

## Welcome to the S4E Newsletter

### 2018 - The year things started to bloom

Sailing for everyone is the goal; inclusion is the way to get there. Inclusion grows from the perspective that everyone has equal rights as an individual, but everyone is different so their individual needs are important, which requires the built environment and equipment used to be accessible and usable by as many as possible.

So inclusion requires both societal change in attitude and the acceptance of more universal design solutions, its very slow, like watching grass grow, but it's happening and 2018 will go down as our spring when the flowers planted years ago are all starting to bloom.

Every cloud has a silver lining, and so it was with the exclusion of sailing from the 2020 Paralympics, which ensured the disbanding of the NED registered IFDS and bringing disabled sailing back inside the peak body, which was rebranded as World Sailing (ex ISAF). The new committee is called Para World Sailing (PWS).

This also meant the end of the Paralympic career for our SKUD18, a boat for the "elite" of disabled sailing, and the inclusion of our people's boat, the 303, a sailboat of Universal Design, to help build the numbers to impress the International Paralympic Committee and get sailing back in their competition.

But the IPC are so far unimpressed, and have now also rejected sailing's bid for Paris 2024. Bad news for some, but World Sailing's answer is magnificent, instead of segregating it's major events as per the old polarised Olympic/Paralympic model, WS plans to embrace inclusion, and bring disabled sailors into its mainstream fleets. That's like a branch of frangipani buds set to open and flower in the coming years, the aroma hopefully exciting MNA's and their member clubs to build ramps and accessible toilets, and make disabled sailors feel loved and welcome.

Being jilted by the IPC is also a factor in another decision at the November 2018 WS/PWS conference in Sarasota, Florida. PWS will now form a working group to liaise with INAS to develop the classification system to include intellectually disabled sailors in future events. Jackie Kay, chair of S4E, began working on that project back in 2006, so here's another branch of colourful flowers set to bloom at last ...../2

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## 2018—the year things started to bloom (cont).

October 2018 saw the magnificent Hansa Combined Classes World Championships in Hiroshima (see pages 4 & 5), not only a sailboat race but a spectator sport, a festival of sailing, a performance nothing less than a forest of cherry blossom in spring, a statement of what inclusion means and will deliver, when you plant the seed (thanks Nobi), with the people of Japan, and Hiroshima with its extraordinary story to help it grow. It has set quite a benchmark to follow.

In Hiroshima we also announced the S4E centre inclusive sailing network, and in November I was back in Tokyo for a presentation to a local council in support of their S4E school kids program which was trialled in 2018. There are now four s4e centres gestating in Japan, which will use 2.3's in mainstream school programs which will demonstrate and prove what a great little boat this is.

September 2018 was the PWS World Championships in Sheboygan, Wisconsin where the Sailing for Everyone Foundation's Debbie Boys memorial container of 303 set the stage for future PWS events. These 20 "provided" boats were a show stopper, 10 different glossy deck colours, coloured sling seats, with multi coloured sails on roller furling masts, including the "jib" on its mast, making them schooners no less, all controlled by our unique operating system. One morning we arrived to find a local artist with his easel set up painting our 50m long row of boats, side by side on their carpet of green artificial grass in the public carpark. (see page 7)

From the USA the Debbie Boys container moved to the Caribbean, arriving in Antigua in time for the Governor opening the new fantastic Sailability centre, followed by "Two Weeks Festival of Sailing", including 4 days for school kids ending in an inter-schools regatta, then a community come n try weekend, followed by 4 days of PDP, culminating on 27th January with an Open Hansa Regatta, including the PDP sailors from neighbouring islands.

The PDP is a WS sponsored program which brings sailors and coaches from new nations to boost sailing's global footprint. There were PDP's using the 303 immediately prior to Sheboygan and Hiroshima, with Antigua and Valparaiso in Chile to follow. Valparaiso is the next stop for our container, with a similar 2 week program planned for mid-March.

After Chile the container will move to Newport Beach where it will become our warehouse, and the boats will be used to prepare for the 2020 Hansa Worlds (see page 9). Except six may head out into the Pacific to Samoa for the 2019 Oceania Para Games.

With those Antigua and Valparaiso events, we are venturing into new regions, promoting sailing for everyone, community sailing and inclusive programs, which is what our boats were always envisioned to do. Taken together, along with all the other fantastic things that blossomed in 2018, you get the feeling that s4e and the inclusion movement is on a roll, and heading into its own little golden age.

It is quite a contrast really to an increasingly polarised and aggressive world, as s4e and inclusion take the middle ground and include the extremes, a so called disability becomes an indicator of someone's difference as an individual, it is not describing a handicap, it is accepting everyone as normal in a very diversified world.

Chris Mitchell



## Inclusion Index

**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.



## 2019 European Championships

The 2019 Para World Sailing Championships will be held in Puerto Sherry, El Puerto de Santa María, Cadiz, Spain from July 1st to 7th.

Invited classes are the Hansa 303 singles for men and women.

More information about this event will be available on the World Sailing website as it becomes available.

[www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org)



The European Hansa Class Championships will take place from 7th to 13th October in Portugal.

