

IHCA RULES AND MEASUREMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2017

2016/7 has been an interesting year. The Hansa Class Associations around the globe have held international, national and regional competitions on a regular basis throughout the year commencing with the 2016 Worlds held at Medemblik, Netherlands over the period 3 – 9 Jun 2016. Indeed, it was a busy time in Europe over the sailing year with National competitions held in Italy, Switzerland, the Flanders Cup in Belgium, Holland, France, Portugal and the UK as well as the Para Worlds in Kiel. Nationals were also held in Australia when combined with the Asia-Pacific Championships and New Zealand.

Again, as usual, measuring was undertaken at the major competitions with boats and equipment measured to confirm compliance with the Class Rules. As the competitiveness of our sailors at the major events continues to improve to a high standard with each competition, so the existing rules are being pushed harder and in some cases the rules have proved not to the task. Interpretation of the rules as written have led to some interesting interpretations with the result that some sailors have been protested and subsequently disqualified by some juries. Admittedly, the juries in these cases were unfamiliar with the class, but weaknesses in our rules have been highlighted.

The Technical Committee which is comprised of the:

- Chairman – Vice President Rules & Measurement Terry Peek (AUS)
- Hansa 2.3 Representative Lindsay Burns (GBR)
- Hansa 303 Representative Zoltan Pegan (HUN)
- Liberty Representative Hanneke Deenen (NED)
- SKUD 18 Representative Tim Dempsey (NZL)
- SKUD 18 Class Technical Officer Leo Sanchez (USA)
- General Committee nominations John Figgures (GBR)
- Secretary (non-voting) David Staley (AUS)
- Designer / Builder Chris Mitchell

And has been requested to review the rules with their colleagues and to make a report for final consideration.

IHCA RULES

It has been the policy to examine and revise the Hansa Class Rules on a regular basis to ensure that the class remains equitable and competitive. Suggestions and recommendations are passed to the Technical Committee and then put forward to all NHCAs for discussion and comment. The RAE (Request for Additional Equipment) system has been an integral part of this process however, this process has also had its weaknesses and this has been made obvious by the increasing number of requests which have already been approved. It has now been decided to differentiate requests into 2 separate areas.

1. RAEs which will affect the class as a whole. ie an approval open to all boats and sailors to apply as required; These are then separated into
 - a. Crew Equipment Application
 - b. Equipment Repair Application, and

- c. New Equipment Application to bring them into line with the existing SKUD RAE process;
2. RAEs which will be applicable only to the sailor submitting the RAE. These it is envisaged will allow the sailor with special needs, to allow them to compete on a more equitable basis against sailors who do not have the same issue.

As before, these RAEs are to be submitted through their NHCA technical delegate **who will** add a comment either supporting or commenting on the request.

Measurement

Following a World Sailing Measurers Seminar at Enoshima, Japan last year, Mr Koji Harada (JPN) has been appointed as a National Measurer in Japan for the 2.3, 303 and Liberty classes. Terry Peek (AUS) has been nominated for appointment as an IM to join with John Figgures (GBR) This will provide in total:

- 2 IMs (1 GBR and 1 AUS)
- 4 national class measurers (2 AUS, 1 GBR, 1 JPN) for the 2.3, 303 and Liberty
- 5 SKUD measurers (2 AUS, 1 USA, 1 GBR, 1 ESP)
- 2 Sail only measurers (AUS)

Whilst our numbers are increasing, the IHCA is seeking more qualified members for this important role. World Sailing and National Sailing Associations run measurer seminars and clinics on a regular basis around the world. If any IHCA member is interested in improving their technical knowledge and/or qualifying as a Class Measurer, please contact Terry Peek at terrypeek@bigpond.com or their national class representative.

There have been several changes to the measuring process and procedures based on slight changes in the class boat specifications and the introduction of some new designs from the drawing board and Hansa production line. These changes will be implemented at the 2017 Hiroshima Peace Cup and promulgated in November.

Terry Peek

Reaction of the Dutch NHCA on the IHCA Rules and Measurements Report 2017 by Terry Peek.

First we want to state that we fully agree on the conclusion in this report that in some cases the existing rules have proved not to do the task. Especially the procedures around the Requests for Additional Equipment.

Concerning the described changes in the RAE system we have the following questions/remarks:

1. Is this description a proposal or is it an agreed upon process?
2. If an RAE is affecting a class as a whole(area 1), should the RAE than be included in the class rules itself?
3. We have the opinion that the described process must be extended with a time schedule from start to publication.
4. We propose that RAE's in Area 2 (applicable to one sailor) can be extended to a specific group of sailor. For example: all sailors requiring a head support can use mirrors to look backwards.
5. We would like to add to the procedure that at events where a certified measurer is present the RAE process can be executed in the day before the actual racing starts. The permission will however be restricted to that event only.

Further we propose that all existing RAE's will be reviewed in order to be categorized according to the new agreed upon rules

Jan de Vreede
President Dutch NHCA

Technical Committee Response to comments raised by NEDHCA to Item 4a.

