

Welcome to the S4E Newsletter

Debbie's legacy

Debbie Boys was an enthusiastic Hansa sailor from Canberra in Australia. Debbie was a stalwart of Sailability ACT (Australian Capital Territory) and participated in all our events, including the first Hansa Worlds held at Whitby YC in Ontario, Canada.

Debbie passed away in 2012, and we were really honoured when her solicitor contacted Jackie to say that the Sailing for Everyone Foundation was named as one of the beneficiaries of her estate. These things apparently take a long time to finalize, and cynically we presumed the solicitors were busy gobbling it all up, but then about 2 years ago Jackie received a cheque in the mail.

We didn't know what to do with this amazing gift, until January this year we committed to purchasing a High Cube 40ft shipping container, loading it with 303s and sending it around the world to support big events, small events, and development projects in exciting places. We acquired the container in Sydney so we could load it with all the production components to restock Batam, where most of our boats are built. We also loaded the patterns and moulds for Triumph, the first of our accessible folding trimarans which will be in production later this year.

In memory of Debbie, the S4E Foundation is donating to Canberra the first of the 4.7m Triumph tris, set up as our version of a rocket ship with deck stepped SKUD mast, roller furling jib, an 'A' Sail on retractable bowsprit, and asymmetric leeboards in the floats. These tris readily fold so you can come alongside a pontoon for loading, and with the option of steering from a centreline seat, using a joystick, push pull levers, or servo assist. We have other smaller tris in the pipeline.

The Debbie Boys s4e container will hold 20 x 303W on easy to load 4 boat racks, shore shuttles, spares, C Cranes, stands and tools, and depart Singapore for the Sheboygan Wisconsin 2018 Para World Sailing Championships and the Paralympic Development Program (PDP) held immediately before in mid-September. The boats will be the provided fleet for the Women's and Men's single person non-technical world championship divisions.

From there the fleet will be shipped to Antigua for a January/February month of events, including a PDP, community and schools come and try programs, and end with a weekend Caribbean regional Championship. The container will leave Antigua for Valparaiso in Chile where the 303s will bolster the growing Hansa fleet for the first Hansa South American Regional Championship, the Chile National Championships, preceded by a PDP, and Community and Schools programs.

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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 people with a disability with modified/adapted equipment. Examples are modified craft with sail area reduced for the safety of people with a disability, modified rules for people with a disability 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 people with a disability, 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 people with a disability, 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.



Iconic Sauna Sail Cancelled



The iconic Sauna Sail regatta has been cancelled.

Held in Victoria, Australia in winter on the warm water of the power station cooling pond, the regatta's future looked in doubt when the station was decommissioned in 2016. The event went ahead in 2017 on the now cooling water, without the usual steam from the warm water.

The power station's owners have now closed the waterway, cancelling the event.

The regatta ran for over 50 years and always warmly welcome competitors in 303's and Liberties.

Hansa North Cup



The Hansa North Cup was held in Calais, France in late March. 42 competitors in the Hansa 303 doubles and 23 in singles took part. The weather was cold but the atmosphere warmed everyone. The only picture of the podium and a Facebook post sums up perfectly what only the Hansa allows! "I'm paraplegic and you? I am blind and my neighbour is apparently Down's syndrome! Great we all sailed together !!!"

A video of the event is available [here](#).

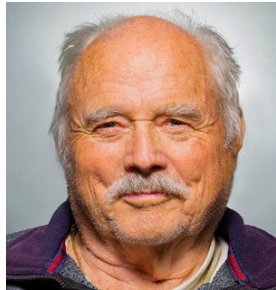
Vale Herb Meyer



We are saddened to announce the passing of Herb Meyer, a passionate sailor and supporter of the Hansa/Access sailboats.

He passed away in San Francisco last month surrounded by family and friends. He was 87.

In 1993 Herb was crewing on a Rhodes 50 racing on San Francisco Bay when he lost his balance falling back onto a winch, the resulting spinal injury left him a quadriplegic. This being a non-work accident meant Herb was uninsured and was left with enormous medical bills, but Herb went on to prove that where there is the will there is a way to keep on sailing.



He became involved with Bay Area Association of Disabled Sailors (BAADS) in 1994 and, in 1999 met

Chris and Jackie at the Mobility Cup in Canada, where he was introduced to the Access sailboats.

Herb raced all over the world including participating in Paralympic races and international races in Canada, Italy, Switzerland, the Netherlands and twice to Australia – in 2001, after winning a trip at the US Access Championships and again in 2004 to compete in the IFDS Single person World Championships in Melbourne.

You can read more about this remarkable man on our [website](#).

Vale Herb.



Blind sailor wins NZ Championships

Paulien Chamberlain produced a consistent week-end of sailing to take out the 2018 New Zealand Hansa Class Championships in March.

