



# **2024 New Zealand Hansa Liberty Class National Championship**

**15 – 18 March, 2024**

**Organising Authority:  
Royal Akarana Yacht Club  
8-10 Tamaki Drive, Okahu Bay, Auckland**

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

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 2021 - 2024*.
- 1.2** The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply.
- 1.3** Class Rule C5 'Sailor Weight Equalisation' of the 'Hansa Liberty Class Rules' will apply.
- 1.4** Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.

### **2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1** The sailing instructions will be emailed to all entrants no later than 14 March 2024, additional copies will be available at registration.

### **3 COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1** [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.
- 3.2** Vision impaired sailors may use a VHF frequency designated by Organizing 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 the Hansa Liberty class
- 4.2** Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee to [hansanewzealand@gmail.com](mailto:hansanewzealand@gmail.com)  
Payment of the entry fee can be done via online banking to New Zealand Hansa Class Association Incorporated, ASB Bank, 12 3038 0453703 00 no later than 1700hrs on Friday 8 March 2024.
- 4.3** Late entries will be accepted until 1700hrs on 15 March 2024 at an additional cost of \$50
- 4.4** 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 [paul.webber@wedgewoodwhite.com](mailto:paul.webber@wedgewoodwhite.com) and must be returned to the Secretary no later than 1700hrs Friday 8 March 2024.
- 4.5** To be eligible to compete in this event each entrant shall be a financial member of a club recognised by the entrant's and crew member national authority. Proof of affiliated club membership to be submitted with entry or presented at registration.
- 4.6** The NZ Hansa Class Association Nationals is open to all sailors with or without disabilities.

## 5 FEES

### 5.1 Required fees are as follows:

CLASS	FEE
Hansa Liberty	\$130.00

## 6 ADVERTISING

### 6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority

## 7 SCHEDULE

### 7.1 Registration: Sailability Auckland Compound Z Pier, Westhaven Marina

Date	From	To
Friday 15 March	1400hrs	1700hrs
Saturday 16 March	0900hrs	1000hrs

### 7.2 Equipment inspection and event measurement: 1400hrs to 1700hrs on Friday 15 March 2024 and 0900 hrs to 1000hrs on Saturday 16 March.

### 7.3 Briefing is on Saturday 16 March 2024 0930hrs at the Sailability Auckland Compound, Z Pier, Westhaven Marina.

### 7.4 Dates of racing.

Date	Class; LIBERTY
16/03/23	racing
17/03/23	racing
18/03/23	racing

### 7.5 Number of races:

Class	Total Number Scheduled	Races per Day Scheduled	Races per day maximum	Target time Minutes
Liberty	12	4	5	25

### 7.6 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is Saturday 16 March 1200hrs. Sunday 17 March 1130hrs, Monday 18 March 1130hrs

### 7.7 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1530hrs.

- 7.8** Prize giving will be held Monday 18 March 2024 as soon as possible after racing.

## **8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

- 8.1** Boats may have random measurement checks to ensure compliance with class rules.

## **9 VENUE**

- 9.1** The sailing venue is the Sailability Compound, Z Pier, Westhaven Marina
- 9.2** Races will be held in the waters of Shoal Bay / Bayswater and Okahu Bay.

## **10 COURSES**

- 10.1** The courses to be sailed will be Windward Leeward.

## **11 PENALTY SYSTEM**

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

## **12 SCORING**

- 12.1** Five races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2** (a) When fewer than 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from 7 to 12 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **13 SUPPORT PERON VESSELS**

- 13.1** [DP] Support boats are permitted but their movements may be restricted by the Sailing Instructions.
- 13.2** [DP] Support boats and the person in charge must be registered with the Organising Authority at Registration.
- 13.3** [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.

## **14 BERTHING**

- 14.1** Boats shall be kept in their assigned in the Marina.

## **15 RISK STATEMENT**

- 15.1** 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.**

## **16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 16.1** 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.

## **17 INSURANCE**

- 17.1** 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.

## **18 PRIZES**

- 18.1** Prizes will be given as follows:  
The New Zealand Hansa Class Association, Liberty Champion Trophy.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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