



2021 Annual General Meeting

Agenda

5.00pm Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021

Canberra Yacht Club

Meeting opened at 5.00pm

**Attendees:** 25 people from ACT, Victoria, NSW, Tasmania, SA and Queensland attended

**Apologies:** Shauna and Russell Phillips

**Welcome** – President John Sanderson welcomed sailors and their supporters to the 2021 Combined Hansa Class Australian Championships, Australian Para Sailing Australian Championships, ACT Hansa Australian Championships and ACT Special Olympics Australian Championships.

**Minutes** – a copy of the minutes of the AHCA AGM held Koombana Bay Sailing Club, Bunbury WA on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 were supplied to attendees.

*Motion – Secretary Deirdre Schahinger – that the minutes were a true and accurate reflection of the 2019 AGM held at Bunbury and they be approved.*

Moved – Bob Schahinger

Seconded - Robbie Eadie

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

*Motion - Secretary Deirdre Schahinger – Pass the President's report.*

Moved – Bob Schahinger

Seconded – Chris Ruston

**Treasurer's report**

The AHCA bank account balance on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 was \$24,312.67 and on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 was \$29,918.62 giving a profit of \$5,605.95.

AHCA income is mainly derived from membership fees, sail levies from Hansa Sailing and championships when using the online registration. The income in the Australian Nationals in the Profit and Loss is partly from registrations made early before Nationals 2020 were cancelled and not reimbursed and NSW registrations in the wrong column. \$80 for Qld States was also NSW. Victoria and NSW use the online registration while Tasmania and WA did their own registration but insured all skippers were current financial members. This is my last Treasurer's report as Shauna Phillips is taking over after the AGM. Many thanks to all members for their friendship and support.

Moved – John Sanderson

Seconded – Alison Weatherly

### Championship reports

Alison Weatherly presented the Victorian State Championships.

#### **19/20, 20/21 Seasons (inclusive).**

A lot has happened since Bunbury and it is great to be back with our interstate friends again! The 2019/2020 was the first season Craig and I were the class reps, and our main focus was on identifying venues for states and securing a venue then organising and running a successful 2020 states championships while learning along the way. As a result, we have a comprehensive list of venues across the states and the facilities in and around other Hansa sailing venues. We were hoping to go to Sugarloaf because Marty is still sailing there but their facilities were a bit small and there is little accommodation in the area. Other venues were booked out – Victoria hosted a lot of Olympic qualifying events for classes which made busy calendars and volunteers – or lacking water in the late summertime period we were looking at. We found a setting at Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron and had our states there in late February 2020.

We had 21 separate entries across the 4 divisions representing 6 different clubs and a full report is attached, below. Despite much encouragement from us and enthusiasm from them, Blairgowrie did not have entries but were presented a shield in the hope they would come in 2021.

A month later, as you'd all be aware, we were all locked down and no sailing due to Covid. Victoria's first lockdown lasted until May and the metro region had approximately 6 weeks of freedom before the second, more severe Stage 4 lockdown was enacted (regional areas followed into a less severe Stage 3 a few weeks later). This had a big impact on everything including Hansa sailing - Sailability programs and Hansa sailing both. While some Hansa/Sailability programs have restarted, it is in a much-reduced capacity and only since early this year in most places. With no Nationals last year and no AGM, Craig and I got to remain as the Vic reps which is still a fun role to be in. Other challenges in the past few years include the closure of the Hazelwood pondage meaning that Latrobe Valley Yacht Club is no longer in operation. Sarah and Bruce now sail their 303s at Lake Wellington but it is much further to travel.

Australian Sailing asked the AHCA to do an audit of Hansas around the country. This provided us an excellent opportunity to contact all Hansa venues in Victoria for a chat and to make ourselves known. We have many invitations to go and see what they are doing and discovered that we definitely have the ability to grow the class championships if the number of boats are any indication, see Table below. There are 138 Hansas in total including those owned privately. Green clubs are those that sailed in the 2020 states and the grey clubs are those that have sent sailors to states in the past (We did not hear back from Albert Park or Hastings). It has not been updated to reflect the closure of Latrobe Valley.

Many programs started with 2.3s but have incorporated 303s due to the ability to fit a volunteer and a participant in their Sailability programs. While it is good that they are investing in the class, we would like

to see more encouragement of participants learning to sail by themselves. Most hopefully, Lilydale has a new coordinator who is keen to use them for a youth program and to bring them to a regatta once we are all back to normal. Alison is also keen to build a fleet in Geelong to train with using 788 and the Geelong Sailability boats. A program was discussed 2 years ago but put on pause due to a busy summer of events in 19/20 and no Sailability in 20/21.

