

Notice of Race

2027 New Zealand Hansa Class National Championship

(including SKUD 18, Liberty, 303 Single, 303 Double)

25 – 28 February 2027

Incorporating

The Kiwi Cup (Hansa 303 Double)

The Hansa 303 Single Ability Cup

The Hansa 303 Double Ability Cup

Organising Authority:
Royal Akarana Yacht Club

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

1. RULES

1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 - 2028*.

1.2. The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply.

1.3. The Hansa Liberty and Hansa 303 Class rules shall apply (see https://hansaclass.org/technical/).

1.4. Class Rule C2.3 Weight Equalisation of the Hansa Liberty Class Rules will apply.

1.5. Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be emailed to all entrants no later than 19 February 2027. They will also be available at https://sailabilityauckland.org.nz/public/schedule/events

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1. The online official notice board is located at https://sailabilityauckland.org.nz/public/schedule/events

3.2. Notices will also be posted to the event WhatsApp group "2027 New Zealand Hansa Class National Championship".

3.3. [DP] 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.

3.4. NOR 3.3 is changed as follows for vision impaired sailors only: Vision impaired sailors may use a VHF frequency designated by Organising Authority, to obtain distance, direction and safety information from a support boat to find marks. Audible marks will be used on the course as provided. The 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 via mobile phone is not allowed.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. The regatta is open to SKUD 18, Hansa Liberty, Hansa 303 Single and Hansa 303 Double boats that comply with the Hansa Class Rules.

4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form on the Events page of the Sailability Auckland website (http://www.sailabilityauckland.org.nz/) and paying the entry fee.

4.3. For SKUD 18, once five entries are received and paid, entries will close (see also NOR 6.2).

4.4. Entries will close at 1700hrs on 17 February 2027. Except where SKUD 18 entries have closed (NOR 4.3), late entries will be accepted until 1700hrs on Wednesday 24 February 2027 at an additional cost of $50.

4.5. To be eligible to compete in this event, each competitor shall be a current financial member of the NZ Hansa Class Association (NZHCA), or the International Hansa Class Association (IHCA), or a National Hansa Class Association. NZHCA Membership forms are available on request via email to the Secretary at paulwager@gmail.com and must be returned to the Secretary no later than 1700hrs Monday 22 February 2027.

4.6. To be eligible to compete in this event, each entrant and crew member shall be a financial member of a club recognised by the entrant's or crew member's national authority. Proof of affiliated club membership to be submitted with entry or presented at registration.

4.7. The New Zealand Hansa Class Association Nationals is open to all sailors with or without disabilities.

4.8. The classes will be divided into two fleets that will race at different times to allow competitors to enter and sail in both fleets. A competitor can enter more than one class in any of the following combinations:

a) Hansa Liberty and SKUD 18
b) Hansa Liberty and Hansa 303 Single
c) Hansa 303 Double and SKUD 18
d) Hansa 303 Double and Hansa 303 Single

Kiwi Cup

4.9. The Kiwi Cup is open to entries from the Hansa 303 Double. Both sailors must have a disability classifiable under the Para World Sailing classification system to be eligible.

Ability Cups

4.10. The Hansa 303 Double Ability Cup is open to entries from the Hansa 303 Double. To be eligible, the helmsperson must have a 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 International Sports Federation for Persons with Intellectual Disability (INAS) definitions. This person must maintain the helm for the

duration of the race. The event is sailed with a companion crew, who may control all sails and may give instructions.

4.11. The Hansa 303 Single Ability Cup is open to entries from the Hansa 303 Single. To be eligible, the helmsperson must have a diagnosed intellectual disability / autism spectrum disorder / acquired brain injury as defined under section 2.01 of the Special Olympics competing regulations or under the International Sports Federation for Persons with Intellectual Disability (INAS) definitions.

5. FEES

5.1. Entry fees are as follows:

	Fee
One Class	
SKUD 18	$110
Hansa Liberty	$110
Hansa 303 Single	$110
Hansa 303 Double	$110
Multiple Classes	
Hansa Liberty and SKUD 18	$150
Hansa Liberty and Hansa 303 Single	$150
Hansa 303 Double and SKUD 18	$150
Hansa 303 Double and Hansa 303 Single	$150

6. CHARTER BOATS

6.1. A limited number of Hansa 303 and Hansa Liberty boats are available to charter via Sailability Auckland. For Hansa 303 and Hansa Liberty, charters will be open exclusively to South Island sailors until 1 November 2026. Thereafter, any competitor may charter a boat. Charters will be dealt with on a first come, first served basis.

