but are not required to reflect any owned boat. If there is the possibility of confusion between sail identification in a particular class, the event Chief Equipment Inspector shall direct what additional numbers are to be added to the sail. The provision of such additional number shall be at the competitor's expense.
- 12.6 All Liberty sailors will be weighed with all equipment for Sailor Weight Equalisation.
- 12.7 The use of adaptations required by disability that do not meet class rules and for which an RAE has not been issued must make an application to the Adaptations Committee. The Adaptations committee shall consist of the WS TD, IHCA TD, International Classifiers, and the Event Measurer or Equipment Inspector for the Class.

Note: Any applications for Replacement or Additional Equipment RAE should be lodged no later than 28 days before the equipment is to be used in competition. See

<https://hansaclass.org/technical/equipment-applications/>

13 Venue

- 13.1 NoR Addendum A shows the event venue. An information Guide will be published outline specific areas of the venue.
- 13.2 NoR Addendum B shows the location of the racing areas.

14 Courses

Courses will be either Windward/Leeward or Trapezoid as detailed and illustrated in the Sailing Instructions.



15 Penalties

- 15.1 Appendix P will apply except that all penalties shall be the One-Turn Penalty.
- 15.2 For the Para Sailing Championships - When a Protest Committee or Jury decides that a boat has broken rules related to functional adaptations, or a class rule, it may disqualify the boat, impose a lesser penalty or give a warning.
- 15.3 Jury may use Discretionary Penalties.

16 Jury

An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91 (b). Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

17 Scoring

- 17.1 Nine (9) races are scheduled for each class.
- 17.2 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 When four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.4 When more than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.5 When more than seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two (2) scores.
- 17.6 RRS 90.3 will apply.

18 Support Boats and Safety

- 18.1 Competitors, their supporters, and event officials shall always provide and wear an approved buoyancy aid or life jacket of an appropriate buoyancy level and standard in relation to the individual's size and capabilities whilst afloat or on pontoons. There are no restrictions for the use of auto-inflating Personal Flotation Devices.

- 18.2 For the Para Sailing Championships, World Sailing Race Management Manual section Y.1.8.1 Life Jackets shall apply.
- 18.3 Competitors requiring a C-Crane hoist transfer in and out of their boats shall provide their own sling which must be appropriate for their size and weight.
- 18.4 Coaches, helpers, team leaders and support personnel that are bringing RHIBs or other non-racing vessels are required to register the boats and comply with local legislation (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-03/boating-handbook.pdf>).
- 18.5 [DP] Support boats shall be marked with a flag or decal not less than 200mm x 300mm bearing the national letters or national flag, and visible from both sides of the boat.
- 18.6 [DP] Support boats with 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 fleet to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

19 Chartered or Loaned Boats

- 19.1 A limited number of boats will be available for charter. Details are available on the Event Website. Reservation requests are accepted via the Event Website. Boats will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis.
- 19.2 [DP] Chartered boats shall not be modified in any way except that a compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars and wind indicators, including yarn or thread may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat.
- 19.3 [DP] Any additional equipment shall have a class approved RAE issued prior to the first day of racing and may be used providing that attachments do not puncture and are not bonded to the surface of the boat. Without the written approval of the Technical Committee, no alteration shall be made to any part of the boat, its equipment spars or fittings, or fittings removed even if subsequently replaced.
- 19.4 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment to chartered boats, however slight, to the Technical Committee immediately after securing the boat ashore. The penalty for breaking this instruction will be disqualification from the race most recently sailed unless

the protest committee is satisfied that the competitor has made a determined effort to comply.

19.5 Failure of equipment on a chartered boat will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

19.6 For the Para Sailing World Championships – World Sailing Race Management Manual section Y.1.5 Adaptations shall apply.

20 Berthing

20.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places on moorings/marina or in the designated boat park.

21 Haul out restrictions

21.1 [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

22 Diving Equipment and plastic pools

22.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

23 Risk Statement and Disclaimer of Liability

23.1 Competitors and support team participate in the series entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 4, Decision to Race. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

23.1.2 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.

23.1.3 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;



- 23.1.4 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 23.1.5 By participating in any race, they are satisfied that their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 23.1.6 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organizer, does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 23.1.7 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 23.1.8 They will familiarize themselves with any venue/event specific risks, adhere to rules and information produced for the venue/event and attend any venue/event safety briefings.

24 [NP] [DP] Insurance

- 24.1 Each participating boat or 'person in charge' (see RRS 46) shall hold a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability with a minimum coverage per incident of AUD \$5,000,000 (or equivalent) for the event. A valid proof of insurance shall be presented at registration.
- 24.2 The Organizing Authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of certificates.
- 24.3 For teams bringing their own boats; each boat shall hold a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third party liability with a minimum coverage per incident of AUD \$5,000,000

25 Prizes

- 25.1 International Hansa Class Prizes will be awarded as follows:
- 25.1.1 Hansa 2.3 One-Person World Champion
 - 25.1.2 Hansa 303 One-Person World Champion
 - 25.1.3 Hansa 303 Two-Person World Champions
 - 25.1.4 Liberty World Champion
 - 25.1.5 Liberty Servo International Champion
 - 25.1.6 SKUD 18 International Champions



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25.2 Para World Championship medals will be awarded as follows:

25.2.1 Para One Person Non-Technical World Championships (Men)

25.2.2 Para One Person Non-Technical World Championships (Women)

25.2.3 Para One Person AHSN World Championships

25.3 Australian Hansa Class Prizes will be awarded as follows:

25.3.1 Hansa 2.3 One-Person Australian Champion

25.3.2 Hansa 303 One-Person Australian Champion

25.3.3 Hansa 303 Two-Person Australian Champions

25.3.4 Liberty Australian Champion

25.3.5 SKUD 18 Australian Champions

25.3.6 President's Trophy

25.4 New South Wales (NSW) Hansa Class Prizes will be awarded as follows:

25.4.1 Hansa 2.3 One-Person NSW Champion

25.4.2 Hansa 303 One-Person NSW Champion

25.4.4 Hansa 303 Two-Person NSW Champions

25.4.5 Liberty NSW Champion

25.5 Special awards

25.5.1 Nation Teams Trophy

25.5.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority

26 Drones

26.1 [DP] Teams or their representatives shall not fly drones over the shore base or over the race area during training or racing days without complying with local legislation and without prior written approval by the Organising Authority.





26.2 The approval granted at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority may impose limitations on where and when drones may fly.

26.3 At any time the risk and responsibility for flying any drone is with the person flying the drone and images made inside the race area shall be shared with the Organising Authority, race committee or jury at reasonable request

27 [DP] Code of Conduct

27.1 Athletes and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request, if made, from regatta officials.

27.2 Athletes and support persons shall handle any boats or equipment provided by the organizing authority with proper care and seamanship, and in compliance with any written instructions.

27.3 Boats not racing shall avoid any racecourse area which is in use, and any official boats within this area.

27.4 Boats that are on a Course Area to which they are not assigned shall avoid the area where boats are racing and any official boat.

26.5 The organizing authority may reduce or remove a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

28 Further Information

28.1 For further information, please contact the OA via email: sailing@rpayc.com.au

28.2 Further details on Accessibility on the Northern Beaches: [Click Here](#)

28.3 Competitors are advised to regularly check the [Event Website](#) for updates and notices as it may not be practical to contact every entered or potential competitor.

Addendum A – Event Venue



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Competitors guide will be published outlining the various areas of the club for berthing, rigging, Race Office, Registration, launching points, catering and more

Addendum B - LOCATION OF RACE AREAS



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