Club	2.3 non servo	2.3 servo	303	Liberty
Ballarat Yacht Club	9	1	4	3
Warrnambool	4	0	0	0
Albury/Wodonga	6	0	1	0
Shepparton Sailability	4	0	2	0
Royal Geelong Yacht Club	7	0	3	0
Apollo Bay Sailing Club	0	0	1	0
Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron	0	0	8	0
Docklands Yacht Club	6	0	10	4
Latrobe Valley Yacht Club	5	0	4	0
Wellington Sailability	5	0	0	0
Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club	4	0	4	1
Lilydale Community Sail	11	2	5	0
Lysterfield Yacht Club	10	0	1	0
Mornington Yacht Club	0	1	7	2
Sugarloaf		1		
Hastings				
Albert Park				
Lakeside Sailing Club - Pakenham	2	0	0	0
Total	73	5	50	10

So, to 2021, a lot of sailors had not sailed for over a year when the due date for state entries was approaching and we were in another lockdown, so entries were very low (6 boats) three weeks out from the event. However, with an extension and rallying of Ballarat youth sailors we did have 22 entries across the 4 divisions with some fleets growing and others shrinking. We were down 2 clubs on 2020, Stewart from Albury Wodonga and Carl and Roy from Shepparton did not come. We were also disappointed not to have sailors from Blairgowrie but they have not had a program for a year so maybe we will see them in 2022? Congratulations to our new Champions – Cooper, Bruce, Stephen and Christine and Louis, all of whom are here helping Victoria defend the Teams Trophy! A full report for the 2021 states is also attached and there is a photo gallery on the revolutionise page.

On the Saturday night of the states, we had a BBQ dinner and informal forum of sorts. Victoria has many plans for the year ahead with plans to visit and encourage sailing and learning to sail at other Hansa clubs. We are keen to make use of the opportunity Covid has supplied with an increase in staying at home, community connection and less contact in tight spaces to grow the class and show just how versatile the boats are. A few offhand comments from spectators at the last two states indicate that the Hansa is a completely different looking boat when raced as opposed to taking someone for a sail and the tight knit, close racing in highly competitive good natured fleets is not what some of those spectators expected to see

and they were pleasantly surprised. We also have arranged to add more plaques to trophies – full after over 20 years of states – and introduce a few more including Best Male Overall and Best Master or Grand Master overall.

We have a tentative ‘yes’ from a venue for next year’s championships and Ballarat Yacht Club has invited us back for 2023. Our turn at hosting nationals has been bumped a year to 2025 which should prove easier to find a venue and we already have two in mind that would be interested.

We are off and running again, keen, and hopeful. Watch this space! Go Victoria!

#### Rotation schedule of future AHCA Championships

- 2022 – South Australia
- 2023 – Tasmania
- 2024 – Queensland
- 2025 – Victoria
- 2026 – Western Australia
- 2027 – New South Wales
- 2028 – ACT

Deirdre Schahinger welcomed all Hansa sailors, friends and family to the Hansa Class Australian Championships 2022 to be held at Adelaide Sailing Club, West Beach.

#### Executive reports

##### Rules and measurement report

Bob Schahinger read his report

##### Secretary’s report for 2020 financial year.

Although there were no Nationals this year there were four state championships that just got in before the pandemic struck.

First up were Tasmanian states 8-9 February at Port Dalrymple Yacht Club with 13 entries. Chris Symonds took first place in the Championships and Ted Moule came first on handicap.

WA held their states 14-16 February hosted by Princess Royal Sailing Club in Albany with 12 entries. Rob Crofts was first Liberty and 303 singles and Wayne North with Jacob North from Albany came first in their very first Regatta.

The Victorian states were held at Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron with 20 entries. Congratulations to Ben Lodge 2.3 Champion, Stephen Griffiths 303 single Champion, Stephen Griffiths and Christine Elliott 303 doubles Champions and Russell Phillips Liberty Champion.

And then just before the lock down NSW held their states at Coomba Aquatic Club, Coomba Park with 17 entries 6-8 March. Congratulations to Alyse Saxby 2.3 Champion, Allister Peek 303 singles champion, Sarah Plunkett with John Sanderson 303 doubles champion and Jason Elwes Liberty champion.

In June last year when renewing the Class Association Affiliation Notice, Australian Sailing asked for accurate fleet size information to help them with the Australian Sailing National Participation Census. Most states and territories had their own figures but I contacted all the Queensland Sailability programs and talked some delightful volunteers in lock-down.

Here is the result including servo assist 2.3 and Liberty.