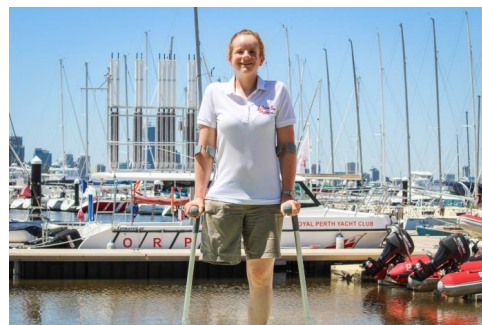
<http://www.apcaccess.pt/>



## ABC News visits Sailability Perth

ABC News in Perth recently visited the Sailability program at Royal Perth Yacht Club to discuss their program. The interviewer speaks to blind sailor, Kylie Forth, who started her sailing at the program in 2006. Kylie talks about not only the challenges that blind sailors face, but also the challenges faced by the people trying to teach them to sail. Parents of other sailors discuss the therapeutic benefits that sailing has on their children.

You can read the full interview [here](#).





## Sail Melbourne

Sail Melbourne, Australia's premier Olympic and Invited Classes sailing Regatta has wrapped up in Melbourne. Since its inception in 1992, the event has grown to be the largest annual 'Off the Beach' regatta in the southern hemisphere.

Hansa 303's and SKUD18's were two of the invited classes. Prior to the regatta, an Oceania PDP took place, with sailors and officials from Tonga and Samoa visiting local Clubs and programs.

Melbourne's unpredictable weather was again on show, with no racing for the two classes on day 1 or 3. Finally, 5 races were completed to constitute the series.

Full results can be found on the regatta website — [www.sailmelbourne.com.au](http://www.sailmelbourne.com.au)



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## Hiroshima Worlds

The 2018 Hansa Class World and International Championships were held in Hiroshima, Japan and were hailed a great success.

191 competitors from 24 nations took part across the 5 days of racing, in varied sailing conditions. Off the water, competitors, their friends, families and supporters enjoyed traditional Japanese foods, entertainment and hospitality.



## Hiroshima Worlds

Results and more photos from the regatta can be found at the regatta website

[www.2018hansaworlds.com](http://www.2018hansaworlds.com)



## French regatta dates

Dates for two annual regattas to be held in France in 2019 have been released.

The Hansa North Cup will be held from 20 to 22 April in Conchil-Le-Temple in the pas de Calais. Follow this event at <https://www.facebook.com/Hansa-North-Touch>

The French Hansa Class Championships will take place from 7 to 10 June in Sevrier on Lake Annecy. See website: <http://www.cvsevrier.fr/>



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Also in France, the FFVoile is offering Clubs the opportunity to provide accessible sailing options for their clients.

The scheme involves renting a boat for a period of 3 years, after which the Club can choose to purchase the boat for a fee. Hansa 303's are one of the boats on offer, which are 50% subsidized by CNDs—the National Centre for Sport Development.

Clubs have until January 9th to submit their applications via this [website](#).





## Invictus Games

For the first time since its inception, Sailing was included in the 2018 Invictus Games. Held in Sydney in October, Hansa 303's were one of the two classes that were used in the inaugural sailing program, which took place in Farm Cove, with the Sydney Opera House providing a spectacular backdrop.



Sailors from Australia, France, UK and USA took part in the 303's. Frenchman Cyrille Chahboune took the Gold medal ahead of two Australians, who later teamed up with another Aussie to take gold in the Elliot 7 class.



One of the Aussies, Davin Bretherton immortalized the event with a tattoo following the regatta.



## Vale John Gower

Canada's Quinte SailAbility Co-founder John Gower passed away in October, aged 84.

John was a member of the CFB Trenton Yacht Club, serving as Commodore in 1975 and was the longest serving member of the club, receiving a lifetime membership for his service. John was a co-founder and was instrumental in starting the Quinte SailAbility program at the club. He was quite proud of the success of this program which recently celebrated its 20th year. Vale John.

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## PDP heads to Antigua

The first Paralympic Development Program (PDP) clinic of 2019 will be held at National Sailing Academy in Antigua from 19 - 25 January.

Antigua will host the first PDP clinic in the Caribbean following a period of sustained development in the region by Antigua Sailability and the Antiguan National Sailing Academy.

Sailors and coaches from Paraguay, Belize, Dominican Republic, Colombia, France, Australia, UK and USA are expected to attend.

## UK Multiclass regatta

Now in its 11th year, the RYA Sailability Multiclass Regatta 2019 will be held at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy ([WPNSA](#)) from 5th to 7th July 2019.

Home of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, the WPNSA, who will be hosting the event in partnership with Chesil Sailability, offers some of the best sailing waters on the planet. Clean winds, sheltered waters and weak tides make Weymouth Harbour the perfect location for this 'sea change'.

First staged in 2007, the regatta is now the UK's biggest event of its kind and will see sailors of varying abilities take to the water for a memorable weekend of sailing and socialising.

More details about the event are available via [this link](#).