1. The proposed changes to the Requests for Additional Equipment (RAE) procedures have been agreed in principle by the present (2016-17) Technical Committee. Some further minor changes to the proposed procedure will be incorporated and published on the Hansa Class web-site once the IHCA General Committee has provided formal approval.
2. The IHCA does not wish to be continually proposing to World Sailing amendments to the Hansa Class Dinghies Rules. The Hansa Dinghies as supplied meet the Class Rules. Approved RAEs are enhancements to the standard boats and will be published on the Hansa Class web-site. The list of approved RAEs will indicate whether the RAE will apply to all boats in a Class or will be approved for boats in other Hansa Classes. Some generic RAEs, such as the use of mirrors and digital (non-GPS) compasses, will be included in both the list of Approved RAEs and Class Rules.
3. The proposed RAE procedure requires applications to be made 28 days before use in a competition with notification being provided within 14 days of the application submission. This aligns the Hansa dinghy process with the SKUD process (See also para 5 below).
4. Where an RAE is approved for a sailor with special needs, then the RAE will be applicable only to that sailor. Where another sailor has a similar special need, a separate RAE will need to be submitted noting the previously approved RAE.
5. At World Class Hansa events, the timescale for the RAE procedure given in para 3 shall be followed. The IHCA will consider the Dutch proposal to authorise new RAEs at lesser events when an IHCA Class Measurer is present in the period before the first day of racing providing that the RAE can be reviewed by at least 2 members of the IHCA Technical committee or IHCA General Committee. If the IHCA agrees the Dutch proposal, the approval will be valid only for the competition where the approval is given and the RAE shall be submitted in accordance with published procedures for formal approval at that event.

John Figgures
WS IM for Hansa Dinghies
for IHCA VP Rules and Measurement
2 October 2017

Agenda Items 4 & 5 (and 6 & 7)

5.a) No Hansa Class National Championship was held in Hungary in 2017.

5.b) Report on the 2018 Hansa World Championships. Planning and preparations are well in hand. Container shipping for competitors' boats from Europe and Australia is being coordinated. Chris Mitchell has personally inspected the hotels suggested by the OC and details will be posted on the event website. The 2017 Peace Cup will be the test event for the 2018 Worlds.

5.c) No National Championship is scheduled by the Hungarian Hansa Class Association for 2018.

5.i) Future program of World, Continental & International Championships

The competition calendar on the IHCA website reflects the shortage of information available at this time regarding future events. However, the following information is at hand:

European Para Youth Championships, Genova, Italy (9-15 Oct 2017). Sailing will be contested in the Hansa 303. At this time there are 5 nations represented, with 9 boats in total.

2018 Hansa World Championships, Hiroshima, Japan (12-18 Oct 2018). The website can be found at 2018hansaworlds.com

2019 Hansa European Championships – Portugal has recently expressed interest in hosting this event in Portimao.

2019 Asia Pacific Championships – no details available.

2020 Hansa Worlds should be held in North America.

Para World Sailing has not published when or where their 2018 events are being planned.

5.j) IHCA Championships Guidelines were last revised in November 2015 and retitled the Race Management Guide. Unless any issues are raised, the only changes warranted at this time are minor grammatical, specifically to change the use of “regional” to “continental” to match the terminology used by World Sailing.

6.b) Hansa 303 Representative Report has been combined with the VP Championships report as there is considerable overlap.

7.a) Hungarian Hansa Class Report. Once again Hansa sailing in Hungary was hampered by the extremely hot, windless and dry summer. Very often, when sailing was planned, the temperatures rose to over 30 C, and there was no wind on the lake. When the hot summer temperatures moderated enough, the water level had fallen to the point where we did not have enough depth to leave the dock area. At least we had plenty of time to do maintenance on the older boats. We hope for better conditions next year.

Hansa UK National Championships 2017

The 2017 annual championships were hosted by New Forest Sailability over three days at Spinnaker Club in west Hampshire. It is a beautiful albeit quite small lake surrounded on many sides by trees often giving very variable winds and scope for wind shadow and this weekend proved no exception. Apart from some very light drizzle before the first race, the weather was kind being warm and generally sunny and the wind held in to easily allow completion of all 8 races and gave excellent sailing conditions for much of the time.

Entries were low for the 2.3 and 303 one-person classes, with only three in each, whereas the 303 two-person had fourteen entries and the Libertys eight, however all classes saw very competitive racing.

The first day, Friday, had a reasonable breeze broadly from the North and the Race officer set a straightforward triangle course of four laps. The trickiest section proved to be the windward mark since as the racing progressed and the wind lightened and varied giving the competitors a good challenge to read the shifts and efficiently make the mark. The second race for the 303 one-person resulted in a rare protest, which was amicable resolved with good diplomatic arbitration before having to go to formal protest committee.

For the second day, the wind had veered through about 180 degrees to West of South and triangle/sausage courses were set. This introduced another dimension to the tactics and need for application of the racing rules, enjoyed by some, less so by others. With four classes on the lake at the same time with staggered starts not surprisingly the fleets met, particularly either head to head on windward and sausage downwind legs or at the leeward mark coming in both reaching and downwind. Good sport!

By the end of day two's four races there were fairly clear leaders in the 2.3 and 303 one-person classes, with it being the leaders' series to lose. The leaders of the 303 two person were in a similar position, theirs to lose, followed by a tie for second place and all to sail for on the third day. The Libertys had a tie for first place between David Durston and Pat Crowley with Tessa Watkiss close on their heels only two points behind.

After the Hansa UK AGM, over forty competitors, helpers and volunteers repaired to the Alice Lisle inn just nearby on another of the lakes for a very enjoyable Championship Dinner also attended by Ros Rogers the Commodore of Spinnaker Club and Ron and Steve Sawford from the Hansa UK management committee and trustees.

Sunday, day three, had two races remaining and conditions were similar to Saturday and by popular consent the course reverted to a triangle. The 2.3 and 303 one-person leaders consolidated their leads. Natalia Hillman, the 12 year old leader with her crew Alan in the 303 two-person, had a less good day dropping five points but still retained a comfortable four point lead having gone into the last day nine points clear. The Libertys saw changes and the potential for the final race to be a decider. Pat Crowley moved into first place as David Durston struggled a bit with the conditions and slipped back four points. Tessa Watkiss on the other hand won the first race and so closed up to be just one point behind Pat. In the final race Pat exerted control by winning the race followed by Tessa in second place.

