

Inclusive Classes Regatta

Incorporating the:

2024 NSW Hansa Class Championships

2024 NSW 2.4mR Class Championships

2024 NSW Para Sailing Championships

29 March – 1 April 2024

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Middle Harbour Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

AMENDED 29 MARCH 2024

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the NoR or Sailing Instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (Special Regulations) Part 2.
- 1.2 The relevant class rules will apply.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix T will apply.
- 1.4 Racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - a) Rule 44.1 is changed as follows: Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
 - b) Rule 61.1(a) Informing the Protested is changed: The hail of 'Protest' is not required but should be made where possible.
 - c) Rule 63.3(a) Protest Hearing is changed: "a boat representative at a protest hearing need not have been on board at the time of the incident".
 - d) Rule 41 Outside Help: (Radio or General assistance). When electronic or verbal instructions are used to assist sailors, assistance shall be limited to safety and direction.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the [Regatta Webpage](#) and may be posted on the noticeboard located at MHYC.



3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 Competitors may be advised of a change to the sailing instructions via email or text.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the start box flagstaff on the north-eastern corner of MHYC.
- 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

- 5.1 The Regatta Schedule is as follows:

Friday, 29 March 2024	1000-1600	Registration
	1000-1600	Para Classification (Commodore's Room)
	1100-1600	Training
	1600	Competitor Briefing (Harbourview)
Saturday, 30 March 2024	1100-1330	Fleet A Racing - 2.4mR & Hansa 303-2P
	1330-1600	Fleet B Racing - Liberty & Hansa 303-1P
Sunday, 31 March 2024	1100-1330	Fleet B Racing - Liberty & Hansa 303-1P
	1330-1600	Fleet A Racing - 2.4mR & Hansa 303-2P
	After Racing	Inclusive Sailing Forum (Harbourview)
Monday, 1 April 2024	1100-1300	Fleet A Racing - 2.4mR & Hansa 303-2P
	1300-1500	Fleet B Racing - Liberty & Hansa 303-1P
	1600 approx.	Prizegiving (Harbourview)

- 5.2 A maximum of 9 races may be sailed in any class.
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on each day is 1055hrs.
- 5.4 To alert boats that a 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.
- 5.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500hrs.

6 CLASS FLAGS

The Class flags will be as follows:

International 2.4mR – Blue 2.4mR Insignia on a White background
Hansa Liberty – White Liberty Insignia on a Purple background
Hansa 303 One Person – Red Hansa 303 Insignia on a White background
Hansa 303 Two Person – White Hansa 303 Insignia on a Red background

7 RACING AREAS

Attachment A shows the approximate location of racing areas.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagram in Attachment B shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks are described in Attachment B.
9.2 A race committee vessel signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in SI 12.2.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 Boats shall pass on the safe water side of the Gowlland Bombora (Dobroyd) Cardinal Marks. The area bounded by imaginary lines projected from the shore joining the West, South and East Cardinal Marks surrounding Gowlland Bombora is a prohibited area.
10.2 For the purpose of RRS 19 and 20, all Cardinal Marks surrounding the Gowlland Bombora and all imaginary straight lines projected between such marks, shall be deemed obstructions.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [DP]
11.4 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
12.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee vessel signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 Refer to Sailing Instruction 1.4.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1	Race Time Limit	60 mins
	Windward Mark (1 / 1A) Time Limit	20 mins
	Target Time	30 mins
	Finish Window	10 mins

15.2 If no boat has passed the Windward Mark within the Windward Mark time limit, the race will be abandoned for that division. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15.3 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat in that division sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office located at MHYC Reception. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 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.

16.3 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 MHYC, beginning at the time posted.

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

16.5 Breaches of SIs 11.3, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27 and 28 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

16.6 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. This changes RRS 62.2.

17 ARBITRATION

17.1 For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of RRS Part 2, a short arbitration hearing may be held prior to a protest hearing. This changes Part 5, Section B.

