



2023 Australian Hansa Class Association

2023 Annual General Meeting

Agenda

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2023 @ 5.30pm

Wynyard Yacht Club, Tasmania

1. Welcome
2. Attendance and apologies
3. Minutes – to confirm the minutes of the 2022 AGM held on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at Adelaide Sailing Club
4. President's Report
5. Secretary/ Treasurers Report
  - a. Financial report 2022
  - b. Subscription fees 2023/4
6. Championships report
  - a. State and Territory Championships
  - b. Rotational schedule of future Nationals Championships
  - c. Confirmation of any 2024 State Championships
  - d. 2024 National Championships/ Asia Pacific Championships
  - e. 2023 World Championships – Portimao
  - f. 2025 World Championships
7. Executive reports, covering
  - a. Rules and Technical report
  - b. Development report
8. Election of Committee members
  - a. President
  - b. Secretary/Treasurer
  - c. Vice President – Championships
  - d. State/ Territory Representatives (2 per state)
9. General Business



## 2022 Annual General Meeting

### Agenda

5.00pm Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Adelaide Sailing Club

Meeting opened at 5.00pm

**Attendees** - 32 people from ACT, Victoria, NSW, Tasmania, SA, Queensland and WA attended. Shauna Phillips and David Staley attended via zoom.

Apologies - Nil

**Welcome** - President John Sanderson welcomed sailors, their friends and family to the Australian Hansa Class National Championships 2022 incorporating the SA Hansa Class Championships.

**Minutes** – a copy of the minutes of the AHCA AGM held at Canberra Yacht Club on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April was supplied to the attendees.

**President's report** – John read out his report, a written copy of which was supplied to attendees.

**Secretary / Treasurer's report** – Shauna spoke on her report, a written copy was supplied to attendees advising that the membership remain the same, AHCA has a healthy bank account and since travel has now opened up and Asia Pacific Championships will be in Japan October this year. If anybody knows a friendly transport company please let her know.

### Reports covering –

- a. Reports from SA, Tasmania and Victoria were supplied
- b. Rotation schedule of future Nationals was supplied
- c. Confirmation of 2023 Victorian States; Ballarat Yacht Club early October. Alison also talked about 2.3 Nationals (?) in Victoria 2022.
- d. Chris Symonds did a presentation on 2023 Nationals in Wynyard Yacht Club 7<sup>th</sup> – 10 April
- e. Terry Peek talked about the 2022 Asia Pacific Hansa Championships will be held in Hiroshima, Japan 18<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> October. David Staley said that this event will also include World Para Sailing Championships with sailor classification.
- f. Bob Schahinger - 2023 World Championships will be held in Portimao, Portugal October 2023, entries are open on the IHCA website.
- g. Bob Schahinger - 2025 World Championships may be held in New Zealand, to be confirmed.
- h. David Staley via zoom presented "World Sailing bid to reinstate sailing into LA28 Paralympic Games" and "How to support #BacktheBid". The two booklets were available to sailors and supporters.

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- i. Rules and Technical report – Bob Schahinger. Liberty rules were ratified by World Sailing, last year and came into force 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021. They were updated and re-written in a format that is preferred by WS in line with the Equipment Rules of Sailing. Currently 2.3 and 303 rules have been similarly revised and re-written and are being reviewed by WS. Hopefully they will be ratified by mid-2022.

Motion; that these reports be accepted; Moved John Sanderson. Seconded Lachlan Clear

Election of Committee of Management, Terry Peek was invited to take the Chair

President – John Sanderson Proposed John Garbutt; seconded Lachlan Clear

Secretary – Shauna Phillips

Vice President Championships – Chris Symonds

Vice President – Development – instead of one person taking this position it was discussed that state representatives would send information about development in their state to Shauna to put on the website and Facebook.