The full results are as follows:

The 2017 UK Hansa National Championships

Hansa 2.3 Class

1 st	Hansa 2.3 class 2017 UK National Champion - Lindsay Burns	Frensham
2 nd	Rory Morrison	New Forest
3 rd	Stuart Foreman	New Forest

Hansa 303 one person Class

1 st	Hansa 303 one person class 2017 UK National Champion - Rory McKinna	Clyde Cruising
2 nd	Mike Everitt	Frensham
3 rd	Margaret Foreman	Frensham

Hansa 303 two person Class

1 st	Hansa 303 two person Class 2017 UK National Champions - Natalia Hillman and Alan Hillman			New Forest
2 nd	Chris Atkin and Peter Lawence	Hanningfield		
3 rd	Peter and Peta Etherton	Frensham		
4 th	Ian Clements and Callum	Chew Valley SC		
5 th	James Woosnam and Iona Parker	Frensham		
6 th	Tim Scaresbrick and Janet Whyte	Chesil		
7 th	Martin Hadley and Angela Cosford	New Forest		
8 th	Andy Sheath and Kate Lintott	Frensham		
9 th	Philip Hall and Dave Ankers	Chesil		
10 th	Calvin Chalk and Georgina Goddard	New Forest		
11 th	Jane Knight and Lindsey Jolliffe	New Forest		
12 th	Steve Kitson and Dave Jolliffe	New Forest		
13 th	Peter Coulson and Sarah Harrison	New Forest		
14 th	Xavier Champeau and Peter Wells	New Forest		

Hansa Liberty Class

1 st	Hansa Liberty 2017 UK National Champion - Pat Crowley	Rutland
2 nd	Tessa Watkiss	Frensham
3 rd	David Durston	Whitefriars
4 th	Chris Emmet	Rutland
5 th	Paul Phillips -	Frensham
6 th	Ric Cassell	Rutland
7 th	Diana Faulks	Rutland
8 th	Monique Foster	Rutland

The following discretionary prizes were awarded:

The Hansa **Endeavour Cup** was presented to Rory McKinna, amply supported by his mother Angela, for the huge effort in travelling all the way in their “boat box” from Ayrshire in Scotland to compete.

The Hansa **Novice Cup** was awarded to Stuart Foreman, who was competing in his first Hansa event and showed determination to sail every race, including one on his own.

New Forest presented two further discretionary prizes, to Martin Hadley and Angela Cosford to primarily celebrate Martin’s long dedication to competing in Hansa events and being the leading representative over the years of New Forest’s race team and to Sarah Harrison for competing whilst being one of our recreational sailors and not benefitting from race coaching or practice.

Report by Malcolm Bentley 17-07-2017



JAPAN HANSA CLASS EVENTS-2017 REPORT

DATE	EVENT TITLE	AUTHORITY	VENUE	HANSA CLASS
May13-14	Sailability Enosima Regatta 2017	Sailability Enosima	Enosima Yacht Harbour	2.3 S•D • 303 S•D
July 17	18th Sailability Osaka Access All Japan	Sailability Osaka	Osaka North Port Marina	2.3 D • 303 D
Aug 5-6	10th Mie hansa Class Regatta	Sailability Mie	Tu Yacht Harbour	2.3 D
Sep 10	hansa Class Doubles Match Race	Sailability Osaka	Osaka North Port Marina	2.3 D • 303 D.
Sep 21-22	12th Pumpkin Cup	Sailability Sunameri	Okayama Usimado Yacht Harbour	2.3 D • 303 D
Oct14-15	10th Hirosima Peace Cup &International hansa Regatta	Sailability Hirosima	Hirosima Kannon Marina	2.3 S • 303 S•D • LIBERTY LIBERTY (Servo) • SKUD18
Oct 23	9th Lake Town Cup	Sailability Kosigaya	Kosigaya Lake Town	2.3 D
Nov 12	9th hansa Class Regatta	Sailability Yokohama	Yokohama Bayside Marina	2.3 D
Nov 20	3th hansa Class Happy Open Race	Sailability Tokyo	Tokyo Wakasu Yacht Harbour	2.3 D

JAPAN HANSA CLASS EVENTS-2018 PLAN

DATE	EVENT TITLE	AUTHORITY	VENUE	HANSA CLASS
May	Sailability Enosima Regatta 2018	Sailability Enosima	Enosima Yacht Harbour	2.3 S・D ・ 303 S・D
July	19th Sailability Osaka Access All Japan	Sailability Osaka	Osaka North Port Marina	2.3 D ・ 303 D
Aug	11th Mie hansa class Regatta	Sailability Mie	Tu Yacht Harbour	2.3 D
Sep	13th Pumpkin Cup	Sailability Sunameri	Okayama Usimado Yacht Harbour	2.3 D ・ 303 D
Oct	2018 hansa class Worlds & International Championships in Hiroshima	Sailability Hiroshima	Hiroshima Kannon Marina	2.3 S ・ 303 S・D ・ LIBERTY LIBERTY (Servo) ・ SKUD18
Oct	10th Lake Town Cup	Sailability Kosigaya	Kosigaya Lake Town	2.3 D
Nov	10th hansa class Regatta	Sailability Yokohama	Yokohama Bayside Marina	2.3 D
Nov	4th hansa CLASS Happy Open Race	Sailability Tokyo	Tokyo Wakasu Yacht Harbour	2.3 D

New Zealand Hansa Class Association 2017 Championship report.

