

Welcome to the S4E Newsletter

New pathway for sailors

By Chris Mitchell

There has never been a pathway for people with an intellectual disability to progress from Special Olympics and our Open Hansa sailing events through to Para World Sailing (PWS) Worlds and ultimately to compete in the Paralympics. Note here that PWS is the new arrangement which replaces IFDS which has now been absorbed back into ISAF, which itself is now renamed World Sailing.

The s4e Foundation has been trying to correct this anomaly dating back prior to 2007 which was the year Jackie presented a submission to the INAS AGM held in Tunisia, where INAS accepted Sailing as its 13th official sport. Unfortunately things have moved slowly since then.

The following submission (4a) was presented and adopted by IFDS at their 2009 AGM, proposing the following;

That IFDS:

- a) Recognize and encourage expansion of the existing competition pathway for sailors with an intellectual disability provided by Special Olympics;
- b) Cooperate with INAS-FID as the peak international sporting body for people with intellectual disabilities to establish annual international sailing competitions;
- c) Encourage RNA's to develop national sailing competitions for people with intellectual disabilities;
- d) That INAS-FID provide the classification system for such competitions;
- e) That an IFDS Technical Delegate be appointed to advise on event management and race management of international events.

INAS is a foundation member of the IPC and the INAS classification system is used by IPC to admit athletes with an intellectual disability into IPC events. We believe it is therefore a logical step for sailing to also fit into this arrangement, which will not only satisfy IPC requirements, but also open the door for the numerous sailors who today compete in Special Olympics and Open competitions, to be included and counted in PWS events.

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GOLD—INCLUSIVE. Intentionally designed to be inclusive. Open to anyone/everyone using Universal Design equipment and governed by Universal rules which the vast majority can understand and comply with. The equipment levels the playing field which empowers people and encourages individuality. Ideal if there is provision for those who cannot participate independently to be chaperoned. Gold Inclusive sparkles most where everyone becomes a sailor with lessening emphasis on difference/disability.



LILAC—INTEGRATED. Open to everyone, but accommodates disabled people with modified/adapted equipment. Examples are modified craft with sail area reduced for the safety of disabled, modified rules for disabled people, or additional seating to accommodate a disabled crew member on a yacht.



BLUE—EXCLUSIVE. Open to everyone, if you are good enough to gain entry. Includes elite mainstream competition like the Olympics. Conventional equipment may only be usable by able bodied people, so its therefore inadvertently discriminatory.



JADE—OPEN POSITIVE SEGREGATION. Supports individuality, supports competition, only disabled people, but all disability can participate. Discriminates against not-yet disabled people.



GREEN—EXCLUSIVE POSITIVE SEGREGATION. Supports individuality. Includes elite disabled competition like the Paralympics and world championships dominated by supported national teams. Competitors require classification. In Paralympic sailing's case not all physical disability, or intellectual disability is accepted. Discriminates against able bodied people.



RED—BENEVOLENT POSITIVE SEGREGATION. Open only to disabled people, maybe even those with a specific disability, Individuality is not encouraged, most participants are chaperoned. Examples are Special Olympics activities, the many benevolent Sailability programs which offer therapeutic sailing to clients, as against sailors. Also missionary approach.



New pathway for sailors (continued)

There were all sorts of issues and delays, but eventually an event was organised and successfully run on the waters of the Shoalhaven River south of Sydney, which was followed by the Hansa NSW State Championships, so the INAS athletes were also able to compete in this Open event.

The event was organised by Nowra Community Sailing Club and run in accordance with ISAF/WS rules with competitors from Australia and Hong Kong, Dr Stephen Wilson who is a sailing classifier attended and Robyn Smith, an INAS board member will be presenting a submission to the next INAS Governing Board meeting in Long Island in early April.

So finally we have the new category of "Sailing" added to the INAS Master List with sailors' names being added as they successfully complete their INAS classification. Many of the Special Olympic gold medal sailors have progressed through the ranks and honed their skills sailing solo and as crew in the Open Hansa events, where they participate as equals. They have always inspired us, and it is our hope that our recent event on the Shoalhaven River will prove to be a positive step in removing their exclusion from the top levels of sailing competition.



2016 Hansa Worlds Update

Just over 2 months out from the Combined 2016 Hansa World and International Championships, and the numbers of competitors registering to take part continues to grow. Entries close on 3rd May. The regatta serves as the 2016 Dutch Championships and one leg of the Hansa North Cup.

