



2026 New Zealand Hansa 303 Class and Hansa Liberty Class National Championships

**Incorporating the Hansa 303 Single and Hansa 303 Double
Ability Cup, and the Hansa Liberty Kiwi Cup**

Thursday 5 – Sunday 8 February 2026

Organising Authority:
Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club Inc. (TYPBC)
PO Box 14352 Tauranga, 3143
90 Keith Allen Drive, Otumoetai, Tauranga, New Zealand

Notice of Race (NoR)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

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 International Hansa Class Association – Hansa 303 Class Rules and International Hansa Liberty Class Association Class Rules will apply to their respective class.
- 1.4** Class Rule C2.3 Weight Equalisation of the International Hansa Liberty Class Association Class Rules shall apply.
- 1.5** Appendix T, Arbitration, shall apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 1700 hours on Monday, 5 January 2026 at yacht.org.nz.

2.2 Paper copies of the Sailing Instructions will not be available.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The official notice board is located in the lower floor of TYPBC next to the Race Office.

3.2 All radio communications will be made by the Race Committee on VHF Channel 77 to all race management and safety boats as well as competitor support boats.

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. Vision impaired sailors may use a VHF frequency designated by the Organising Authority to obtain distance, direction and safety information to find marks. 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. Audible marks will be used on the course as provided.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to all boats of the Hansa 303 Class and the Hansa Liberty Class that comply with the Class Rules.

4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form located at <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/300/profile?tab=entry> and paying the entry fee. Payment of the entry fee is to be done via online banking to Sailability Tauranga Charitable Trust 03-0474-0010331-00 no later than 1700 hours on 23 January 2026

4.3 Late entries will be accepted until 1700 hours on 4 February 2026 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 a club recognised by the competitor's national authority and a member of the New Zealand Hansa Class Association (NZHCA) or the International Hansa Class Association (IHCA) or a national Hansa Class association in the same jurisdiction as the national authority. Proof of club and class membership will be required by registration.

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

4.6 A competitor can enter either the Hansa 303 Single, the Hansa 303 Doubles, or the Hansa Liberty, but not multiple.

4.7 There are no classification requirements in accordance with RRS 79 for entry to the Hansa 303 Singles or 303 Doubles or the Hansa Liberty.

Ability Cup

4.8 For entries for the Ability Cup - Hansa 303 class only, the skipper must have a recognised level of an Intellectual Disability and must always helm the boat during racing. The following additional requirements apply:

4.8.1 This event is open to crew/s where at the helm (for singles and doubles) has a diagnosed intellectual disability / autism spectrum disorder / acquired brain injury.

4.8.2 For the doubles event, it will be raced with a Companion Crew – where the helm with intellectual disability / autism spectrum disorder / acquired brain injury maintains helm for the duration of the race and is supported by a non- intellectual disability / autism spectrum disorder / acquired brain injury crew (with racing experience), who may control all sails and may give instructions.

4.8.3 The Helmsperson at all times will be a person with an intellectual disability 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.

Kiwi Cup

4.9 For entries for the Kiwi Cup, Hansa Liberty Class only, the sailor must have a disability classifiable under the Para World Sailing classification system.

5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

5.1.1 Hansa 303 Singles (including Hansa 303 Ability Cup)	\$100
5.1.2 Hansa 303 Doubles (including Hansa 303 Ability Cup)	\$100
5.1.3 Hansa Liberty (including Kiwi Cup)	\$100

6 ADVERTISING

6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 Registration will take place on Thursday 5 February 2026 from 1300hrs to 1600hrs at TYPBC. Late registration is available from 0800hrs to 0830hrs on Friday 6 February 2026.

7.2 Equipment inspection will take place on Thursday 5 February 2026 from 1300hrs to 1600hrs at TYPBC. Late inspection is available from 0800hrs to 0830hrs on Friday 6 February 2026.

7.3 All boats are to be berthed in Tauranga Marina and are to be launched following registration on Thursday 5 February 2026.

7.4 Briefing will be held on Friday 6 February 2026 at 0830 Downstairs at TYPBC.

7.5 Dates of racing:

Date	Hansa 303 Doubles	Hansa 303 Singles	Hansa Liberty
6 February 2026	racing	racing	racing
7 February 2026	racing	racing	racing
8 February 2026	racing	racing	racing

7.6 Number of races:

Class	Total Number Scheduled	Races per Day Scheduled	Races per day maximum	Target time Minutes.
Hansa 303 Doubles	9	3	5	25
Hansa 303 Singles	9	3	5	25
Hansa Liberty	9	3	5	25

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

7.8 Starts are to be back-to-back. It is anticipated that the Hansa Liberty will be started, followed by Hansa 303 Singles, followed by Hansa 303 Doubles.

7.9 Up to two extra races per class or fleet may be sailed on each day of racing.

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

8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION AND MEASUREMENT

8.1 An equipment inspection will occur on Boats prior to registration.

8.2 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.

9 VENUE

9.1 The venue is the TYPBC at the end of Sulfur Point, Tauranga

9.2 The races will be held within the confines of the Tauranga Harbour.

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 (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series for the National Championships and the Ability Cup.

12.1.1 Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series for the Kiwi Cup.

12.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

12.2.1 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13 REPLACEMENT OF CREW

13.1 Substitution of competitors in Hansa 303 Single and Hansa Liberty is not permitted.

13.2 Substitution of helm for Hansa 303 Double is not permitted. However, substitution of crew is permitted provided this is indicated at the time of registration. Substitution of crew will rule that boat ineligible for Double Champion Trophy.

14 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

14.1 [DP] All support boats must register with the Organising Authority at registration and nominate the boat(s) they support.

14.2 [DP] All support and coach boats must have VHF communications and be available to assist the race committee if required.

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.

14.4 [NP] All support person vessels shall obey local bylaws, including the 500 tonne rule (moving exclusion zone around ships, 500m ahead and 50m to each side).

15 BERTHING AND LAUNCHING

15.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the Tauranga Marina. Note insurance requirements outlined at NOR 17.2.

15.2 [DP] Boats that are not berthed in Tauranga Marina are to be launched and retrieved from in front of the TYPBC.

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 INSURANCE

17.1 It is recommended that each participating boat should be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

17.2 Any boat or support vessel wishing to enter the Tauranga Marina *MUST* have valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. Certificate of Insurance is to be presented at registration.

18 PRIZES

18.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

18.1.1 New Zealand Hansa Class Association, 303 Single Champion Trophy

18.1.2 New Zealand Hansa Class Association, 303 Double Champion Trophy

18.1.3 New Zealand Hansa Class Association, 303 Single Ability Cup

18.1.4 New Zealand Hansa Class Association, 303 Double Ability Cup

18.1.5 New Zealand Hansa Class Association, Liberty Champion Trophy

18.1.6 New Zealand Hansa Class Association, Kiwi Cup

18.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Class Association, Sailability Tauranga or the Organising Authority.

18.3 New Zealand National Championship Winners will be recognised in accordance with Yachting New Zealand Regulation 4.5.4.

18.4 The prize-giving for the event will take place as soon as possible after racing has concluded

on 8 February 2026.

19 NAME AND LIKENESS

- 19.1** By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority and the event sponsor(s) the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.
- 19.2** Drones / RPAS (Remote Piloted Aircraft System) under the control of the organising authority may be used during the event. Participation in the event will be taken as agreement and consent to be overflown by and have RPAS operate within close proximity to competing boats.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 20.1** For further information please contact:

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