The 2017 New Zealand National Championship was very successful with 29 sailors entering in the 303 and Liberty classes, which were the only classes raced this year. A big thank you to Taupo Yacht club where we were well hosted. Going into the regatta the weather forecast had been a bit of a concern, with a Cyclone imminent, but it turned out to be not too bad, with most of the sailors loving the challenge of wet and wild conditions. It was a nice change to be sailing in the beautiful fresh water lake. Congratulations to this years winners.

The 2017 NZHCA National Championship results

CB Regatta

LTYC

Results are final as of 15:50 on March 12, 2017

303 boat

Sailed: 8, Discards: 1, To count: 7, Entries: 5, Scoring system: Appendix A

[illegible]

303 Double boat

Sailed: 8, Discards: 1, To count: 7, Entries: 5, Scoring system: Appendix A

[illegible]

Liberty boat																
Sailed: 8, Discards: 1, To count: 7, Entries: 14, Scoring system: Appendix A																
Rank	boat	sail	club	helm	Crew	Rating	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Total	Nett
1st	Liberty	1612	RAYC	Brendan Tourelle			2.0	1.0	(3.0)	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	12.0	9.0
2nd	Liberty	1725	Evans Bay Yacht and Motor Boat Club	Sarah Dunckley			1.0	(3.0)	1.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	17.0	14.0
3rd	Liberty	1609	Royal Akarana Yacht Club	Tim Dempsey			3.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	(4.0)	20.0	16.0
4th	Liberty	2680	Panmure Yacht Club	Edmund Fassler			6.0	4.0	(15.0 ocs)	6.0	4.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	50.0	35.0
5th	Liberty	2375	Napier Sailing Club	Dennis Heberley			4.0	(9.0)	6.0	4.0	5.0	4.0	6.0	7.0	45.0	36.0
6th	Liberty	1727	Sailability Auckland, Royal Akarana Yach	Tony Vaka			(11.0)	5.0	7.0	7.0	8.0	6.0	4.0	3.0	51.0	40.0
7th	Liberty	2501	Napier Sailing Club	Otis Horne			5.0	8.0	8.0	9.0	(10.0)	9.0	8.0	10.0	67.0	57.0
8th	Liberty	2246	Akaranga	Robert Coulter			9.0	7.0	(15.0 ocs)	15.0 DNC	6.0	8.0	7.0	6.0	73.0	58.0
9th	Liberty	1726	Titahi Bay Boating Club	Kelvin Smith			7.0	6.0	9.0	8.0	(13.0)	10.0	10.0	8.0	71.0	58.0
10th	Liberty	1611	Royal Akarana Yacht Club (Sailability Au	Jan Apel			(13.0)	13.0	5.0	10.0	7.0	7.0	9.0	9.0	73.0	60.0
11th	Liberty	1610	Royal Akarana Yacht Club	Helena Horswell			(12.0)	10.0	4.0	5.0	9.0	12.0	11.0	12.0	75.0	63.0
12th	Liberty	1703	Evans Bay Yacht Club	Alice Leslie			8.0	11.0	(15.0 DNC)	15.0 DNC	12.0	11.0	12.0	11.0	95.0	80.0
13th	Liberty	2124	Napier Sailing Club	Mackenzie Louise Kench			10.0	12.0	(15.0 dnf)	11.0	11.0	13.0	15.0 ret	13.0	100.0	85.0
14th	Liberty	2123	Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club	Annabelle Tye			(15.0 DNC)	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	120.0	105.0

2018

A warm welcome is extended to all Sailors to attend the 2018 New Zealand Hansa Class Association Championship, which will be hosted in the beautiful Bay of Islands, by The Bay of Islands Yacht Club in Waitangi on the weekend on 9th, 10th, & 11th March 2018.

https://www.facebook.com/pg/NZ-Hansa-Class-Association-256630821017678/events/?ref=page_internal

Best Regards

NZHCA President

Brendan Tourelle

Hansa 2.3 report 2017

2017 has been a good year for the 2.3 Class worldwide, with sailors from additional countries now racing.

The Asia/Pacific Championships in Geelong, Australia, were well attended, although racing was limited due to very light winds.

The Event was won by a sailor from Japan where a very large fleet of 2.3s is expected next year for the World Championships in Hiroshima. The Class is very popular across Asia with racing throughout.

In the UK, youth fleets are expanding and a new programme of Events for youth and those new to racing has begun. Traveller event numbers are reflecting the progress being made.

The Class continues to be very popular throughout Europe, especially in Portugal where there have been excellent turnouts in both Regional and National Events. The Portuguese Nationals emphasised the versatility of the 2.3 with 15 boats taking part on the sea at Cascais despite very strong winds.

In France, where there are large 2.3 fleets, a good turnout is expected at the forthcoming Europeans in Meze.

Overall it has been a very encouraging year for the 2.3 Class, with much promise for 2018.

Lindsay Burns
IHCA Hansa 2.3 Representative

IHCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017 - LIBERTY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Numbers

As usual this report starts out with the number of Liberty's sailed around the world. At this moment, there are (at least) two lists circulating with number of Liberty's. The data presented below depict both lists.

Liberty S Hansa Class Distribution Octobre 2017

Nations	Oct 2016 (list1)	Oct 2016 (list2)	new	now (list1)	now (list2)
AUS	39	35		39	35
CAN	10	10		10	10
ESP	1	1		1	1
FRA	4	4		4	4
GBR	25	24		25	24
GRE	1	1		1	1
HUN	0	3		0	3
ITA	5	2		5	2
JPN	5	6	3	8	9
MAS	5	5		5	5
MLT	1	1		1	1
NED	10	8	2	12	10
NZL	19	26		19	26
POR	3	3		3	3
SIN	2	2		2	2
USA	17	19		17	19
16 Nations	147	150	5	152	155

Although the overall numbers differ only slightly, it would be a good step to try and acquire the actual number of Liberty's for next years' meeting.