Weymouth & Portland  
National Sailing Academy

## New from Hansa Sailing

Hansa Sailing are currently developing skirts for Hansa 2.3 and 303 as well as "fitted" mast and foremast covers for the 2.3, 303 and Liberty. For further information, contact [Hansa Sailing](#).

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## UK Volunteers honoured

Many well known names in UK Sailability have been nominated in the 2019 RYA Sailability awards.

Long time supporters of the Hansa Class, Pauline Harrison is nominated for Volunteer of the Year; passionate 2.3 sailor Lindsay Burns for Sailor of the Year and Ron Sawford has been nominated in the Exceptional Contribution category for his work with the UK Hansa Class Association.

The full list of nominees and programs can be found [here](#).

The awards ceremony will take place on February 16th.

## Para Worlds in Sheboygan

The 2018 Para World Championships were held in Sheboygan, Wisconsin in September.



98 sailors from 39 nations took to the waters of Lake Michigan across 5 days of sailing. Light breezes and choppy waters one day, were replaced by gale conditions the next.

The Men's 303's completed 6 provisional races, before the top 10 competitors went through to the medal race. The women's division completed 9 races.

Brazil's Ana Marques took out the women's division, whilst Australia's Chris Symonds took out the men's division.

A container of 20 boats was supplied by Hansa Sailing for the event.



## Seen Online

This cartoon seen online is another excellent example of inclusion.



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## Hong Kong Happenings

Hong Kong recently hosted the 1st South East Asian Para Sailing Championships. Seven countries took part in the event, being Hong Kong as the hosts; Japan, Singapore, Philippines, Macau, China & Taiwan.

Unfortunately Thailand, Indonesia & Timor Leste had to pull out 48 hours before the event, due to funding issues.

They held a practice race on December 6th and then had 3 days of racing with 7 races being completed between the 7th – 9th December.

Sailing took place in Hansa 303 singles and doubles, along with 2.4mR's.

### Hansa 303 Singles

1st place - Takumi Niwa representing Japan

2nd place – WU Chi Chian representing Taiwan

3rd place - NG Xie Zhen representing Singapore

### Hansa 303 Doubles

1st place – PUK Chi Yeung & LEUNG Yuk Chun, Sylvia representing Hong Kong

2nd place – XIA Lisa & WANG Philip representing China

3rd place - SUI Kan Sing, Tom & Lau Wai Man, Raymond representing Macau

Overall Hansa 303 Champion – Takumi Niwa representing Japan

Sailability HK will celebrate their 10th birthday at the end of 2019 and are planning a regatta to celebrate. More details to follow in coming months.





## 2020 Hansa World Championships

The official logo for the 2020 Hansa Class Combined World and International Championships has been released.

The regatta will be held at Newport Beach, California in October 2020.

The event was launched at the 2018 Hansa Worlds in Hiroshima by Organizing Authority Chairman Steve Bender, President of Rotary Club, Newport Beach.



Steve (pictured above left with Hansa Sailing's Chris Mitchell and Tsunehiro Yamane, President of Hiroshima Prefecture Sailing Federation) was in Japan for the 2018 Hansa Worlds to see the organisation and procedures involved in running the Worlds.

The City of Newport Beach is located in the coastal centre of Orange County, with Los Angeles County to the north and San Diego County to the south. It surrounds Newport Bay where approximately 4,300 boats of all types are docked within the 21-square-mile harbour area. The bay area and the City's eight miles of ocean beach offer outstanding fishing, swimming, surfing, and aquatic sports activities.

Steve invited all sailors from around the World to California in 2020, citing their great climate, proximity to wineries, iconic locations, including Disneyland, less than an hour away!

More details about the regatta will be posted to the International Hansa Class Association [website](#) as they become available.

# Upcoming Events



## January 2019

**Waitara Regatta** Waitara, New Zealand January 26-27 [www.hansaclass.org](http://www.hansaclass.org)

## February 2019

**North Island Regatta** Lake Ngāroto, New Zealand Feb 23-24. [www.hansaclass.org](http://www.hansaclass.org)

## March 2019

**New Zealand Hansa Class Championships** Tauranga, New Zealand Mar 28-31 [www.hansaclass.org](http://www.hansaclass.org)

## April 2019

**Australian Hansa Class Championships** Koombaba Bay, West Australia Apr 18-22.  
[www.ahca.yachting.org.au](http://www.ahca.yachting.org.au)

**Hansa North Cup** Pas de Calais, France. Apr 20-22. [www.lavoile-ensemble.org](http://www.lavoile-ensemble.org)

## May 2019

**Medemblik Regatta** Medemblik, Netherlands. May 19-21. [www.medemblikregatta.org](http://www.medemblikregatta.org)

**EUROSAF European Championships** Lake Traunsee, Austria. May 27—Jun 2.  
[www.championscup.eurosaf.org](http://www.championscup.eurosaf.org)

## June 2019

**French Hansa Class Championships** Lake Annecy, France. June 7-10 [www.lavoile-ensemble.org](http://www.lavoile-ensemble.org)

## July 2019

**Para World Sailing Championships** Puerto Sherry, Spain July 1-9 [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org)

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