Currently, competitors from 17 countries in 84 boats will take to the waters of the IJsselmeer—a huge fresh water lake off Medemblik. The regatta will be conducted from the International Sailing Centre —home to the annual Delta Lloyd regatta.



Sailors from Brazil, Greece and Ireland will attend the Hansa World Championships for the first time. They will join sailors from New Zealand, Malaysia, Singapore, Australia, US & Japan and sailors from

across Europe to compete in the 4 classes—Hansa 2.3, Hansa 303, Liberty and SKUD18. The Hansa 303 will be sailed in singles and doubles and servo sailors will sail in the 2.3 and Liberty as part of the open divisions.

The SKUD18's will also be in action at the same venue the week prior at the annual Delta Lloyd regatta which incorporates the 2016 Para World Sailing Championships.

For more details, go to the regatta website—www.2016hansaworlds.com



1st Disabled Sailing regatta to be held in Bali



Preparations are underway for the first Disabled Sailing Championships to be held in Bali.

Hosted by the Bali Sports Foundation, the Bali International Sailing Regatta will be held at the Royal Yacht Club of Bali, Serangan Island, from 18th to 21st August.

Conducted with the aid of the Singapore Disabled Sports Council and Blue Water Express, sailors will compete in Hansa 2.3's, provided by Bali Sports

Foundation. The championships are open to any classified sailors. NOR is now available and entries must be received by August 1st.

For entry details and further information via [this link](#), or contact Rodney Holt via email at: rodney@balisports.com



ASEAN Para Games & SEA Games

December 2015 saw the 8th ASEAN Para Games held in Singapore. Sailing took place in Hansa 2.3's and 303 singles & doubles over three days.



Photo © Lee Phek Thong / Sport Singapore

Sailors from Vietnam, Malaysia and Philippines joined sailors from the host nation, in male, female and mixed events.

Full results are available [here](#).

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In 2017 Malaysia will be the host of the 2017 South East Asia (SEA) Games. The event will be held in Kuala Lumpur from 19th to 31st August.

In February, Sailing was confirmed as one of the 34 sports on the provisional list.

It is 16 years since Malaysia last hosted this event, and the closing ceremony coincides with their 60th Independence day. The 9th ASEAN Para Games will follow the SEA Games, also in KL.



The 2018 Worlds will be held in Hiroshima, Japan

The 2018 Hansa Class Combined World & International Championships will be held at the Hiroshima Kannon Marina in October 2018.

International Hansa Class Association President, Russell Phillips, has recently announced that the Organising Authority will be the Hiroshima Sailing Federation which will appoint an Event Organising Committee.

"I am delighted to announce that our 2018 Worlds will be held in Hiroshima, Japan. It is the first time that our Combined World & International Championships will be held in this part of the world and we hope that this will enhance the development of the class within the region", said Mr Phillips.



The Hansa 303 and 2.3 classes are actively sailed in Japan, with National Championships circulated around the various regions. The Friendship Peace Cup, sailed in the Hansa classes, has been held in Hiroshima in 2012 and 2014. Japan has a growing number of Sailability programs, most of which use the Hansa 303 and 2.3. Two SKUD 18s have also recently arrived in Hiroshima.



"We invite all Hansa class sailors to visit our friendly city and enjoy the picturesque landscape of the Seto Inland Sea and its surrounding areas. The theme of the Championships will be Peace & Sports, so we hope you will join us in Hiroshima in 2018 to help realize our mutual goals", said Hiroshima Sailing Federation Public Interest Foundation President Tsunehiro Yamane.



"It will be the first time these important Championships have been held in Japan and a great opportunity to grow the classes and the number of sailors and supporters, not only just in our country but throughout Asia", said President Yamane.

The Hiroshima Sailing Federation produced a comprehensive Expression of Interest document for the International Hansa Class Association outlining the features of the city and its surrounds, the regatta venue and

the sailing area.

Hiroshima is situated 1000km west of Tokyo and has a population of 1.2 million. A city that loves sport, Hiroshima also has a strong maritime culture.