Events

Last year included more than ten national and international events around the world that were open for Liberty boats, including nationals in New Zealand, UK, Italy, the Netherlands, San Francisco USA and combined Australian and Asia Pacific Nationals. Still to be sailed this year are the Japanese Peace Cup, the European Championships in Mèze, France and the North American Championships. The Portuguese, French and Japanese Nationals regrettably were/are not open for Liberty's. It could be interesting to start monitoring the number of attending Liberty's at the events where Liberty's are welcomed.

PWS choice

The choice of the PWS to include the 2.4, the 303 and the Weta as potential boats to help reinstate sailing as a Paralympic sport was a setback for Liberty sailors, especially for those sailors depending on full servo, as none of the included boats is usable for people with four affected limbs/severe limitations. Although the efforts to reinstate sailing as Paralympic sport are very much applauded and including the 303 is to some extent understandable (for instance because of the already available numbers) as well as good news (positive to at least have one Hansa boat present in the selection), the inclusion of the Weta remains a highly questionable choice. Also the proposals/suggestions regarding the 303 that followed in the next months (applying a centre bucket chair and applying a spray screen, trying to turn it into a 'lookalike' Liberty but not quite succeeding) raised many eyebrows, to say the least. We will follow this discussion closely. In the meantime, let us

try and keep our Hansa Class events as accessible as possible, just as the Hansa class was intended to be and has been practicing around the globe for years.

Future events

We are getting well underway to the next World Championships in Hiroshima, Japan in October 2018. There were lots of questions raised with regard to the choice of this venue, especially with regard to boat shipping, transport, accessibility on site and so on, as stated in last years' report. These questions are in the process of being answered, with Chris Mitchell and various others assessing all kinds of options with regard to answering these questions. Thank you for all these efforts and we are looking forward to have a look into the options to travel to Japan. I already received questions as to how we could join hands in shipping boats. That is encouraging!

RAE applications and procedures

During the last World Championship in the Netherlands in June 2016, the procedures and application of the RAE's became a subject of discussion, as part of the whole discussion with regard to the closed nature of the class rules. Since then (and even before the Worlds) a number of RAE applications were sent in. During of the last year these were evaluated and some are still under consideration. Also, the previously used procedure have been evaluated and suggestions were done to improve it. Hopefully these suggestions will be incorporated in the RAE procedures shortly (it is under discussion in the technical committee as we speak) and the long waiting period mentioned by our sailors can hopefully be shortened.

At the beginning of this year, the IHCA committee and its tech committee received the very sad news that Richard Smallwood suddenly passed away. As one of the committee members mentioned: "he made such a difference to people with disabilities to enable them to sail and compete in the UK". He taught me personally a lot about RAEs as rookie sailor in the Hansa Class in 2014 and 2015. He is and will be greatly missed.

Facebook discussion group

Since the Worlds we have a Hansa Liberty closed discussion group on Facebook. The number of members has risen only slightly from 49 to 55. Although it is not a very busy group, it has been used a couple of times over the year:

- someone showed his design for a dodger
- a post from the UK representative about the Liberty adaptations circulating in the UK
- people asking who will join the Europeans
- issues with regard to RAE applications
- questions about information regarding the Europeans Venue in Mèze, France
- questions regarding the medical certificate needed this year for the Europeans
- people asking for likes for a specific sailing project,
- a shared item regarding the NSW Maritime Medal 2017
- and lastly, my question as Liberty representative which issues should be raised in this report.

Although the last question received some 'likes', the only answer received was a comment on approved RAE's (see for comments above). Hopefully this discussion group will be instrumental in further issues that are of interest to the Liberty sailors.

SKUD 18 Report

From Paralympic Class to ?

After Para Sailing's decision to drop the SKUD 18 as a Paralympic/potential Paralympic Class there is now no longer a viable option catering for sailors with high-level disabilities (those classified as 1's & 2's). It was a real shame to see the SKUD dropped and this group of sailors really have been done a huge disservice. Some may argue that this had to happen to get sailing back into the Paralympics, however it makes no sense to decimate the only fleet currently catering for 1's and 2's when it could have been retained along with the addition of the 303, which has certainly increased the number of nations sailing at the Para Worlds. It did not have to be one or the other. The Weta that had huge potential as a single person Paralympic Class was put up as a two person class that would cater for 1's and 2's, it has turned out that this was far too dangerous for 1's and 2's and the manufacturer has since stopped supplying fixed centerline seats. Lets hope that Para World Sailing will consult more widely in future when trying to cater for 1's and 2's. Side by side non-canting seats for 1's and 2's is not a viable option.

On a more positive note, in New Zealand we have developed a furling jib and gennaker set up which has transformed the boat making it much safer, far easier to rig and sail and as the gennaker is so much easier to deploy and retract the crew position is opened up to a much wider range of people from less experienced through to being able to cater for a much wider range of disabilities.

Looking to the future a robust discussion needs to take place to decide the future direction of the Class, new blood and fresh thinking is needed. I have only put my name forward to be Chair of the SKUD Committee as no one else did, I would however very much like to hand the baton on to someone new to take the class forward.

Tim Dempsey

AHCA 2017 report

During the 2016/7 sailing season, Hansa Class state championships were conducted in Queensland, NSW, ACT, Tasmania and Western Australia.

Victoria didn't run a State Championships as the Nationals were held there this year, and as such were to be combined. When it became apparent that no other country was hosting an Asia Pacific Championships, the Australian Nationals also became the Asia Pacific Championships at Royal Geelong Yacht Club and were sponsored by Gill.