Despite being legally blind, Paulien won 3 of the 8 races, and finished 2nd in 4 others to top the leaderboard at the end of the regatta, held for the first time at the Bay of Islands Yacht Club.

Sailing a Liberty, she led home 10 other disabled and able-bodied Kiwis (and one Aussie!) and was also awarded the Kiwi Cup trophy for her efforts.



Entry Opens for Hiroshima World and International Championships

Online entry is now open for the 2018 Hiroshima Combined World and International Championships.

The regatta will take place from October 12th to 18th and invited classes are the Hansa 2.3, 303, Liberty and SKUD18.

Boats, mainly Liberties and SKUD18s, will be shipped from around the world to bolster the local fleets.

Sailors in 2.3's and 303's have completed charter applications to sail local boats. Lots will be drawn if the number of applications exceeds the number of charter boats available

Entry is open until August 12th via [this link](#).



See the latest update from Hiroshima on page 6.



World Sailing News

Italy has hosted the first Paralympic Development program of 2018.

From May 8th to 13th, 18 sailors and coaches attended the PDP at Malcesine, Italy.

Representatives from Antigua and Venezuela participated in the PDP for the first time and were joined by others from Estonia, Latvia, Greece, Spain, Austria and Italy.

Another PDP will be held prior to the 2018 Para World Sailing Championships in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, USA.

The Para World Sailing Championships will be held from September 16th to 22nd. You can find more details about the event at the regatta [website](#).

Information on further PDP's will be released later in the year.



World Sailing continue to push for sailing's reinstatement in the Paralympics for Paris 2024 and beyond.

Read the latest update on their efforts via [this link](#).

Hansa boats around the world



Sailors in Bali prepare for the BSF Indonesia Friendly Games



Race training in San Francisco



Belgium Deputy Prime Minister Kris Peeters christens two new boats at Sailability Vlaanderen' annual Open Day



SKUD18's on the water in Auckland Harbour, New Zealand

Hong Kong rolls along

Established in 2009, the Sailability Hong Kong program will celebrate their 10th anniversary in 2019. Based at the Hebe Haven Yacht Club, the group have 17 Hansa Class boats and aim to start a Hansa Class Association in the near future.

Their sailors competed in local and international events, including the Peace Cup in Japan, finishing with a 3rd in 303 singles, and a 9th place in the Para World Championships in Kiel. They won the HHYC 24hour Charity Dinghy race for the second time, and had teams also placed 4th and 6th.



The team were one of nearly 600 Clubs worldwide to take place in the annual Barts Bash—to raise funds for disabled sailing worldwide. The Yacht Club and Sailability program fielded 56 boats and 111 sailors and were the 3rd highest fundraiser overall.

The weather was most unkind during the year. They lost 3 months sailing during the summer and then shortly thereafter were badly hit by Typhoon Hato which swept their land-based storage facility containing sails, masts and booms out to sea in the 3 metre tidal surge. The resultant damage was HK\$100,000. Without the help of Hansa Sailing, who pulled out all stops to send replacement parts and new sails, they would have had a very restricted sailing calendar.

Despite the setbacks, the group achieved accreditation by the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) of the UK. They are now the only accredited centre for Sailability in Asia. Additionally, World Sailing have named them largest and most active Sailability centre in the same region.

They have recently been donated two new Hansa 303's by HHYC members to replace some of their older boats. One condition of the donation is that they then in turn donate one of their oldest 303's to start a Sailability program in the Pacific Island of French Caledonia. The donors are sailing to Caledonia in a 65ft catamaran and will take the Hansa 303 with them lashed to the deck!



North Sails

North Sails are now an accredited supplier of Hansa Class legal sails, manufactured under licence by North Sails Sri Lanka.

As with other manufacturers of Hansa sails, they are available for purchase from Hansa Sailing and Hansa distributors.

In the near future each new sail manufactured by licenced sailmakers will have a label attached which shows its serial number, that it measures correctly, and the sail levy will be paid to the Hansa Class Associations.



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303's at the Invictus Games

Sailing is making its debut in the Invictus Games being held in Sydney from October 20-27 this year.

The medal event will be held in Elliot 7's, however a one-day event will be held in Hansa 303's.

This event will take place in Farm Cove on Sunday October 21st.

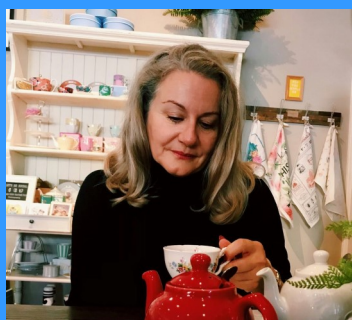
More information about the Invictus Games can be found at their [website](#).



Hansa Sailing News

Hansa Sailing welcomes Linda Robinson to the team in Nowra. Linda has a long history in business administration, and has lived in the area for 25 years. She has two poodles, two adult boys living in Sydney, and although not a sailor, she goes kayaking on the Shoalhaven River.

