



New Zealand Hansa Liberty Class National Championship 2024

15 – 18 March

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

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

NB: The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI 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 event will be 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** Appendix T, *Arbitration*, will apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Sailability Compound at Westhaven Marina.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted on the noticeboard by 2000 on the day before it will take effect except as provided for in SI rule 5.4.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Sailability Auckland Compound Flagstaff.
- 4.2 A boat shall not go afloat until flag D is displayed ashore. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Schedule of Racing:

Saturday 16 March 2024		
1200hrs	Warning Signal for the first race of the day	
	4 races will be run back-to-back	
Sunday 17 March 2024		
	Warning Signal for the first race of the day	
1130hrs	4 races will be run back-to-back	
Monday 18 March 2024		
	Warning Signal for the first race of the day	
1130hrs	4 races will be run back-to-back	

- 5.2 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided the fleet does not become more than two races ahead of schedule. The intention to sail an additional race will be advised accordance with SI Rule 3.
- 5.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five (5) minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1530hrs.

6 CLASS FLAG

- 6.1 The Hansa Liberty Class Flag is:
Purple Insignia & Class Name on white background.

7 RACING AREAS

- 7.1** The racing area is the waters of Shoal Bay / Bayswater and Okahu Bay

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1** The courses to be sailed will be Windward/Leeward courses with a downwind finish.
- 8.2** The diagram in Attachment "A" shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The course length will be dependent on the conditions.
- 8.3** No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course number.

8. MARKS

- 8.1** The mark descriptions will be confirmed at the briefing scheduled for 0930hours on Saturday 16 March.

9. THE START

- 9.1** Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

Class Flag	5 Minutes before Starting
Preparatory Flag	4 Minutes before Starting
Preparatory Flag Removed	1 Minutes before Starting

- 9.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the start boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

- 9.3** A boat that does not start within three minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1** The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finish boat at the port end and the course side of the starboard-end finishing mark.

11 PENALTY SYSTEMS

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

Commented [RM1]: I think that 3 minutes as a starting window is unusually short in a five minute starting procedure when there are no following starts.
On the other hand the finishing window is quite generous with 15 minutes for a 25 minute target time race.

Commented [t2R1]: Would 5 minutes be more suitable?

Commented [RM3R1]: Even though you have no following starts I would use a 4 minute starting window as it is the most common.

12 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

12.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Target Time</i>	<i>Finish Window</i>	<i>Time Limit</i>
Hansa Liberty	25 Minutes	15 Minutes	40 Minutes

12.2 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.

12.3 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 Protest forms are available at the race office, located at the Sailability Auckland Compound. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

13.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

13.3 Immediately after finishing a boat intending to protest shall, in addition to the requirements of RRS61.1(a), inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intention to protest and the identity of the boat(s) protested against. The protesting boat must receive an acknowledgement from the race committee. This changes RRS 61.

13.4 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 at Sailability Auckland Compound, beginning at [the time posted.

13.5 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

13.6 Breaches of SIs 9.3 and 15 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

13.7 A Rule 62.2 request for redress shall be in writing and identify the reason for making it. If the request is based on an incident in the racing area, it shall be delivered to the race office within the protest time limit or two hours after the incident, whichever is later. Other requests shall be delivered as soon as reasonably possible after learning of the reasons for making the request. The protest committee shall extend the time if there is good reason to do so. No red flag is required.

(a) However, on the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted.

Commented [RM4]: This is a repeat of rule 62.2. Is it necessary?

Commented [RM5R4]: I would delete 13.7. If you think the sailors need educating it could be mentioned at the briefing.

14 SCORING

- 14.1** 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.2** (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.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1** Boats not leaving the shore for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the race office.
- 15.2** Check –out and check –in ashore:
- a) Competitors shall individually check out before racing by personally signing the check-out sheets located at the Sailability Auckland Compound. [DP]
 - b) 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 the Sailability Auckland Compound. [DP]
- 15.3** A boat retiring from racing shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the Race Office as soon as possible after returning ashore. [DP]
- 15.4** Boats retiring from racing shall complete a retirement declaration form at the Race Office before the protest time limit. [DP]

16 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 16.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed.
- 16.2** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. [DP]

17 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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 times specified in the class rules or the notice of race.

18 OFFICIAL VESSELS

The Race Committee vessel shall have a black "RC" on a white background. Any other official vessels will be advised at the Briefing.

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19 SUPPORT TEAMS

- 19.1 Except when requested to participate in rescue operations, team leaders, coaches, and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing and are restricted to a 5 knot speed limit, from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start of a sequence of starts until 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]

Commented [RM8]: Is there a sequence of starts?
The NoR and Schedule seem to indicate one class/one start for each race.
I suggest
"..... From the time of the preparatory until all boats have finished or the race committee signals postponement or abandonment."

Commented [t9R8]: Agree this is clearer, will change

- 19.2 Lifejackets shall be worn by all support boat crew while on the water. [DP]

- 19.3 When flag V (with a long sound signal) is displayed on a committee boat all support boats are requested to remain afloat and assist all sailors.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 20.1 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]
- 20.2 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 Vision impaired 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 is not allowed.
- 20.3 Failure for the Sound Buoys to operate, or to not operate correctly, will not be grounds for Protest or Redress.

21 BERTHING

- 21.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the Marina.

22 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 22.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

23 PRIZES/TROPHIES

Prizes/trophies will be awarded as follows

The New Zealand Hansa Class Association, Liberty Champion Trophy (plus medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd).

23.1 Spot prizes may be awarded.

24 RISK STATEMENT

24.1 RR 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.**

25 INSURANCE

25.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid marine third- party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. [NP]

26 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

26.1 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.

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ADDENDUM A