HANSA audit 2020					
	2.3	303	Liberty	SKUD18	Total
ACT	13	10	1	1	25
SA	4	24	6		34
Victoria	78	50	10		138
NSW	89	123	5	2	219
Queensland	13	92	2	6	113
WA	17	49	12	2	80
Tasmania	5	16	1		22
Hansa Sailing	2	4	2	2	10
	221	368	39	13	641

There were 65 registered AHCA members in 2020 up from the previous year. Many thanks to those who used the Australian Hansa Class Association website membership link to renew their membership.

This is my last Secretary's report as Shauna Phillips will be taking over at the AGM in Canberra. Many thanks to President John Sanderson for his support, Australian Sailing SA for help with the new website and my husband Bob for doing the books at audit time. I will be seeing you all in 2022 as the Nationals are in SA at Adelaide Sailing Club 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> April sailing on Gulf St Vincent.

Bob read Deirdre's report

Moved John Sanderson

Seconded Terry Peek

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

President - John Sanderson. Nominated by Deirdre Schahinger; 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Eadie

Secretary – Shauna Phillips. Nominated by Tracy Odiam; 2<sup>nd</sup> Russell Phillips

Treasurer - Shauna Phillips. Nominated by Tracy Odiam; 2<sup>nd</sup> Russell Phillips

Vice President Championships. Deirdre Schahinger. Nominated by Terry Peek. 2<sup>nd</sup> John Sanderson

Vice President Development – Vacant

Vice President Rules and Measurement Bob Schahinger. Nominated by Terry Peek. 2<sup>nd</sup> John Sanderson

**State / Territory representatives**

- ✦ ACT – Allister Peek
- ✦ NSW – Jason Elwes
- ✦ QLD – Chris Ruston
- ✦ SA – Deirdre Schahinger
- ✦ TAS – Chris Symonds
- ✦ VIC – Alison Weatherly and Craig Millsom
- ✦ WA – Tracy Odiam

**General business**

## Australian Para Sailing presented by David Staley Vice Chair Para World Sailing Committee

- World Sailing's Para World Sailing Committee for 2021-2024 has been appointed with Betsy Alison (USA) Chair and David Staley (AUS) Vice-Chair
- Reinstatement of sailing in the Paralympic Sports Program for Los Angeles 2028 is a priority
- The international competition program has been severely impacted by Covid-19. The last recognised Para World Sailing event was in February 2020
- The Australian Para Sailing Championships being held as part of this event will be the first in 2021 with the European program recommencing in May
- Para World Sailing Championships will be held in conjunction with Open Worlds in identified classes (includes the 2021 Hansa Worlds in Palermo, Italy)
- 2017-2020 Athlete Para-Classifications now need to be reviewed to remain valid. World Sailing encourages all eligible sailors to get classified to help support the bid for Paralympic reinstatement
- The first Para World Sailing Championships for Athletes with Intellectual Impairment will be held in November 2022 at Southport Yacht Club, Hollywell QLD in conjunction with the Virtus Asia & Oceania Games
- The 2023 Para Sailing World Championships will be held in conjunction with the Combined Sailing World Championships in The Hague, Netherlands in August
- The Para Sailing Coordinator role was one of several Australian Sailing positions made redundant in May 2020 due to Covid
- The Australian Para Sailing Athlete Support Program of is in recess
- National Events Manager Lesley Fasala is providing support for events and keeping the website updated
- There is potential to hold another Australian Para Sailing Championships in the SKUD 18 later in the year
- The 2022 Australian Para Sailing Championships are scheduled to be held as part of Sail Melbourne in January

There will be more information and the opportunity to discuss the future of para sailing in Australia at the Para Sailing Forum being held at Canberra Yacht Club after sailing on Sunday afternoon – all are welcome.

**Bob Schahinger** President IHCA spoke about the Hansa Worlds that are due in October 2021 in Palermo, Sicily. Due to Covid the event may be European centric but they will go ahead. See the registration section on the IHCA website. New Zealand has expressed interest in hosting the next Worlds in 2023.

**Deirdre Schahinger** moved a motion that the Vice President Championships be a resident of the state or territory in which the next Nationals are to be held.

2<sup>nd</sup> Terry Peek seconded. Unanimous. Passed.

**Terry** asked **Bob** about the seating rules. Discussion about sitting on the bar. Currently this is possible but IHCA are proposing to ban this.

### Details of changes to the AHCA NAB bank account

- Authorised signatories to be: -
  - President John Sanderson
  - Secretary/Treasurer Shauna Phillips
  - Christopher Mitchell
- Signatories to come off: -
  - Deirdre Schahinger
- One person to sign account

New address for the account: - 4 Hughes Street; Brighton East VIC 3187.

Meeting closed at 6.10pm

Signed: -



John Sanderson

President

Date:

3/4/2021