There were reasonable fleets across all divisions - 12 x Hansa 2.3, 16 x Hansa 303 singles, 11 x Hansa 303 doubles and 12 x Liberties. The SKUDS were invited, but didn't come. Competitors ranged from 11 years to 92.

The weather was reasonably unkind, with light winds across the 3 days of competition. Sailors from Japan and Angela & Tommy from Chile made up the International competitors for the event.

The lack of attendance by overseas competitors at the Asia Pacific Championships was a great disappointment – despite many attempts to contact and encourage participation. Competitors from Singapore, Korea, Hong Kong, China, Malaysia, Philippines and Japan went to the Para World Sailing Cup in Germany and sailors from Hong Kong, Philippines and New Zealand will be at the Peace Cup in Hiroshima later this month.

The Asia Pacific region is an area that we believe needs to be a future focus for the IHCA. Currently, Japan, Australia and New Zealand are the only NHCA's in the region. There have been posts online about the disappointment that Asian sailors have experienced with the removal of sailing from two of their local intra-Asian events – ASEAN para games and the South-East Asia Games – and the perceived lack of opportunities for them to sail competitively.

With no active Class Associations in Asia, there appears to be little knowledge of Hansa events in the Oceania region for competitive sailing. We have had contact over several years with officials and some competitors in Asian countries – including Indonesia – with no success in getting them to attend events here.

The Asia Pacific Championships have been held in 2011, 2013, and 2017 – all three times in Australia. There was no event in 2015 as we didn't run one, and therefore it didn't happen. It would bode well for the future of sailing in the Asia Pacific area if NHCA's were established and an Asian host for the 2019 Asia Pacific Hansa Class Championships is cultivated and promoted ASAP.

In Australia, we continue to push for the Hansa Classes to be invited to be part of open regattas. We have been particularly successful in Victoria, with inclusion in a winter regatta in Melbourne added to the calendar this year. There are now about 6 regattas at which Hansa Classes are regularly welcomed each year throughout the State, and our State Championships are heading to regional Victoria in 2018.

The dates for Australian Championships next year are:

Victorian State Championships – January 20th & 21st – Shepparton

Australian Hansa Class Championships (combined with the NSW State Championships) – March 30th – 2nd April – Kogarah Bay, Sydney.

Other state Championships dates are TBA.

Russell Phillips

AHCA

This is the 2017 annual report of the Access Class Association of Canada (ACAC).

The ACAC:

- Maintains membership within Sail Canada, the national sport governing body;
- Provides ongoing informational and practical support to its members;
- Encourages community engagement through mobile unit initiatives;
- Notes interest in a social media forum for Canadian programs; and
- Appreciates Sail Canada's continued support of SKUD sailors on the Canadian Sailing Team <http://www.sailing.ca/announcing-the-2017-18-canadian-sailing-team-p199743>

Keith Hobbs,

Ottawa, Canada
for the ACAC



Chilean Hansa Class

Clase Hansa Chile - 2017 Report

This year we introduced the Hansa Sailboats in Chile and so far it has been a great success.

The first container with two 2.3's and six 303's, plus one donation of a 303 by Sailing 4 Everyone AUS to support the project of bringing the city of Valparaíso closer to the sea arrived on the last week of August. Many people came to check out the boats and went sailing for the first time in many cases.

On the last weekend in August we took three 303's to a regatta being held at a close by yacht club and everybody was impressed by this small and colour full boats. The Optimist children were playing in no time aboard the Hansas and the two people (crew) with disabilities that we invited were so happy telling everyone their experience and showing the rest of the small local sailing community that everyone can go and have fun in the water. One of them even got the "sailor spirit award"!

We created the first Chilean Hansa Class Club (since in Chile there is no such thing as a sport Association, only MNA'S) and so far we got 14 members and our first official training session on Tuesday the 3rd of October.

One of our first goals as a Class is going to Hiroshima next year hopefully with more than one crew to represent Chile.

Angela Herrera
CCHC Secretary

Hansa Class (UK)

Report on progress in the UK for the 2017 IHCA AGM

The Hansa Class Association (UK) has been in existence for many years running competitive events for disabled sailors and in 2015 it was decided that the way forward was to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation to enable us to raise funds to provide an even better experience for our sailors. This was achieved in February 2016 when we were granted charitable status and the name was changed to Hansa Class UK (HCUK).

A busy season of events commenced in April 2016 with a total of 13 one day TT events planned including a new Scottish TT series of 4 events. Only one event had to be cancelled during the season. There were also 2 two day GP events and a three day National event. The final event was a joint Northern and Southern TT which included the series prize giving. A total of 137 boats containing 186 sailors took part in the events during the year.

Additionally, In June, 19 sailors together with supporters and helpers attended the Hansa World Championships in the Netherlands where they achieved some very creditable results.

Due to fund raising events, donations and other general income other general income we finished the year with a comfortable balance in our accounts. Unfortunately efforts to obtain funding for a 6 boat Racing and Training Unit to provide loan boats at racing events and training events have so far been unsuccessful.

The announcement from the Para World Sailing Committee in November that the Hansa 303 is to be included as a class in future Para World Sailing Championships is great news for the Hansa Class Association and will inevitably influence our future development.

At the end of November the Association committee met for a strategic planning meeting in order to formulate a plan to cover our development over the next 4 years. A number of initiatives were put in place to cover in particular, Training, Publicity and Fund Raising. These initiatives will be fully detailed in the 4 year Strategic Plan. They will be evaluated at the end of 2017 and further developed or amended as necessary.

This year we decided to return to the National TT series format rather than running several Regional series. This is easier to manage and we will continue with this format in the future.

Scotland has its own TT series and we now have a Scottish Event Co-ordinator on the committee to arrange and oversee the events.

