



**2020 Hansa Class National Championship
20th to 23rd February 2020 from Seaview Marina.
Incorporating:- The Kiwi Cup,
NZ Blind Sailing Championships,
& Ability Trophy**

**The Organising Authority is Lowry Bay yacht Club Inc.
100 Port Road, Seaview, Lower Hutt, 5010.**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

NB: The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply.
- 1.3 For the Liberty Class, Rule C5 'Sailor Weight Equalisation' of the 'Hansa Liberty Class Rules', will apply.
- 1.4 All other Hansa Class Rules will apply
- 1.5 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the door of the shipping container adjacent to the marquee at the Regatta Shore Base.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day they take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole on the loading dock.
 - 4.2 A boat shall not leave the marina area until flag D over their Class Flag is displayed ashore. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 30 minutes after the D flag is displayed.
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5 SCHEDULE OF RACES/CLASS FLAGS

5.1 Schedule of racing.

<i>Day/ Date</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Class Flag</i>	<i>No. of Races</i>	<i>First Warning</i>
<i>Fri 21 Feb 2020</i>	303 Doubles		3	9:57 hrs
<i>Fri 21 Feb 2020</i>	Liberty		3	Follows on
<i>Fri 21 Feb 2020</i>	Ability		3	12:57 hrs
<i>Fri 21 Feb 2020</i>	303 Singles		3	Follows on
<i>Sat 22 Feb 2020</i>	303 Doubles		3	9:57 hr
<i>Sat 22 Feb 2020</i>	Liberty		3	Follows on
<i>Sat 22 Feb 2020</i>	Ability		3	12:57 hrs
<i>Sat 22 Feb 2020</i>	303 Singles		3	Follows on
<i>Sun 23 Feb 2020</i>	303 Doubles		3	9:57hr
<i>Sun 23 Feb 2020</i>	Liberty		3	Follows on
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- 5.2 One extra race per day may be sailed. The decision to sail an additional race will be advised either, in either in accordance with SI Rule 3, or be made on the water during the schedule.
- 5.3 When the schedule is completed for a session, the Signal boat will display AP over H. If the session is to be reduced, or extended to the maximum of 4 races in a day, the Signal boat will also display L Flag.
- 5.4 Once the schedule is completed boats must return promptly to the Marina. If a boat fails to return promptly to the Marina it **may** be scored as a Did Not Finish by the Race Committee, without a hearing. This changes RRS 28.1. This also changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 5.5 The Starting sequence will be 3 minutes. This changes RRS 26.
- 5.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, no Warning Signal will be made after 15:15 hrs.
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6 RACING AREA

The racing area is in Wellington Harbour, adjacent to Seaview Marina.

7 THE COURSE

- 7.1 The course diagram is shown as Attachment A to these SIs
- 7.2 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee Signal vessel will display the course number.
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8 START AND FINISH

- 8.1 Refer to Attachment A for the Starting line and Finishing line diagrams.
- 8.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [DP]
- 8.3 A boat that does not start within 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start, without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
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9 PENALTY SYSTEMS

9.1 For all Classes the Penalty under RRS 44.1 will be One-Turn-Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.

10 **TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

10.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

<i>CLASS</i>	<i>TARGET TIME</i>	<i>FINISH WINDOW</i>	<i>TIME LIMIT</i>
Hansa 303	20 Minutes	10 Minutes	40 Minutes
Liberty	20 Minutes	10 Minutes	40 Minutes

10.2 Boats failing to finish within the Finish Window after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish, without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

10.3 The Race Committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a Committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course, shall stop racing and return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this Sailing Instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. This changes RRS 28.

11 **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

11.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office located at the Regatta Shore Base. Protests and request for Redress or Reopening shall be delivered to the Regatta Shore Base within the appropriate time limit.

11.2 For each class, the Protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, or the Race Committee signals no more racing for today, whichever is later.

11.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the Protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Protest Room, located in the Lowry Room of Lowry Bay Yacht Club.

11.4 Breaches of SIs 8.2, 13, 16 and 17 will not be grounds for Protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

11.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for Redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered.

(a) Within the Protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day, or

(b) No later than 30 minutes after the party was informed of the decision on the day.
This changes RRS 62.2.

12 **SCORING**

12.1 Five races are required to be completed to constitute a series for every class

13 **SAFETY REGULATIONS**

13.1 **Check Out – Ashore.** Competitors shall individually check out before entering the dock area by placing their tag on the tag board and then by personally signing the check-out sheets located with the Safety Officer on the dock.