The event venue will be the Kannon Marina, a short distance from the city centre and boasting many spacious facilities well suited to hosting a World Championship event. The Asian Games sailing was held at Kannon Marina in 1994, two Hiroshima Peace Cups have been hosted there, and it is a popular place for recreational yacht racing, cruising and fishing. It is a resort for the people of Hiroshima and a haven for sailors and boaters.

In Hiroshima Bay, the sailing area for the 2018 Championships, there are many islands. Miyajima, Etajima, Nomijima and others provide spectacular scenes, especially in the mornings and evenings.

Last year, Hiroshima marked 70 years since a single atomic bomb devastated the city. Since then, the people of Hiroshima have continuously sent messages of peace throughout the world. Peace & Sports is a natural theme for the Championships.

"We hope that everyone will enjoy the good-will of sailors from many countries, speaking different languages but sharing the wonder of our nature-based sport. It will be a wonderful occasion", commented President Yamane.

As the event approaches, further information will be published to the International Hansa Class website.

Steve and Ron's Classy run

UK father and son team Ron and Steve Sawford have recently completed a half marathon to raise funds for the UK Hansa Class Association.

Having celebrated his 70th birthday last year, UK Class Association Secretary Ron was joined in the attempt by his son Steve, from SS Marine—the licensed manufacturer of Hansa Class boats in the UK. The pair, who have been involved in the UK Class Association since its inception in 1999, completed the Bathhalf half-marathon on March 13th in the respectable time of 2 hours and 36 minutes.



Steve and Ron at the start and end of the race

At the time of printing, the pair had already raised £ 600. The money raised will support UK sailors to attend events through the upcoming season, which includes the 2016 Hansa Worlds in Medemblik, the UK Hansa Class Nationals at Carsington, the RYA Multiclass regatta, Hansa Grand Prix and Hansa European North Cup events at Rutland, the Hansa Grand Prix event at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, plus the annual Traveller Trophy series of events.



Great effort guys!

3rd Flanders Cup to be held in Belgium



The 3rd Flanders Sailability Cup will take place from May 6th to 8th on the Galgenweel lake, on the left bank of the river Schelde in Antwerp.

The regatta is organised by Sailability Vlaanderen in association with the Royal Yacht Club van België .

Competition will take place in the Hansa 303 and Liberty and organisers are expecting entries from several countries.

This event, along with regattas in Switzerland, France, Great Britain and the Netherlands will form one leg of the Hansa North Cup Championships.

The Notice of Race contains accommodation information as well as directions to the venue and can be found on the Sailability Vlaanderen [website](http://www.sailability.be).

A link to the online entry is available [here](http://www.sailability.be). For further information regarding the regatta, please contact Mr Benoît De Bièvre at: wedstrijden@sailability.be



A new name

At the end of last year, the governing body of sailing worldwide had a name change.

The International Sailing Federation (ISAF) has been rebranded to 'World Sailing' and has adopted the motto 'A Sport for Life.'

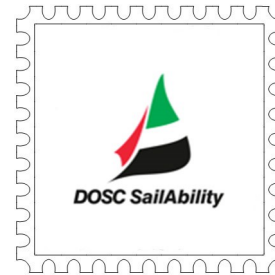


As we well know, Sailing is one of the most inclusive sports in the world, regardless of gender, age or ability of a sailor, there is a boat for anyone and everyone to train and race in. It's not unusual to see men and women racing alongside and against each other, grandparents sharing a boat with their grandchildren, or able-bodied and disabled sailors going head-to-head – all can compete on equal terms and this is what makes the sport unique.

The Hansa Class Association is an accredited World Sailing Class Association.

You can find out more about World Sailing on their website—www.sailing.org





Dear Readers,

Sailability has been operating from the Dubai Offshore Sailing Club since 2009. Initially there were 5 volunteers and 11 students. In 2016 we have grown incredibly as a group and we now have 42 students across 3 different sessions every Wednesday. To accommodate the growth in student number we have needed to train more volunteers. At the present time we have a total of 93 volunteers on our books. On any given Wednesday we see between 48-55 volunteers to assist in running our sessions.

Our students come from 15 different Nations and we have volunteers from 22 Nations so it is very cosmopolitan. All our students are under 25 years of age, the mean age is 16 years. We are an accredited RYA Centre of Excellence—the first outside the UK.