We have forged a good working relationship with RYA Sailability and have run our first Blue Fleet (Introduction to racing) training event in partnership with RYA Sailability who provided the coaching staff. They also provided the coaching staff at one of our 2 advanced race training days.

There have been a number of changes within HCUK during the last 2 years and good progress has been made both operationally and administratively. The future is looking good.



Hansa Class Netherlands 2017

In order to motivate sailors to go to all national races, the members have proposed to set an Annual Prize at the members' meeting, that proposal has been adopted.

This year it was about 3 races: Spring Regatta, Open Dutch Championships and Merke Regatta. Noticeable is that we have had a few more youngsters at the start of the races this year. There are even four Dutch youngsters going to the European Paralympic Youth Games in Genua (Italy).

We have 24 members in the Dutch Hansa class this year. Four of them are new members, of those 4 there are 2 under 18, we are very pleased with that.

In Zeewolde and Grou there are regular races at the club where Hansa boats participate.

We hope to attract more youth in 2018. And of course, we will ensure that existing activities are expanded. The Sailability locations are also increasingly involved in engaging sailors at their activities.

Spring Regatta in Grou (6/7 May)

We sailed with 12 Hansa boats and 112 other open boats. We started in 9 groups, the Hansa Class was the last group. We never had 12 Hansa's at this regatta, a new record: 7 Hansa Liberty's (4 Full Servo and 3 Manual) en 5 Hansa 303 Wide's (2 single and 3 doubles). KWV Frisia, the club where this regatta was held, has 3 Hansa boats itself (2 Hansa 303 Wide's and 1 Hansa Liberty Full Servo). The boats are given by the Cornelia Foundation. KWV Frisia wanted to do something special for this huge gift. That is why they started last year with the Cornelia Cup, for the best Hansa sailor at the Spring Regatta. Vera Voorbach won the Cornelia Cup last year and also this year.

Training weekend in Zeewolde (20/21 of May)

WV Zeewolde has organized a training weekend in cooperation with Sailability Netherlands and the Dutch Hansa Class. The Saturday was also the open day of the club. In addition, the club's Hansa Liberty was also baptized on that day. The club received the Liberty in loan from Sailability Netherlands.

This club is the first race sailing club that is supported by Sailability Netherlands. The club has now the honor to be Hansa Regatta Center. Of course, more clubs can get this title.

The baptized boat took immediately part in the weekend. This training weekend is organized to make new race sailors familiar with the racing rules of sailing. There were 9 sailors over the weekend: 4 Hansa 303 Wide Singles and 5 Hansa Liberty's (of which 2 Full Servo). Two of these 9 were young people and had only sailed a few times before. The other 7 were reasonable to very well-practiced race sailors. We trained in 2 groups so that everyone could sail on her/his own level.

Merke Regatta in Grou (10/11 September)

There were 73 boats this time in Grou, 13 Hansa boats: Hansa Liberty 8 (4 Full Servo and 4 Manual) and 5 Hansa 303's Wide (all doubles). This time the Hansa Liberty's Hansa 303 Wide's had a separate start.

Calender 2018 *(until now, in the Netherlands is everyone still going with the 2017 season. In October/November we know more)*

- Regatta weekend
- Spring Regatta – Cornelia Cup in Grou
- Open Dutch Championships Hansa Class
- Merke Regatta in Grou (second weekend of September)

This is still subject to change and a few regatta's come but we still have to discuss.

2017 NZHCA Presidents Report

2016-17 year has been one of steady growth for the NZHCA. The number of sailors becoming members and attending the National Championship in Taupo is slightly up on last years numbers which is pleasing to see. I think this can be put down to a number of reasons, The fact that the national Championship was held in a central area, and sailed only over two days. However this comes with it's own risks, mostly caused by the weather. If the weather were to cause a day of racing to be canceled we would be at great risk of not getting a Championship series completed. To avoid this I think it is well worth going back to a 3-day competition, even if we lose a few sailors by doing so. With a little forward planning, most people should be able to organise holiday leave to attend.

New Zealand Hansa Class's lone boats have now grown to 1 x 2.3, 3 x 303's and 1 x full servo Liberty, and are currently helping to establish sailing programs in Dunedin, Tauranga and The Bay Of Islands.

We had a little bit of a hiccup organising the 2018 National Champs, we did publicly announce that it would be hosted by the Tauranga Yacht Club, but soon after they got cold-feet, lucky this year we had plenty of back up hosts to pick from and as we like to encourage new clubs to host our epic Nationals we went with The beautiful Bay of Islands Yacht Club. I for one are really looking forward to sailing in the sub tropical waters of Bay of Islands.

Kind Regards NZHCA President

Brendan Tourelle



August 30, 2017

IHCA 2016-2017 Financial Report

At June 2017 IHCA has shown an annual surplus of \$1,173.43 with equity of \$24,119.70.

Notes:

1. Would all NHCA's please complete the attached Member Association Update form and return to the Treasurer at jackie@hansasailing.com asap. Once the forms have been received, sail levy payments will be paid to NHCA's who are due.
2. For 2017-2018, the Treasurer requests for an increase of the annual membership NHCA fee from AUD35 to AUD40. This is the first increase since incorporation in 2005.
3. No report for Aged Payables is attached as all levies for 14-15 were paid to NHCA's and there is nothing to report.
4. IHCA has requested bank details of NHCA's of USA and Switzerland so sail levy payments can be made.

As of 30/6/2016 the bank balance was \$22,914.97. This amount includes \$7,120 payment for 2016-2017 sail levies from Hansa Sailing Systems transferred to IHCA prior to 30th June, 2017.

For the 16/17 financial year Hansa Sailing Systems has again donated class administration support.

Please see attached reports.

