



**2023 Western Australian Hansa Class State
Championships
2nd – 3rd December**



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**Royal Perth Yacht Club
(Organising Authority)**

NOTICE OF RACE

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The Organising Authority, Royal Perth Yacht Club, in conjunction with the Australian Hansa Class Association has pleasure in inviting you to participate in the 2023 Western Australian Hansa Class State Championships from Saturday 2nd December 2023 to Sunday 3rd December 2023.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach boats shall apply.
- 1.3. The Class Rules of the International Hansa Class Association (IHCA) will apply.
- 1.4. Racing Rules may be changed as stipulated in the Sailing Instructions.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on or before Wednesday 22nd November 2023 at <https://www.rpyc.com.au/on-the-water/sailing/hansastatechamps/>

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official notice board will be located on the four northwest windows of the RPYC Off the Beach clubhouse.
- 3.2. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make nor receive voice or data transmission that are not available to all boats, unless so authorized by the Organising Authority. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The Event is open to boats of the Hansa 303 and Liberty Class.
- 4.2. All skippers shall be current financial members of their National Hansa Class Association or the International Hansa Class Association where no NHCA exists. AHCA membership link <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/ahca/registration/>
- 4.3. Both helm and crew must be financial members of a yacht club or sailing club affiliated with Australian Sailing or an alternative Member National Authority (MNA).
- 4.4. A competitor may enter a single person class or two-person class.
- 4.5. Vision impaired sailors of any category may compete in the two-person divisions with a sighted crew member. In the single divisions, entry for vision impaired sailors will be restricted to category B2 or B3 sailors.
- 4.6. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form via the link below, and where applicable, the Parent/Guardian/Custodian Consent form available at registration <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/rpyc/events/206386/>
- 4.7. An entry is not deemed complete until the registration form is received, and all payments have been made.
- 4.8. Late entries or payments received after Friday 24th November 2023 may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority but, may incur a late entry fee.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is \$50 per boat.

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority (OA).

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. Registration, briefings, and presentations, unless noted otherwise, will be held near the Off the Beach Club House.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
24/11/2023	1700	Close of Entries	
1/12/2023	1300-1700	Registration	RPMC boating office
	1400-1500	Practice session	
2/12/2023	0800	Volunteers briefing	Catalina Bar
	0830	Competitors briefing	Catalina Bar
	0930	First Warning Signal Session 1 All classes	
	1330	Lunch break	
	1530	First Warning Signal Session 2 All classes	
	3/12/2023	0930	First Warning Signal Session 3 All Classes
	1500	Presentations	Catalina Bar

- 7.2. The Event will consist of up to 10 races. In each racing session there will be no more than 4 races, sailed back-to-back with a short delay between races. No Warning Signal will be made after 1330 on Sunday 3rd December 2023.

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1. Following registration, a boat must be presented for safety and measurement check. A boat's entry will not be deemed complete until these checks have been completed.
- 8.2. Sails must be marked in accordance with current Class Rules.

9. VENUE

- 9.1. The regatta site will be the Royal Perth Yacht Club (Off the Beach Division) Australian II Drive, Crawley.
- 9.2. The racing area will be on the waters of the Swan River known as Matilda Bay

10. COURSES

- 10.1. The courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions

11. SCORING

- 11.1. For all classes five races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2. (a) When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When six to nine (6-9) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
(c) When ten (10) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1. Team leader, coach and other support personnel boats shall display their flag or letters and the sponsor's flag if supplied.
- 12.2. Support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment, unless attending a boat in distress requiring assistance, or as directed by the Race Committee. A breach of this rule and where the actions of a support boat cause interference with another competitor, may result in the disqualification or penalising of the competitor who is being supported.
- 12.3. All persons aboard support boats shall wear PFD's whilst afloat.

13. BERTHING

- 13.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park/hardstand area until given permission to launch.

14. RISK STATEMENT

14.1. General

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

- 14.2. Competitors participate in the Event entirely at their own risk and responsibility. By entering the Event, competitors and support personnel acknowledge this and release the Organising Authority and its officers, employees, volunteers, and members, from any and all liability whatsoever.
- 14.3. 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 Event.
- 14.4. By participating in a race in this Event, each member of the crew in such races agrees to be governed by the RRS and to accept any penalties assessed thereunder or any other action as may be taken thereunder, subject to the appeal and review procedures as provided in the RRS as the final determination of any matter arising under these

Regulations and agrees not to resort to a court or tribunal not provided herein with respect to such determination.

15. INSURANCE

- 15.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 10,000,000 AUD per incident or equivalent. It is strongly recommended that such insurance include a racing extension.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1. 2023 Western Australian State Championships will be awarded as follows:

Hansa 303	W.A. Single Person State Champion	1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd
Hansa 303	W.A. Two Person State Champion	1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd
Hansa Liberty	W.A. State Champion	1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd

- 16.2. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Additional information is included as Attachment C

For further information please contact:

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