Here in Dubai we do have some fairly dramatic weather to contend with. Our sailing season runs from September through early May. During this time we can still have temperatures up to 45-50 c so of course this does restrict what we can do. We always have a contingency as we are also prone to severe Shamal winds which leads to high seas, inconsistent temperatures and poor visibility. That is all part of the beauty of living in Dubai.

When we do sail we must have one of the best locations in the world. On one side as we exit the Marina we have the iconic Burj Al Arab (sail like hotel) and on the other side the Burj Khalifa (the tallest building in the world). If we head straight out from the marina for 1 mile we reach the World Islands. We have often had a laugh when we decide to “sail around the world” in some of our sessions, much better than weaving in and out of buoys!

Regards,

Kathryn Saxton

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There's more to Kathy's story—read and see more at 'Hi from Dubai' on our Blog—[here](#).

Ever wonder where your boat came from?



You've ordered a new boat, and you're waiting for it to arrive—but have you ever thought where it came from and how it's made?

Hansa Class boats are constructed in Batam, Indonesia in the factory of Xtreme Sailing Products (XSP). Batam is around a 1 hour ferry ride from Singapore.

Founded in 1999, XSP is run by two Australians—Paul Patterson and Tim Roth—and, employing 77 locals, the factory also manufactures 29ers, 505's, Weta trimarans, Optimists and other craft.

Firstly they prepare the moulds, then spray the gelcoat and laminate the layup. The hull and deck are prepared separately and, once released from the moulds, they grind and sand them. The hull and deck are joined and sent for wet and dry polishing and finishing. Fittings and gunnel rubber are attached and the boats are buffed and polished, wrapped in plastic and ready to ship. Centreboards and rudder blades are also made at XSP. From start to finish the process for each craft takes over a week.



The masts and booms are also assembled at XSP. The sails & boat covers come from Cebu in the Philippines from Hyde Sails.

All the custom fittings come from Hansa Sailing in Nowra—all aluminium and plastic tubing, rudder boxes, rudder gudgeons, bobbins, joysticks, mast ends & spigots.

Servo gear is manufactured in Nowra with the electrics done in Melbourne.

So the manufacture of your inclusive craft is a truly international collaboration.



New Zealand News

Kiwi sailors have been very active during the southern summer.

In December, 4 Liberties from Hawkes Bay set out on a 9 nautical mile day trip to Flat Rock. Photos and a report available on our blog—[here](#).

At the Para World Sailing Championships in Melbourne in December the New Zealand SKUD18 team qualified for RIO 2016.

The 2016 NZ Hansa Class Championships and Kiwi Cup were held in conjunction with Sail Auckland with 9 Liberties on the water.



Overall winner was Sarah Dunkley, from Robert Coulter and Tim Dempsey. Robert was awarded the Kiwi Cup.



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Friendship Cup in Canberra

A Friendship Cup regatta is being planned for Lake Tuggeranong in Canberra on the weekend of 26th & 27th November for 2.3 and 303 sailors.

Organisers are seeking expressions of interest from competitors. More info is available on our blog—[here](#)

Need to launch off a beach?

In many countries, Hansa boats are required to be launched off the beach however, in some places, this can prove to be quite difficult.



Hansa Sailing Systems make an off-the-beach trolley that solves the problem. The sailor is able to transfer directly from a wheelchair and ride in the boat into the water. The keel lowers as the boat and trolley moves into deeper water. The trolley is ballasted to stay on the bottom. It has tall stanchions in each corner which position the boat.

When the boats return to the trolley, the keel locates in a funnel-shaped trough so it is positioned in the centre, and trolley, boat and sailor can be brought ashore as one. The trolley is suitable for the 2.3, 303 & Liberty

For more information about the off-the-beach trolley, contact Hansa Sailing Systems.

www.hansasailing.com

Hansa 2.3's 23rd birthday regatta hailed a huge success



The 23rd birthday for the Hansa 2.3 was held over a weekend in Nowra, New South Wales in October and was hailed a great success.

Sailors from around Australia came to celebrate the milestone anniversary of this ground breaking little boat. 29 boats took to the water across 2 days of sailing.



The theme of the regatta was fun, and there was as much effort put into the water fights on the warm weekend as there were into racing tactics! Several of the sailors were sailing these boats for the first time, and the light conditions and tidal flow made for some interesting mark roundings!



A birthday party dinner was held on the Saturday night with Chris & Jackie appropriately cutting the birthday cake.