#### State and Territory representatives

ACT – Terry and Allister Peek

NSW – Jason Elwes and Sarah Plunkett

QLD – Neil Rowsthorn and Chris Ruston

SA – Deirdre Schahinger

TAS – Chris Symonds and Ela Klinger

WA – Tracy Odiam and Susette Evans

#### General business

- Lachlan Clear through an Auslan interpreter thanked John Sanderson for supporting deaf people to go sailing at Dobroyd Aquatic Club and Lachlan has contacted deaf people in Japan and encouraged them to go sailing.
- Chris Symonds explained the need to have Hansa Class yardsticks added to Australian Sailing and Victorian yardsticks for mixed fleet racing. AS and VYC are calling the class Access which changed many years ago. Chris believes the Liberty figure is way out and the 303 doubles do not have a yardstick at all. The AHCA members present agreed for Chris to rectify the Hansa Class yardsticks with AS.
- Terry Peek talked about the Virtus Oceania Asia Games for sailors with an intellectual disability in Brisbane 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

Meeting closed at 6.30pm

Signed: - .....

President John Sanderson

Date:

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## **Hansa Presidents report 2023**

Welcome all, I trust you are having a fun and eventful championship here in Wynyard. Thank you to Chris, Ela, Shauna and their team for their spectacular organisation.

I would like to thank Deidre, Bob and others for running a wonderful National Titles in Adelaide last Easter. Congratulations to the various national champions.

A team of our Australian sailors competed in Hiroshima Japan in the Asia Pacific Hansa Championships. Including; Chris Symonds, Manuela Klinger, Alison Weatherly, Alister Peek, Patrick McMaster, Bob Schahinger, Russell Phillips, Stacy Ford, Alice Anderson and Lachlan Clear. The last three are deaf sailors, one indigenous.

Last November David Staley ran and co-ordinated the World Sailing Virtus regatta in Southport for sailors with a cognitive impairment. One of the inclusive events that was hoping to assist in the Back The Bid campaign for LA.

Terry Peek ran a fun 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Regatta in the ACT.

Congratulations to all the sailors in their respective State and Para Championships.

Later this year in Oct 2023 the Hansa World Championships will be conducted in Portimao Portugal, hopefully I will see a few of you there.

Before this there is the 2023 Allianz Sailing World Championships featuring Para Sailing at the Hague.

Hansa Sailing features again in this coming Monday's ABC Australian Story. Mick O'Dowd, a quad amputee, who is sailing both servo 303 and a Liberty. This is a recap on a prior episode. Remember Chris Symonds has featured previously.

## Secretary/ Treasurers Report

Great to see events getting more back to normal in the year 2022.

Last year, there was a Victorian, NSW and Tasmanian Hansa Class Championships along with the States/ Nationals in Adelaide at Easter.

As mentioned in several State reports, Hansa boats are being included in more open fleet divisions by mainstream clubs, which is great to see.

2022 also saw a SKUD 18 Championships in Sydney, with 7 boats taking part. An event for sailors with intellectual disabilities was held in Queensland through VIRTUS, however issues and costs for registering made it a small, yet very successful event.

Sail Melbourne in January is now regularly featuring Hansa 303, Liberties and SKUD18's as some of their invited classes. This is a world class regatta and sailors are encouraged to attend in order that the Hansa Classes continue to be invited!

Membership in the AHCA has suffered in the last few COVID years, but we were slowly seeing returning and new members over the last 2 years. With some State events not being held there is naturally a drop in membership in those states into 2023. Membership currently at 85.

The AHCA bank account on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 had \$37,514.30 and ended the year with \$40,711.58. With entries for the 2023 Nationals opening on December 12<sup>th</sup>, some of the entry fees from this year will be reconciled in 2023's financial statement.

Regatta fees and regatta expenses outstripped monies received (even including the 2023 fees) and, alongside refunds for sailors unable to travel to events saw the AHCA show a small loss for the year of \$102.72. However we are still in an excellent financial position.

Anyone planning to travel to the Worlds in Portimao will need to be a current financial member of the AHCA – I can provide proof, which will be required at registration.