6.2. Sailability Auckland has five SKUD 18 boats that will be chartered to competitors on a first come, first served basis. For SKUD 18, once five entries are received and paid, and Sailability Auckland confirms that a charter fee has been paid, entries will close. Boats will then be allocated by ballot, so all entries have a chance of drawing a Mark 2 SKUD 18.

6.3. To charter a boat, please email info@sailabilityauckland.org.nz. Any agreement relating to the chartering of a boat is between that person and Sailability Auckland. The Organising Authority has no connection to, or involvement with, the charter process.

6.4. Charter fees are as follows:

Class	Charter Fee		Damage Bond
	Sailability Auckland Member and South Island Sailors	Other	
SKUD 18	$300	$300	$250
Hansa Liberty	$100	$200	$250
Hansa 303 Single	$50	$100	$250
Hansa 303 Double	$50	$100	$250

6.5. Each Hansa 303 boat will be chartered to one competitor for the Hansa 303 Single event and another competitor for the Hansa 303 Double event.

7. ADVERTISING

7.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

8. SCHEDULE

8.1. Registration will take place at The Ocean Race Village, Halsey Street Wharf, Wynyard Basin, Auckland.

Date	From	To
Thursday 25 February	1300hrs	1700hrs
Friday 26 February	0830hrs	0900hrs

8.2. A regatta briefing will be held on Thursday 25 February 1730hrs at The Ocean Race Village, Halsey Street Wharf, Wynyard Basin, Auckland.

8.3. Dates of racing are:

Date	Morning Session	Afternoon Session
Friday 26 February	Liberty Hansa 303 Double	SKUD 18 Hansa 303 Single
Saturday 27 February	SKUD 18 Hansa 303 Single	Liberty Hansa 303 Double
Sunday 28 February	Liberty Hansa 303 Double	SKUD 18 Hansa 303 Single

8.4. Number of races:

Class	Total Number Scheduled	Races per day Scheduled	Races per day Maximum	Target Time
All Classes	9	3	4	25 minutes

8.5. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1000hrs.

8.6. One extra race per class may be sailed on each day of racing.

8.7. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1600hrs.

8.8. Prize giving will be held Sunday 28 February as soon as possible after racing.

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1. Boats will not be measured at this regatta but may be inspected by a person designated by the Race Committee at any time for Class Compliance.

10. VENUE

10.1. The venue is The Ocean Race Village, Halsey Street Wharf, Wynyard Basin, Auckland.

10.2. Races will be held within the confines of the Waitematā Harbour.

11. COURSES

11.1. The SKUD 18 course will be Windward/Leeward or Trapezoid. Other class will sail a Windward/Leeward course.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13. SCORING

13.1. Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series for the National Championships, the Hansa 303 Single Ability Cup, Hansa 303 Double Ability Cup and the Kiwi Cup.

13.2. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

13.3. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

14.1. [DP] Support boats are permitted but their movements may be restricted by the Sailing Instructions.

14.2. [DP] Support boats and the person in charge must be registered with the Organising Authority at Registration.

14.3. [DP] All support person vessels shall always have an engine safety cut out switch (kill cord) attached to the driver while the engine is running, unless prior written exemption has been provided by the Organising Authority.

15. LAUNCHING AND BERTHING

15.1. All boats to be launched at the Sailability Auckland Compound at Z Pier, Westhaven Marina, on Thursday 25 February.

15.2. Boats shall be kept in their assigned place in Westhaven Marina or the Wynyard Basin.

16. RISK STATEMENT

16.1. 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.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

17.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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.

18. INSURANCE

18.1. Each participating boat and support craft shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of NZD $1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. Certificate of insurance is to be submitted with entry or presented at registration.

19. PRIZES

19.1. The following prizes will be awarded:

New Zealand Hansa Class Association, 303 Single Champion Trophy
New Zealand Hansa Class Association, 303 Double Champion Trophy
New Zealand Hansa Class Association, 303 Single Ability Cup

New Zealand Hansa Class Association, 303 Double Ability Cup
New Zealand Hansa Class Association, Liberty Champion Trophy
New Zealand Hansa Class Association, SKUD 18 Champion Trophy
The Kiwi Cup

19.2. Additional prizes may be awarded.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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