Linda started her career in telecommunications in corporate training and corporate sales roles, then took a hiatus while raising her family. She returned to work in various admin roles in the local area. Having owned four small businesses Linda is well equipped to manage the Hansa office efficiently.



In January Donna moved with her family to Urana, near Wagga Wagga. Being 500km away from Nowra, Donna is still capably running the Accounts for Hansa.

To contact Linda, email admin@hansasailing.com

Special Olympics—Adelaide

The Special Olympics National Games were recently held in Adelaide, South Australia.



The sailing regatta was held at Port Adelaide Sailing Club in April. Sailing Hansa 303's with furled jibs, 17 boats took part in the regatta.

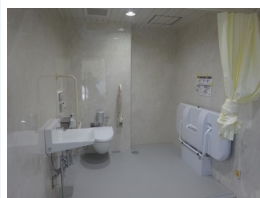
Sailing in singles and doubles, competitors from Queensland and ACT took the honours in the 4 divisions. Regatta results are available [here](#).



Photos from Special Olympics Australia

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Hiroshima Marina Update



Organisers are pleased with the progress of upgrades to facilities at Kanon Marina prior to the 2018 Hansa Class World & International Championships.



Shower rooms and bathrooms have been greatly improved and two male and two female fully accessible bathrooms have been installed.

A floating dock has been installed and shortly work will begin on rebuilding some of the jetties.



A wheelchair ramp is being built to the top of the large breakwater which will allow everyone to watch all the sailing action from a prime position.

As this is the first time a Hansa World Championship has been held in Asia, five newscasters from local broadcasters have been appointed as PR Ambassadors for the event to help to promote the Championships. The regatta is getting regular reports in the local media and interest is high from locals.

Organisers are expecting representatives from 20 countries, and are working hard to make the event a great success.

More information about the event are available at the event website—www.2018hansaworlds.com

Not enough boats—not a problem!

A recent event in Sicily saw some boats travel almost the length of Italy, as Eddie Linthout reports:

As everybody knows, we in Italy have a wonderful island named Sicily which is more than 1.000 km away from northern Italy where most of the Hansa boats are present.

The Lega Navale Italiana is an institution founded in the year 1897 originally as a branch of the Italian Navy and operates through about 250 branches and delegations in the Italian territory, with about 60,000 members.

The Lega Navale Italiana branch in Palermo, the capital city of Sicily, has recently acquired four Hansa 303 and wanted to organize an important event named “Una vela Senza Esclusi” which literally means “Sailing Bar None”, also inviting people from North Italy.

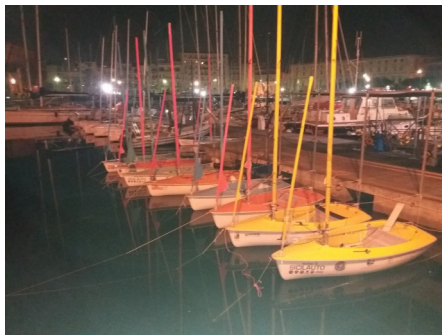
But four Hansa 303 were not enough, so with the help of other LNI branches it was decided to bring over to Palermo seven further boats. The way was very long, therefore a decision was made to transfer seven boats with two trailers to Genoa and put the two trailers on a Grandi Navi Veloci ferry boat to Palermo.

Due to this interesting opportunity, the ferry company made this transfer free of charge.

So from the 27th to the 29th of April 2018, the regatta was performed with eleven crews from North and South of Italy in a wonderful friendly spirit and lots of fun.

The nice thing is that the winner has been one father in a wheelchair sailing with his 12 year old son.

The boats look picture perfect in this idealic location—almost good enough to be a museum piece! ;)



Since our last newsletter

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

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Queen's Baton hits the water



During the recent Commonwealth Games in Queensland, one of the final legs of the Queen's Baton relay involved a local sailor in a Hansa Liberty prior to the opening Ceremony.

303's in Chile



See some footage of the Hansa 303's in action in the newly formed program by S4e Chile.

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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 - are available to search and download from our website.

Upcoming Events



June 2018

Dutch Hansa Class Championships KWV Frisa, Grou June 8 -10
www.hansaklasse.nl

Kieler Woche (EUROSAF Para Sailing Championship) Kiel, Germany June 20-24 www.kieler-woche.de

July 2018

UK Hansa Class Championships July 13-15 www.hansaclass.org.uk

August 2018

RYA Multiclass Regatta Rutland Sailing Club August 3-5 www.rya.org.uk

September 2018

Para World Sailing Championships Sheboygan USA Sept 16-22 www.paraworldsailing2018.com

Swiss Hansa Class Championship Lac de Neuchatel Sep 21-23 www.hansaclass.ch

October 2018

Combined World and International Hansa Class Championships Hiroshima, Japan Oct 12-18
www.2018hansaworlds.com

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