We, alongside sailors of the world, were clearly disappointed with the decision to not include sailing in the Paralympics and we thank those within our Class and others around the World who tried to make that happen. That said, the Hansa Class is the gold standard for inclusion. You only have to look at this Nationals, where we have people from around the country, old, young, male, female, disabled and able bodied all just sailing. Regardless of the Paralympic decision, the Hansa fleets had their profiles raised in the last few years, and with growth in other countries – as well as our own – we should see the Class grow and thrive into the future.

Finally, it would be remiss to not acknowledge the passing in August last year of the legendary Barry Coates.

Thanks to Chris, Ella and Wynyard Yacht Club for hosting our Nationals in 2023.

Shauna Phillips

Secretary/ Treasurer

AHCA

# Income Statement 2022

Name  
Time Period

Australian Hansa Class Association  
January 1st, 2022 - December 31st, 2022

## Revenue

Membership Fees	\$2,765.00	
Regatta Fees	\$9,335.00	
Other Income (Sail Levy/ Insurance)	\$1,411.40	
Refund	\$906.75	
<b>Revenue</b>		<b>\$14,418.15</b>

## Expendiure

Insurance	\$1,702.80	
Regatta Expenses (trophies etc.)	\$7,325.72	
Regatta Payments to Clubs	\$4,465.00	
Refunds	\$1,027.35	
<b>Expenses</b>		<b>\$14,520.87</b>
<b>Gross Profit (Loss)</b>		<b>-\$102.72</b>

## 2022-23 Report to the Hansa Class Association

Allister C Peek  
Canberra Yacht Club

We have a small fleet of Hansa boats at Canberra Yacht Club (CYC) with sailing on Sunday mornings and racing with a mixed fleet as a separate Hansa division.

We have not held a Hansa Dinghy Championship in the ACT for some time due to Covid and other reasons only 4 boat part in Dinghy Championship in November 12 and 13 2022. We hold this Regatta as a part of the next ACT Dinghy Championship run by the CYC or the YMCA Sailing Club. The next Championship will be hold on November 2023 or 2024 in Dinghy Championship with an open class for Liberty, 303S and 303DD and 2.3S and 2.3DD .

We held a 'birthday bash' celebration in December 2022 for Sailability's 25 years of operation. Some 20 boats from clubs around NSW and Qld raced. It was fun see old friends and new. See you at the next 'birthday bash'.

We will hold the Friendship Cup in 2024 with sailors from around Australia and another 50 from Japan.

I hope we will get more new members to join in 2023/2024 for the ACT Hansa Class. We will see you at the next regatta.

Note;

Firstly, on behalf of all the NSW Hansa sailing members family & friends at home, or abroad, we wish all AHCA members & supporters a great regatta & fair winds. Well done, Wynyard.

All NSW sailors competing in the Tasmania nationals need a big shout of congratulations for entering & traveling to the event. Get off the line & show all other competitors your exhaust.

**2022/23 NSW Hansa Class Report.**

We start by thanking Sailability Port Stephens for incorporating the NSW Hansa States within their clubs open event in late March. It was open to 2.3's & 303's only due to water levels at this club. There was very low winds with very high temperatures which really tested everyone but a minimum of three races were run & won in the 303 singles/ doubles & this eventually completed a series. Even though this was a small regatta there was some renewed & new interest shown to Hansa sailing.

The NSW liberty fleet have had some much needed upgrades so hopefully later in this year a NSW Hansa regatta may be held for these Liberty's as well as Skud 18's in the same waters. Still to be confirmed so news to come.

Hansa boats used almost exclusively by the sailability branches in NSW are being increasingly incorporated within mainstream events by Yacht Clubs/Sailing clubs & recognised by Australia Sailing more & more. This is a Slow process but positive thanks to the inclusion push. Some examples would be at Manly were a couple of events have happened together including a She Sails event . Dobroyd are regularly included with in mainstream events & also having a positive Deaf Sailing program running with racing in mind. Batemans bay are recognised by the mainstream & included regularly in there Easter regatta, which shows some brilliant viewing.