13.2 Check In – Ashore. Competitors shall individually check-in immediately on returning to shore after racing, no later than the Protest time limit by signing the check in sheets located with the Safety Officer on the dock, and then return their tag to the tag board.

13.3 A boat retiring from the racing shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the Race Officer as soon as possible after reaching the dock.[DP]

14 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

14.1 Substitution of competitors in any class will not be allowed with the prior written approval of the Race Committee.

14.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

15 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

15.1 On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the Race Committee or the Technical Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. Ashore, equipment may be inspected or measured at time specified in the class rules or Notice of Race.

16 SUPPORT BOATS

16.1 Support boats are permitted, but their movements will be restricted by the Race Officer. [DP]

16.2 All Support boats, Spectator Boats and the person in charge of them must be registered with the Organising Authority at Registration. [DP]

16.3 Except when requested to participate in rescue operations, team leaders, coaches, and other support boats shall stay outside the areas where the boats are racing and are restricted to a five knot speed limit: from the time of the Preparatory signal for first start sequence of starts until all boats all boats have Finished or the Race Committee signals a Postponement or Abandonment of all races. The areas the boats are racing in is defined as the area inside the course and within 100 meters of any Mark, Lay line, Starting line, Finishing line or any area where any boat that is racing is sailing or may sail. [DP]

16.4 Safety boats shall be marked with a flag provided by the Organising Authority.[DP]

17 RADIO COMMUNICATION AND SOUND BUOYS

17.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing 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. [DP]

17.2 Vision impaired sailors may use a VHF frequency designated by the organising authority, to obtain distance, direction and safety information from a support boat to find marks. Sound buoys will be used on the course as shown in the Course Diagram. Any Blind sailors support boat must be identified to the Race Committee each day before racing begins. This channel will be monitored by the Race Committee during racing. Communications by mobile phone are not allowed.

17.3 Failure for the Sound Buoys to operate, or to not operate correctly, will not be grounds for Protest or Redress.

18 CLASSES AND PRIZES

18.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

- The New Zealand Hansa class association, Liberty Champion Trophy.
- The New Zealand Hansa class association, 303 Single Champion Trophy.
- The New Zealand Hansa class association, 303 Double Champion Trophy.
- The Kiwi Cup
- Blind Sailing B1, B2, and B3 (latter providing there is a minimum of two qualifying B3 entries. If not these boats will be scored with the B2 sailors).
- The Ability Trophy

Other Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority

19 KIWI CUP, ABILITY TROPHY & NZ BLIND CHAMPIONSHIP

19.1 Kiwi Cup (In addition to the Hansa Class Nationals).

- (a) The Kiwi Cup will be contested across all Hansa classes with 5 or more boats.
- (b) A minimum of 2 races must be sailed by a boat to be eligible for the Kiwi Cup.
- (c) Only sailors/crews with a disability classifiable under the Para World Sailing classification system will be eligible to compete for the Kiwi Cup. (Boats with non-disabled persons on board are not eligible)

19.2 The Ability Trophy

- (a) The Ability Trophy will be contested by crews where at least one member has a diagnosed Intellectual Disability, Autism Spectrum Disorder or Acquired Brain Injury.
- (b) This competition will be sailed by a person with diagnosed Intellectual Disability, Autism Spectrum Disorder or Acquired Brain Injury assisted by a **Companion Crew**. The Companion Crew may control all sails and give directions.
- (c) The Helmsman at all times will be a person with the diagnosed Intellectual Disability, Autism Spectrum Disorder or Acquired Brain Injury as defined under section 2.01 of the 'Special Olympics' Competing Regulations or under the INAS Definitions.

19.3 NZ Blind Sailing Championships

- (a) This competition will be raced with the following classes of visual impairment, - B1, B2, B3. See 18.1 in respect to possible scoring for category B3 Sailors.
 - (b) For the BI sailors, this competition will be raced with a 'Companion Crew' – where crew member with B1 classification maintains control of the helm and directs control of the sheets for the duration of the race, and is supported by a companion crew, who may operate the jib sheets, reefing, give directions and provide for any other emergency requirements to keep the yacht safe.
 - (c) For B2 and B3, the visually impaired person must maintain control of the helm and direct all the sheet controls.
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20 INSURANCE

Each participating boat and support craft is encouraged to be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of NZD \$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

21 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising 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.
