

2023 WESTERN AUSTRALIAN HANSA CLASS STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



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December 1st – 3rd 2023

Sailing Instructions (SI)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

[DP] denotes a rule of which the penalty is at discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification.

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.2. [SP] Australian Sailing Special Regulation Part 2 Off the Beach Boats, will apply. It is the responsibility of all competitors to ensure that life jackets comply with a standard equivalent to those listed in the regulations.
- 1.3. Appendix P will apply. RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.
- 1.4. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. (This changes RRS 63.7)

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official noticeboard at least two (2) hours before the scheduled time of the first race of the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the four northwest windows of the RPYC Off the Beach clubhouse.
- 3.2. The race office is located at Royal Perth Yacht Club, Australia II Drive, Crawley Western Australia +61 8 9389 1555 boatingadmin@rpyc.com.au
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 77
- 3.4. [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.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials

5. [DP] [NP] SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff on the Australia II Ceremonial Deck
- 5.2. When flag "AP" is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1. Events are scheduled as follows:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Friday 1 st December	1300 - 1700	Registration Close of Entries	RPYC Boating Office
	1400 – 1500	Practice Session	
	1530 – 1830	Welcome Function	Catalina Bar
Saturday 2 nd December	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	
	Sunday 3 rd December	0930	First Warning Signal Session 3 All Classes
	1330	Time of latest possible warning signal	
	1500	Presentation ceremony	Catalina Bar

6.2. 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.

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1. The class flags are:

Hansa 303



Hansa 303

Hansa Liberty



Liberty

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. The racing area is on the waters of the Swan River known as Matilda Bay and Melville Water East, which are in close proximity to the Royal Perth Yacht Club

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, the side on which each mark is to be left, and the designation of the course to be sailed.
- 9.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee vessel will display the course to be sailed on boards near the stern of the boat.
- 9.3. **[SP] [NP] Active Start / Finish Line:** Except when starting or finishing, boats shall not sail through a Start / Finish line when an orange flag is displayed on the Committee boat.
- 9.4. Legs of the courses will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS33.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Marks 1 and 2 will be **orange conical** inflatable buoys and mark 1a will be a yellow conical inflatable buoy.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and a yellow cylindrical buoy at the port end.
- 11.3. To alert boats that a sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed on the Race Committee boat with one sound at least one minute before a warning signal will be displayed.
- 11.4. **[DP] [NP]** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.5. The Race Committee may start more than one class at the same time and may change the sequence of classes being started as the regatta progresses. There will be no prior warning that more than one class will be started, and it shall be the responsibility of boats to heed the class flags displayed with the warning signals.
- 11.6. A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat at the starboard end, and a yellow cylindrical buoy at the port end.

13. PENALTIES

- 13.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.
- 13.2. **[DP](NP)** A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form at the Race Office within the protest time limit.
- 13.3. The standard penalty will be 2 points.

14. TIME LIMIT

- 14.1. The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
15 minutes	45 minutes	10 minutes

- 14.2. If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 14.3. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one (1) more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

15. HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.2. Hearing request forms are available from the Regatta Office.
- 15.3. 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 Boating Operation Office in the western building in the approximate order that they are received.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. The low point scoring system Appendix A4 shall apply.
- 16.2. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
 - When from six to nine (6-9) races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - 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.
- 16.3. Rule A5.3 applies.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. **[DP]** Boats not leaving the beach for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the Race Office.
- 17.2. **[SP][NP]** Before leaving to race for each scheduled racing session, all skippers and crew shall personally sign-on on the required race committee form located outside the OTB Club Room.
- 17.3. **[SP] [NP]** Within protest time limits after returning ashore, a crew shall personally sign-off on the required form.
- 17.4. **[DP](NP)** A boat that retires from racing shall notify the race committee before leaving the racing area, or, if that is not possible, shall notify the regatta office as soon as possible after returning ashore and shall complete a retirement declaration form at the Race Office before the expiry of the protest time limit.

18. [DP] MEASUREMENT CHECKS & REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1. All competing yachts shall conform to the measurement requirements of their Class rules. Random measurement checks and inspections may be carried out at any time.
- 18.2. Substitution of competitors shall not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee in writing.
- 18.3. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Forms are available at the Race Office.
- 18.4. Requests made on the water must be confirmed in writing at the next available opportunity.

19. [DP] SUPPORT BOATS

- 19.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside the area where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment (unless assisting a boat in distress or standing by a capsized boat).
- 19.2. A copy of the regulations is available at [safety-equipment-for-powered-vessels](#) and [Life Jacket](#).

20. [DP] HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

All boats shall be afloat before 17:00 on Friday December 1st and shall not be hauled out during the regatta, unless authorised by the regatta committee. This changes NOR 13.1.

21. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as per NOR

22. RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1. 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**
- 22.2. The Organising Authority their offices, members, staff, volunteers and agents accept no responsibility in respect to loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage of property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Event howsoever arising in connection with the Event.

23. INSURANCE

- 23.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per incident or equivalent. It is also recommended that vessels shall be insured with comprehensive cover for racing.
- 23.2. The organising authority may request a copy of the Certificate of Currency

Attachment A

RACE AREA

Windward Leeward Course

COURSES:

Hansa 303

Windward Leeward 1 (W1)

START – 1 – 2 – FINISH

Windward Leeward 2 (W2)

START – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – FINISH

Windward Leeward 3 (W3)

START – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – FINISH

Hansa Liberty

Windward Leeward 1 (W1)

START – 1a – 2 – FINISH

Windward Leeward 2 (W2)

START – 1a – 2 – 1a – 2 – FINISH

Windward Leeward 3 (W3)

START – 1a – 2 – 1a – 2 – 1a – 2 – FINISH