Sailability branches throughout NSW have/are being included in local events more widely which I can only see as positive news for Hansa Class sailing as a whole.

Thanks, Jason Elwes.



We had hoped to spark some interest in racing with the other Sailability groups at the annual conference last year but although there is a couple of groups running small programs there was no interest in hosting any events.

Southport hosted the inaugural Virtus Para world Sailing Championships for athletes with an intellectual impairment. Problems with eligibility requirements kept numbers low but sailors from Australia New Zealand and America competed in 303 singles and doubles in blustery conditions. The last day saw all boats reefed with gust of 25kts during races but all boats managing to finish the courses, full credit to the tenacity of the sailors.

There is plenty of support from Sailability Gold Coast and Southport Yacht Club to host the 2024 Hansa nationals combined with the 2024 Asia pacific championships during the last week in August 2024.

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> for the 2.3, 303 & Liberty's and the Skuds Friday to Sunday. I would hope that the expression of interest will be submitted within the next couple of days.

As a bit of a trial run, we are going to hold the 2023 Queensland championships this year on the 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> September for the 303s, doubles and liberty's.

Sailability GC sail their 2 Paine keel boats in the Inshore division at Hollywell as do the QPSA Skuds, several 303s are now racing in the off the beach division.

Thursday has been run as in informal training and race day, this will be more structured and a race series will begin after Easter.

The Queensland Para Sailing academy currently has 4 sailors sailing the Skuds regularly in the inshore division of Southport YC. Training for another skipper is commencing next week with hopes of him joining the fleet for the winter racing, leaving one boat available for another participant. Talks are being held with the New Zealand Skud team to host a cross Tasman cup, they also have 6 Skuds so the idea is for Australia to send our best 3 over to race and their best to then come over here.

Neil

# Victorian Hansa Sailing National AGM Report.

## 2022-2023 Season

After winning our 5<sup>th</sup> Teams Trophy in a row, Victoria maintained momentum through the busiest winter/summer we have had in a while.

Docklands hosted 4 Winter Coaching Clinics with Mark Teasdale offering coaching both on and off water with some fun drills and lots of information shared and tested. Louis Patterson ran a short course series in the afternoon which created more fun. We had ~10 boats and several new faces at the clinics, two of which were interested in states but couldn't attend due to schedule clashes. The clinics were supported by Sailability Victoria who offset the boat charter fees and other costs. We are hoping to grow this program now that Sailability programs are running again.

Ballaarat Yacht Club ran another great state championship in very hot sunny weather and very little wind creating challenges for race management and sailors alike. Mark Teasdale ran his coaching clinic on Friday with the sailing delayed by too much breeze and a rules session favoured in the air-conditioned member's bar. Mark provided additional on water coaching on the Saturday. There were entries 18 in total – one more than 2022, 7 x 303 single, 3 x 303 double, 8 x Liberty – including 3 sailors from NSW, one from Tas and one from SA. For the second time in its 24-year history, the Victorian Championships did not have any 2.3 entries. 2.3 and 303 doubles are fleets to develop in 2023-2024 through the clinics.

The Hansa sailors of Victoria really appreciate the time and effort put in by Mark Teasdale that allows us to grow and develop as a fleet. Also thank you to Docklands and Ballarat for hosting our events this season and to Sailability Vic for the funding that has assisted with clinics and paid for 2/3 trailers to get to Tassie.

### **Congratulations to our newest State Champions and award winners;**

- Liberty – Charlie Weatherly BaYC
- 303 D – Stephen Griffiths and Christine Elliot BYC
- 303 S – Ali Weatherly BaYC
- Brian Girling Encouragement Shield – Mark Thorpe and Paul
- Most Improved – Lachlan Clear Dobroyd – please come again next year!
- David Staley Legends Award for the Best Sailor 65 and Over – Charlie Weatherly
- Dr Alan Rose Award for Encouraging Clubs – Ballaarat Yacht Club.
- Ladies Shield – retired.