Sailors at the Latrobe Valley Yacht Club who were unable to make the regatta held an event of their own—complete with a boat shaped cake.



The interest that this regatta generated saw an increased turnout of 2.3's in the Australian state and National Championships in the 2015/16 season.

You can read a full report of the event on [our blog](#).



Organisers are discussing hold a future party on an appropriate anniversary for the Hansa 303.



Hansa Australian Championships



2.3's prepare for a start

The 2016 Australian Hansa Class Championships have concluded on the Gold Coast Queensland. 35 competitors from around Australia, (and one from New Zealand) ranging in age from 14 to 91, gathered for the combined National and Queensland Championships.

Three races were completed on the first day, following a morning postponement.



Waiting... waiting...

The afternoon session saw some close racing and consistent results. At the end of the first day, Allister Peek (ACT) lead the 2,3 division, Bruce James (VIC), the 303 singles., Sarah & Craig Millsom (VIC) the 303 doubles and Bob Schahinger (SA) the Liberty fleet.

Competitors were frustrated on day 2, when the forecast wind failed to eventuate. After waiting for several hours, Race Officials abandoned the racing for the day.

Sailors and friends enjoyed a regatta dinner and viewed photos of the sailing action on a big screen. A guest at the dinner was Aussie sailing legend Barry Coates, who is no longer sailing, but was great company and happy to see many old friends.



303's underway on day 3

Racing on day 3 saw some sailors struggle to maintain their form from day 1, with others finding form for the first time. In the Hansa 2.3, despite not having sailed for a while, Belinda Hill (QLD) won all 3 races, which gave her the Qld and National titles, from Allister Peek (ACT) and Chelseann Osborne (QLD).

In the 303 singles, Bruce James almost made it a perfect scorecard, with only a

second place finish in race 5, but 5 wins from 6 was enough to crown him National singles Champ, from QLD pair Gregory Williams and Benedict Fitzpatrick.

Consistent sailing saw Greg Williams and Chelseann Osbonre overtake the Millsoms to take out the 303 doubles title, while Bob Schahinger held on to take out the Liberty title. Queensland were awarded the State Teams Trophy and Allister Peek the President's Trophy.

Full results, report and pictures on the AHCA website—[here](#).



Since our last newsletter

Here are a few of the stories that have featured on our website and Facebook page since the last edition of Telltales.

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Japan take delivery of 2 SKUD18's

Hiroshima takes delivery of two SKUD18's to help develop high performance sailing in Japan.



A lot is happening on the Scottish Lochs.



Scotland's first multi-class regatta leads to more events in 2016 for their sailors, including a Spring regatta and the first Scottish Traveller Trophy series.

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Catch up on these stories and more on the s4e [website](#) and [Facebook page](#). The entire back catalogue of Telltales—dating back to 1999 - is on our website.

Upcoming Events



April 2015

ISAF Sailing World Cup—Hyeres France. April 25—May 1. www.swc.ffvoile.com

May 2015

Flanders Cup Antwerp May 6-8. www.sailability.be

Garda & Trentino Olympic Week Riva del Garda, Italy May 9–13. www.fragliavelariva.it/en/regatta/2060/view

French Hansa Class Championships Val Joly May 19-22. www.lavoile-ensemble.org/

Delta Lloyd Regatta/Para World Sailing Championships. Medemblik, Netherlands. May 24-28
www.deltalloydregatta.org

June 2015

Hansa Class World & International Championships Medemblik. Jun 3-9 hwww.hansaclass.org

Clagett Regatta. Newport, Rhode Island, USA Jun 23-26. www.clagettregatta.org

Portuguese Hansa Class Championships Viana de Castelo June 24-26. www.apcaccess.pt

August 2015

2016 Rio Paralympic Games Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, August 5-21 www.rio2016.com

UK Multi-Class regatta Rutland Sailing Club. August 6-7. www.hansaclass.org.uk

September 2015

UK Hansa Class Championships Carsington Sailing Club. September 9-11. www.hansaclass.org.uk

Italian Hansa Class Championships Desenzano del Garda. September 15-18. www.hansaclass.it

Swiss Hansa Class Championships Segel Club Charm. September 16-18. www.hansaclass.ch

Herb Meyer Regatta BAADS San Francisco. September 24-25. www.baads.org

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