17.2 Arbitration will be conducted in accordance with RRS Appendix T.

18 SCORING

18.1 RRS Appendix A5.3 will apply.

18.2 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

18.3 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

18.4 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 Boats intending to race shall report to the committee vessel prior to their first warning signal, on starboard tack, to confirm their intention to race. Boats that cannot be identified may be scored 'DNC'. [DP]

19.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP]

19.3 All support boats shall monitor the race management channel VHF 72. [DP]

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

20.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. [DP]

20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. [DP]

- 21 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 any at the discretion of the race committee.
- 22 EVENT ADVERTISING**
Boats may be required to display event advertising supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]
- 23 SUPPORT BOATS**
Support boats shall remain 100m clear of all competing boats while racing unless authorised by the race committee. [DP]
- 24 RUBBISH DISPOSAL**
Rubbish shall not be placed in the water but may be placed aboard support or official boats.
- 25 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**
International 2.4mR and Liberty class boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with permission of the race committee. [DP]
- 26 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**
Not applicable.
- 27 RADIO COMMUNICATION**
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. [DP]
- 28 PRIZES**
- 28.1 The following prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd placed entrants subject to six series entries being received:
- Hansa 303 One-Person
 - Hansa 303 One-Person NSW Championship
 - Hansa 303 One-Person NSW Para Sailing Championship
 - Hansa 303 Two Person
 - Hansa 303 Two Person NSW Championship
 - Hansa 303 Two Person NSW Para Sailing Championship
 - Hansa Liberty
 - Hansa Liberty NSW Championship
 - Hansa Liberty NSW Para Sailing Championship
 - International 2.4mR
 - 2.4mR NSW Championship
 - 2.4mR NSW Para Sailing Championship
- 28.2 Perpetual Trophies may be awarded by the National Class Associations.
- 28.3 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority

29 MEDIA RIGHTS

Participants automatically grant to the Organising Authority and the series sponsors of the Event, the right in perpetuity to make use and show from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped, video or film television and other reproductions of them during the period in which they participate, and in all material related to the series without compensation.

30 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing 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.

31 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10 Million per incident or the equivalent.