Full results are listed in table, below.

### **Moving forward;**

Plans are being made to visit 4 Victorian Sailability branches throughout the year to try to introduce ourselves and the class more broadly. We are hoping this helps break down some misconceptions and make the gap from Sailability to Hansa Sailing easier to bridge. More information to be announced shortly. An encouraging sign that the class will continue to grow. Louis is planning another Winter Short Course Series at Docklands Yacht Club and plans afoot for a 2.3 only event to celebrate 25 years of Hansa racing in Victoria as well as the 25<sup>th</sup> State Championships – venues to be confirmed.

The Victorian Hansa Sailing Facebook page continues to grow with 78 members – not just Victorians. The state rep email [hansasailingvic@gmail.com](mailto:hansasailingvic@gmail.com) centralises all contact and allows both reps access which streamlines communication which is working well.

Div	Skipper name	Crew Name	Sail#	Boat Name	Club	Race Number						Total	Overall result
						1	2	3	4	5	6		
303S	Alison Weatherly		788	Mercedes	BaYC/RGYC	1	2	1	4	ABN	NS	8	1
303S	Stephen Griffiths		210	Green Machine	DYC	2	3	2	1	ABN	NS	8	2
303S	Bruce James		1124	Hazelwood	LWYC	3	1	3	2	ABN	NS	9	3
303S	Susan Hextell		3467	Catwalk	BBSC	4	4	4	6	ABN	NS	18	4
303S	Christine Elliot		1812	Harry	DYC	6	7	5	3	ABN	NS	21	5
303S	Louis Patterson		222	222	DYC	5	5	6	7	ABN	NS	23	6
303S	Michael Katzakis		2421	Bert	Sail Dob	7	6	7	5	ABN	NS	25	7
303D	Stephen Griffiths	Christine Elliot	210	Green Machine	DYC	2	-3	1	1	1	1	6	1
303D	Sarah Millsom	Craig Millsom	789	Chip	LWYC	1	1	-2	2	2	2	8	2
303D	Mark Thorpe	Paul Glenton	2255	Topmark	LWYC	3	2	3	-4	4	4	16	3
L	Charles Weatherly		2763	Moo	BaYC	1	-6	1	1	1	1	5	1
L	Sean Hogan		2764	DiDi	RBYC	-4	1	4	3	3	4	15	2
L	Bob Schahinger		1087	Dierdre S	RSAYS	2	-7	3	2	4	7	18	3
L	Chris Riordan		854	John Livingston Seagull	PASC	-7	3	5	4	6	2	20	4
L	Evan Milne		919	Mallee Bull	BaYC	3	-8	2	7	5	5	22	5
L	Lachlan Clear		2023	Deafiance	MHYC	-8	4	7	8	2	3	24	6
L	Shauna Phillips		1005	Course for Concern	DYC	6	2	6	5	-8	8	27	7
L	Robert Eadie		1090	Shamrock Too	PDYC	5	5	-8	6	7	6	29	8

## WA Hansa Class report

We did not have a 2022 state title, it was arranged to be at KBSC in Bunbury but was cancelled when the majority of sailors pulled out.

Hansa sailing was involved in the RPYC mini series held in February where Elliot Coe won with Robert Crofts 2nd & Rod Angwin 3rd in Libertys. The event was also Robert's Parasailing states I believe.

I have a club that has asked if they could hold the states for 2023 in December but nothing has been finalised & I am reluctant to push as we are back to only 2 yacht clubs wanting to be involved with the Hansa group. Hansa sailing has taken a back step here in WA unfortunately after many years of plugging away trying to encourage more participants & clubs to become involved.

Tracy Odiam

WA Hansa Representative