



2014 Dominant Australian Hansa Class Championships

incorporating

2014 South Australian Hansa Class Championships

Thursday 17th April to Monday 21st April 2014

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2** Liberty Class Rule C5 Sailor Weight Equalisation will apply.

2 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the front window of the clubhouse.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 18:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flag pole in front of the clubhouse.
- 4.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of racing and Warning Signal times:

Date	Hansa 303 Single Person & Liberty	Hansa 303 Two Person & Hansa 2.3	
Friday 18 th April	14:55	12:55	Practice Race
Saturday 19 th April	09:55	13:55	Racing
Sunday 20 th April	13:55	09:55	Racing
Monday 21 st April	09:55	12:55	Racing

5.2 Number of races:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Races per day</u>
All Classes	up to 8	up to 3

One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no class becomes more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to Sailing Instruction 3.

5.3 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 the warning signal is displayed.

5.4 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15:30

6 CLASS FLAGS

<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag</u>
Hansa 2.3 Single Person	Blue Hansa insignia on a white background.
Hansa 303 Single Person	Red Hansa insignia on a white background.
Hansa 303 Two Person	White Hansa insignia on a red background.
Liberty	White Hansa insignia on a purple background.

7 RACING AREAS

Attachment 'A' shows the location of the racing area.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagram in Attachment 'B' show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal boat will display the course to be sailed. The Race Committee signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

8.3 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes rule 33.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks 1 and 2 will be orange inflatable conical buoys. Mark 1a will be a pink inflatable cylindrical buoy.

9.2 The starting and finishing marks will be the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and a buoy at the port end.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.

10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

10.5 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rule 26. When flag U is used as the preparatory signal, rule 29.1 Individual Recall does not apply. The scoring abbreviation for a flag U penalty is UFD. This changes rule A11 Scoring Abbreviations.

11 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between staffs displaying blue flags on the finishing marks.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

13 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

13.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Time Limit</u>	<u>Mark 1/1a Time Limit</u>	<u>Target Time</u>
All Classes	60 minutes	15 minutes	40 minutes

If no boat has passed Mark 1/1a within the Mark 1/1a Time Limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

13.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rule 35, A4 and A5.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available at the race office, located in the clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

14.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of her session or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room (dinghy shed).

14.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Jury will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

14.5 Breaches of sailing instructions 10.3 (The Start), 17 (Safety Regulations), 20 (Event Advertising), 22 (Support Boats), 23 (Trash Disposal) and 25 (Radio Communication), will

not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Jury so decides.

- 14.6** The hail 'Protest' is not required but should be made where possible. This changes rule 61.1(a).
- 14.7** A person may accompany a party throughout arbitration or a protest hearing to assist them in articulation or translation of the proceedings. This changes 63.3(a)
- 14.8** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than the protest time limit or 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day, whichever is the later. This changes rule 66.
- 14.9** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.
- 14.10** Decisions of the National Jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

15 ARBITRATION

- 15.1** For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, a short arbitration meeting of approximately 10 minutes will be held prior to a protest hearing. There shall be no witnesses at this meeting. This changes Part 5, Section B of the RRS. If the arbitrator decides that rule 44.1(b) may apply, or that arbitration is not appropriate, the meeting will not be held, and if the meeting is in progress it will be closed.
- 15.2** After listening to the parties the arbitrator will offer an opinion as to what the Jury is likely to decide:
- (a) No boat will be penalised for breaking a rule,
 - (b) One or more boats will be penalised for breaking a rule.

A party may then decide to accept a 40% scoring penalty as detailed in rule 44.3(c).

The protestor may decide to withdraw the protest.

Should the matter not be resolved through arbitration, the protest will then be heard by the Jury.

- 15.3** Rule 44.3(c) is changed as follows – delete “The scores of other boats shall not be changed”.
- 15.4** The acceptance of an Arbitration Penalty cannot be grounds for redress or be appealed.
- 15.5** Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing, the arbitrator may be a member of the subsequent Jury, but they shall not refer to the discussion in arbitration unless they have done so in evidence, given in the presence of the parties.

16 SCORING

16.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

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

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

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 Competitors shall wear Personal Flotation Devices in accordance with the specifications issued, whilst afloat, on marina pontoons and launching ramps, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This changes rule 40.

17.2 Check-Out and Check-In:

- (a) All boats shall sign the "Sign On" sheet prior to leaving the beach to the race area.
- (b) All boats shall sign the "Sign Off" sheet upon returning to the beach from the race area.

17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

18 RELACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

18.2 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.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and Sailing Instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a Race Committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20 EVENT ADVERTISING

Boats shall display event advertising supplied by the organising authority as instructed at registration.

21 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will fly a Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club burgee.

22 SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

23 OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

Outside Assistance may be provided by support, safety and committee boats and will be limited to assistance with reefing, bailing and body repositioning if necessary. For vision impaired sailors, where electronic or verbal instructions are used to assist sailors, that assistance shall be limited to safety directions only. This changes rule 41.

24 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

25 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out from the first warning signal of the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

26 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

27 PRIZES

27.1 Prizes will be awarded in the following classes:

- (a) 2014 Australian Championships
 - Hansa 2.3 Single Person Champion
 - Hansa 303 Single Person Champion
 - Hansa 303 Two Person Champion
 - Liberty Champion
 - Hansa 2.3 Servo Champion
- (b) 2014 South Australian Championships
 - Hansa 303 Single Person Champion
 - Hansa 303 Two-Person Championship
 - Liberty Champion

28 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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.

29 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.