



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)

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Sailing Instructions (SI)

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 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 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 by 2000 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 lower floor at Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club.
- 3.2 The race office is located on the lower floor of Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 77.
- 3.4 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.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP][NP] Visually impaired sailors will be identified by a sticker on both sides of the bow. Description to be announced at Briefing.
- 4.3 [DP] Hull numbers shall be displayed and shall match the sail number.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club Flagpole.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

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Explanation of and use of flag D?

Commented [RM2R1]: D flag considered not necessary. Control via AP. Boats need to be towed out from Tauranga Marina to vicinity of race course which also enables some additional controls

Commented [RM3R1]: Sounds fine.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Dates and number of races:

Day/Date	Class	Number of races	Time of First Warning Signal
6 February 2026	Hansa Liberty	3	10:00
6 February 2026	Hansa 303 Singles	3	10:05
6 February 2026	Hansa 303 Doubles	3	10:10
7 February 2026	Hansa Liberty	3	10:00
7 February 2026	Hansa 303 Singles	3	10:05
7 February 2026	Hansa 303 Doubles	3	10:10
8 February 2026	Hansa Liberty	3	10:00
8 February 2026	Hansa 303 Singles	3	10:05
8 February 2026	Hansa 303 Doubles	3	10:10

6.2 Two extra races per day per class may be sailed, provided the change is made according to SI 2.1.

6.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The class flags are:

Class	Flag description
Hansa Liberty	White Hansa symbol on blue background
Hansa 303 Single	Blue Hansa symbol on white background
Hansa 303 Double	Black Hansa symbol on yellow background

8 RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area is in the confines of Tauranga Harbour.

9 COURSES

9.1 The diagram in SI Addendum A shows the course, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33.

10 MARKS

10.1 Mark descriptions are shown in Addendum A – courses.

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10.2 Should a mark be missing, the race committee shall, if possible:

10.2.1 Move it to its correct position;

10.2.2 Replace it with a red cylindrical buoy approx. 1.2m high; or

10.2.3 Replace it with an object displaying flag M and make repetitive sounds.

This changes RRS 34.

10.3 In the event that a gate mark is missing and has not been replaced with an object displaying flag M, the remaining gate mark shall be rounded to port.

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11 THE START

11.1 The starting line is between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.

11.2 [DP][NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line is between staffs displaying blue flags on the finishing marks.

12.2 [DP] A boat shall not sail through the finish line except to finish.

Commented [RM10]: With the Finish Line in the middle of the course you will have to make sure that it is understood that boats may not sail through the line (down wind or upwind) when the blue flags are flying, except when finishing.

Boats can sail through the start line (upwind or downwind) when the orange flags are flying.

Commented [RM11R10]: Is this best addressed in briefing or by adding additional notes to SI?

Commented [RM12R10]: I think it is clear in the SI. The Briefing is important to ensure clear understanding.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

14 TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]

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

Class	Target Time	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
Hansa Liberty	30 Minutes	45 Minutes	15 Minutes
Hansa 303 Singles	30 Minutes	45 Minutes	15 Minutes
Hansa 303 Doubles	30 Minutes	45 Minutes	15 Minutes

14.2 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 two 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.

14.3 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1.

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15 HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in that class 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 race office downstairs at Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club.
- 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 protest room, located at The Sailability Club Room, Downstairs at that Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club, beginning at the time posted.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
- (b) When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores.

17 [DP][NP]SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 [DP] Check-out and check-in ashore
- (a) Competitors shall individually check-out before racing by personally signing check out sheets located at the Race Office, downstairs at the Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club.
- (b) Competitors shall individually check-in immediately on returning to shore after racing by personally signing check-in sheets located at the Race Office, downstairs at the Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Promptly after returning to shore, the boat shall complete a retirement declaration form, which is available at the Race Office, downstairs at the Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club.

18 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

Commented [RM15]: Are there any restrictions on the substitution of competitors (in the Two Handed classes)?

Commented [RM16R15]: Yes, but addressed in NOR so not repeated here.

Commented [RM17R15]: [*Hansa Nationals 2026 NOR 2.pdf - Google Drive](#)

Commented [RM18R15]: Refer NOR13

Commented [RM19R15]: Well covered.

19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

20 OFFICIAL VESSELS

20.1 Official vessels will be identified as follows: the vessels will be flying a pink ribbon.

21 [DP][NP] SUPPORT TEAMS

21.1 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 metres of any mark, lay line, starting line, finishing line or any area where any boat that is racing is sailing or may sail.

21.2 Attention is drawn to the relevant local council bylaws regarding the wearing of lifejackets and other restrictions.

21.3 All official and support 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.

22 BERTHING

22.1 [DP][NP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the Tauranga Marina.

23 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

23.1 [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

Commented [RM20]: Are there any special conditions which apply to the Support Boats/Teams associated with vision impaired sailors?

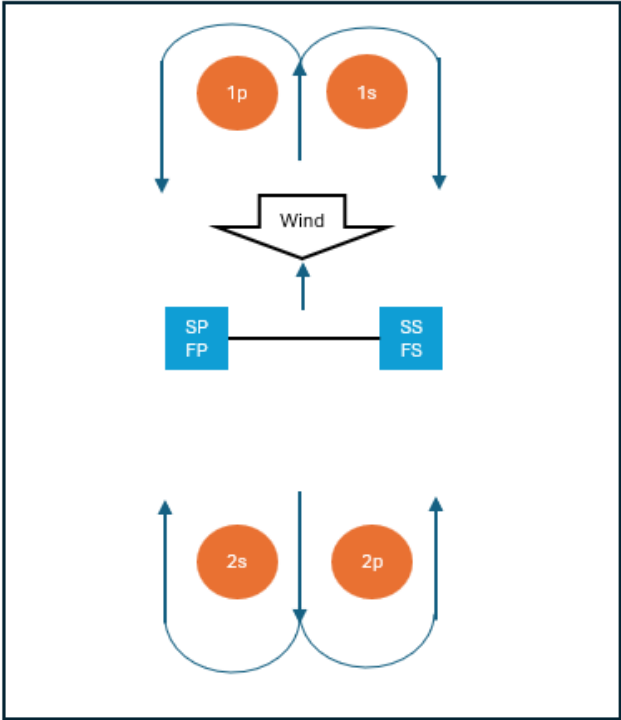
Commented [RM21R20]: No, given use of sound buoys. Communication via VHF also permitted. We figure that keeping these boats a reasonable distance back prevents interference with other competitors. Unless you think we should decrease that distance to 50m?

Commented [RM22R20]: Sounds reasonable. You could modify during the event if any significant issue with the distance becomes apparent.

Commented [RM23]: It is recommended that a copy of the local bylaws, with relevant sections highlighted, should be posted on the official notice board.

Commented [RM24R23]: Agreed. 500T rule also outlined at NOR 14.4.

Addendum A Courses



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	Vessel with orange / blue flag displayed
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Signal	Mark rounding order
W1	Start – 1s / 1p – 2s / 2p – Finish
W2	Start – 1s / 1p – 2s / 2p – 1s / 1p – 2s / 2p – Finish
W3	Start – 1s / 1p – 2s / 2p – 1s / 1p – 2s / 2p – 1s / 1p – 2s / 2p – Finish
W4	Start – 1s / 1p – 2s / 2p – 1s / 1p – 2s / 2p – 1s / 1p – 2s / 2p – 1s / 1p – 2s / 2p – Finish

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