Attachments

- June 2017 Balance Sheet
- 2016-2017 Profit and Loss
- 2016-2017 Bank Statements
- June 2017 Creditors
- June 2017 Debtors
- 2016-2017 Levies and Summary (NHCA Breakdown)

Jackie Kay, Treasurer

Balance Sheet

As of June 2017

ABN: 84 539 065 473

Email: accounts@hansasailing.com

Assets		
NAB Chq Account # 9410		\$23,041.97
Trade Debtors		\$972.50
Total Assets		\$24,014.47
Liabilities		
GST Liabilities		
GST Control Account	-\$105.23	
Total GST Liabilities		-\$105.23
Total Liabilities		-\$105.23
Net Assets		\$24,119.70
Equity		
Retained Earnings		\$22,946.27
Current Earnings		\$1,173.43
Total Equity		\$24,119.70

This report includes Year-End Adjustments.

Profit & Loss [Cash]

July 2016 To June 2017

ABN: 84 539 065 473

Email: accounts@hansasailing.com

Income		
2.3 303 Liberty sail levies	\$7,120.00	
Total Income		\$7,120.00
Total Cost Of Sales		\$0.00
Gross Profit		\$7,120.00
Expenses		
Bank fees	\$25.46	
Email Hosting Fee	\$82.28	
Fees	\$228.87	
Class Affiliation Fees		
Class Administrations Fees	\$1,043.55	
Total Class Affiliation Fees	\$1,043.55	
Public Liability	\$828.30	
Trophys	\$856.34	
Sail Levy Contribution	\$2,881.77	
Total Expenses		\$5,946.57
Operating Profit		\$1,173.43
Total Other Income		\$0.00
Total Other Expenses		\$0.00
Net Profit/(Loss)		\$1,173.43

This report includes Year-End Adjustments.

**NAB Community Fee Saver****Account**

For further information call the
Business Servicing Team on 13 10 12

Account Balance Summary

Opening balance	\$16,851.07	Cr
Total credits	\$7,120.00	
Total debits	\$1,063.58	
Closing balance	\$22,907.49	Cr

Statement starts 13 April 2017**Statement ends 12 July 2017**

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Dandenong South
Ordish Road, Dandenong South VIC 3175

Account Details

INTERNATIONAL HANSA CLASS ASSOCIATION INC
GENERAL ACCOUNT

BSB number 083-221
Account number 79-197-9410

Transaction Details

Date	Particulars	Debits	Credits	Balance
13 Apr 2017	Brought forward			16,851.07 Cr
27 Apr 2017	Internet Transfer trophies			
	Ahca - trophies	856.34		15,994.73 Cr
3 May 2017	Internet Bpay Web Central Pty Ltd			
	694105396.....	7.48		15,987.25 Cr
29 May 2017	Internet Transfer 16-17 Wordpress su	129.00		15,858.25 Cr
5 Jun 2017	Internet Bpay Web Central Pty Ltd			
	694105396.....	7.48		15,850.77 Cr
7 Jun 2017	Internet Transfer Ihca annual statem	55.80		15,794.97 Cr
21 Jun 2017	16-17 sail lev 1 Hansa Sailing Sy			
	106600.....		6,640.00	22,434.97 Cr
27 Jun 2017	bal 16-17 sail lev Hansa Sailing Sy			
	106600.....		480.00	22,914.97 Cr
3 Jul 2017	Internet Bpay Web Central Pty Ltd			
	694105396.....	7.48		22,907.49 Cr

Summary of Government Charges

	From 1 July to date	Last year to 30 June
Government		
Withholding tax	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bank Account Debit (BAD) tax	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bank Accounts Debits (BAD) Tax or State Debits Duty has been abolished for all states & territories effective 1/7/2005. Any amount shown on this statement applies to debits processed on or before 30/06/2005.		
For further information on any applicable rebates, fees or government charges, please refer to the NAB's "A Guide to Fees & Charges" booklet. Please retain this statement for taxation purposes		

Explanatory Notes

Please check all entries and report any apparent error or possible unauthorised transaction immediately.

We may subsequently adjust debits and credits, which may result in a change to your account balance to accurately reflect the obligations between us.

For information on resolving problems or disputes, contact us on 1800 152 015, or ask at any NAB branch.

Supplier Payments

July 2016 To June 2017

ABN: 84 539 065 473

Email: accounts@hansasailing.com

Recipient	Address 1	Supplier Tax ID	Amount Paid
Australian Hansa Class Association			\$856.34
Consumer Affairs Victoria			\$111.60
Deft Insurance			\$828.30
NAB Bank Fees			\$25.46
NACA - AUS			\$597.50
NACA - FRA			\$567.00
NACA - GBR			\$644.50
NACA - ITA			\$391.50
NACA - JPN			\$227.00
NACA - NED			\$189.50
NACA - NZL			\$282.00
Web Central Pty Limited			\$89.76
Wordpress			\$129.00
World Sailing			\$1,043.55

Sales & Receivables Journal

1/07/2016 To 30/06/2017

ABN: 84 539 065 473

Email: accounts@hansasailing.com

ID No.	Account No.	Account Name	Debit	Credit	Job No.
SJ	21/06/2017	Sale; Hansa Sailing Systems			
00000119	1-2000	Trade Debtors	\$6,640.00		
00000119	4-4112	2.3 303 Liberty sail levies		\$6,640.00	
SJ	21/06/2017	Sale; Hansa Sailing Systems			
00000120	1-2000	Trade Debtors	\$480.00		
00000120	4-4112	2.3 303 Liberty sail levies		\$480.00	
Grand Total:			\$7,120.00	\$7,120.00	

Period: July 2016 - 30th June 2017[illegible]