FURTHER INFORMATION

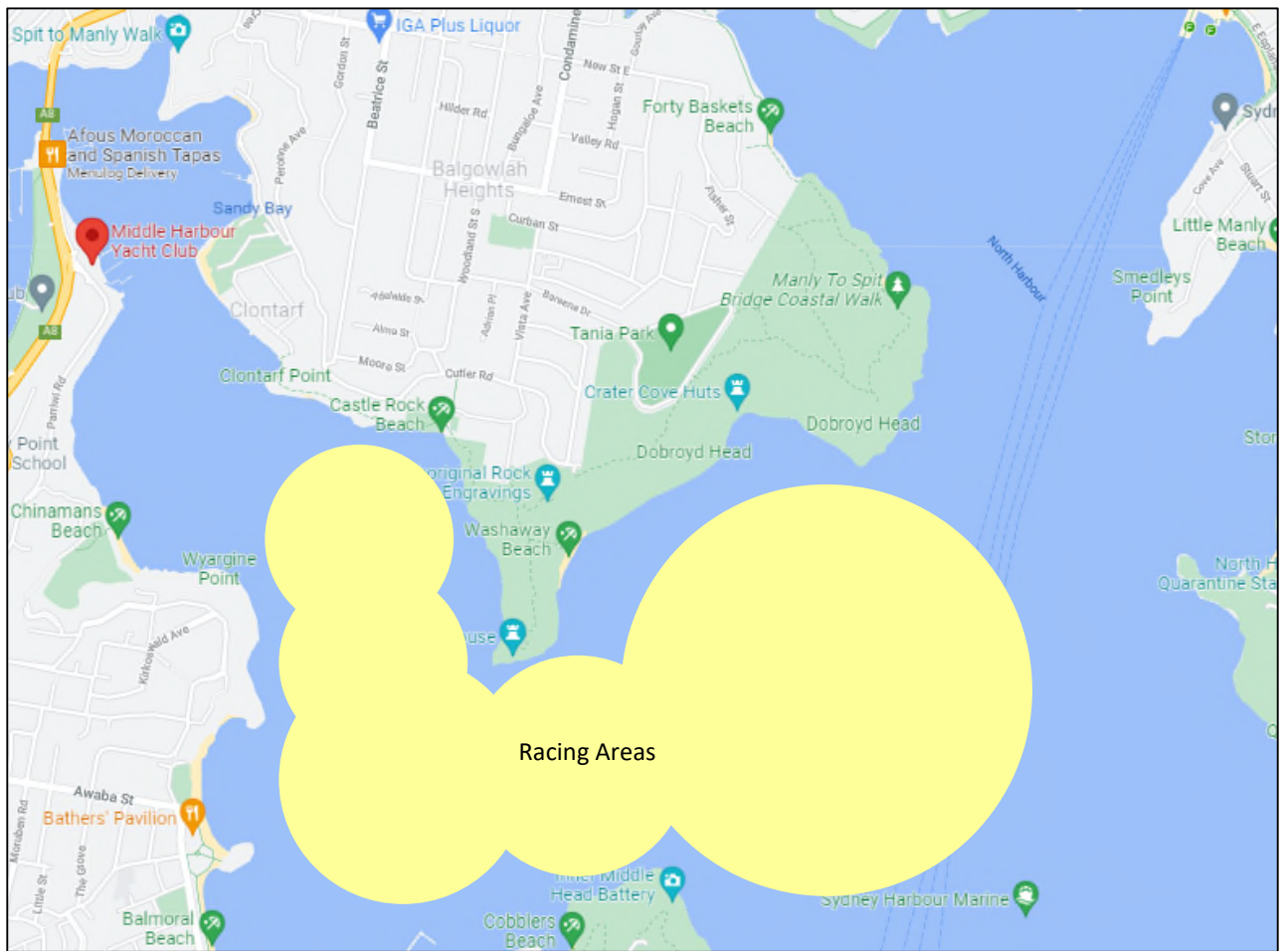
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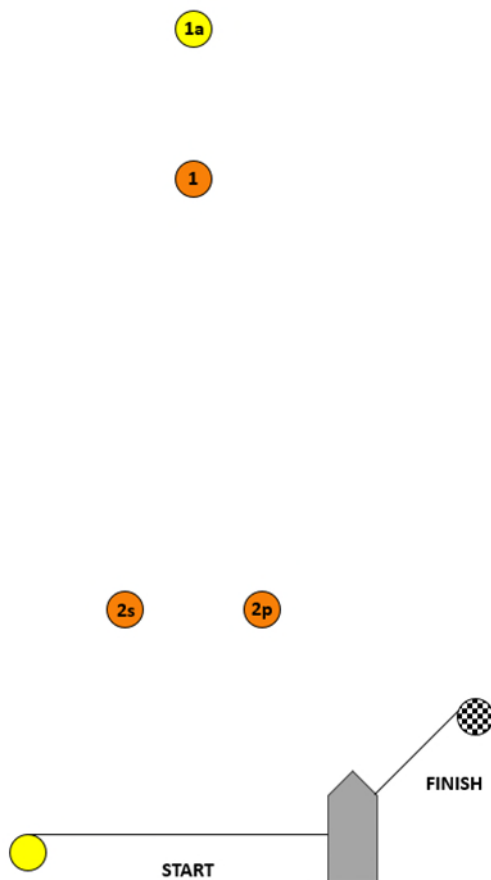
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Attachment A – Approximate Racing Areas



Attachment B – Courses



COURSE MARKS	MARK DESCRIPTIONS
Start Mark	Yellow Inflatable Buoy
Finish Mark	Inflatable Buoy with Black & White Chequered Band
Hansa 303 Windward Mark 1	Orange Inflatable Buoy
2.4mR & Liberty Windward Mark 1a	Yellow Inflatable Buoy
Gates 2S & 2P	Orange Inflatable Buoys – Note that if only one Gate Mark is laid, all boats shall pass that Mark to Port
Windward Mark 1 Change Mark	Orange Inflatable Buoy with Black Band
Windward Mark 1a Change Mark	Yellow Inflatable Buoy with Black Band

COURSE SIGNAL	COURSE
2.4mR & Liberty Classes	
Course 2	Start –1a – Gate 2p/2s – 1a – 2p - Finish
Course 3	Start –1a – Gate 2p/2s - 1a – Gate 2p/2s – 1a – 2p - Finish
Hansa 303 One Person & Two Person Classes	
Course 2	Start –1 – Gate 2p/2s – 1 – 2p - Finish
Course 3	Start –1 – Gate 2p/2s - 1 – Gate 2p/2s – 1 – 2p - Finish