

## Welcome to the S4E Newsletter

### The Hansa meaning of inclusion

The Hansa Worlds is a celebration of inclusion, the Hansa interpretation of which is facilitating people to sail solo, or in a team, and be competitive regardless of any disability or other inhibiting condition. That's saying all people are equal, regardless of age, size, shape, colour, gender etc, any aspect or difference in the body sailors inhabit is irrelevant.

Hansa achieve this by using boats carefully and conscientiously designed which are usable by the vast majority of bodies and minds, with a range of compatible add on tools for those with exceptional needs. This is a discipline called Universal Design, which in the Liberty we take to its extreme. There are other interpretations of inclusion which are more earthy as they categorise people according to aspects of their body, including it's mechanical efficiency, its intellectual capacity, mental awareness, it's gender, and it's age. Some of these features are expressed as binary opposites, as in able bodied and disabled which can lead to classifying these bodies according to their functional abilities.

Gender is another dichotomy, people generally being classified as either male or female. The more physical is an activity the more sensitive it is to gender as male bodies are generally more powerful than female, and male personalities are more aggressive which can disorient and overpower female competitors, which encourages separate men's and women's events. Age can be another cause for classification as when people age they rise to peak efficiencies effecting all functions and abilities, then they fade away in ability as they age. So events can be subdivided into age groups. Gender and Age specific events can be open to all, or further divided into able bodied or disabled subgroups which takes these events further down the inclusion scale.

A less lofty interpretation of inclusion is where the 2 opposites form a team, like where a disabled person steers the boat with an able bodied crew handling the sheets. A team can also be one of each gender, or mix that up with both genders, one able one disabled. Here you don't have to use UD craft, but be careful to consider what happens when the more able crew gets washed over the side, inevitable if the boat has a spinnaker, and particularly important if body weight is essential for stability. The next step down in the meaning of inclusion is using a UD or other specially designed or modified boat in a fleet of conventional craft, so a disabled person can be "included" in the otherwise Able Bodied event. Rather than inclusion we can call this integration as in the case of a junior school program you have singled out the different child by putting them in what will be branded a disabled boat.

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The next step down is a big one where the binary opposites of able bodied and disabled are segregated into their stand alone events, particularly for disabled people only. This can then be further subdivided into male and female sub categories, and disability specific sub groups, which can be hived off into disability specific events, like blind or intellectual disability sailing.

It takes the interpretation of inclusion out on a limb on its own when these events are branded inclusive, as in Special Olympics programs, the rationale here being this group of disabled people are now being included in the sport of sailing, albeit in their own sub-sub-sub group. A further step away from Inclusion, approaching the extreme is where numerous sub groups come together at the elite level as in the Olympics and Paralympics. In sailing Olympic events are organised by World Sailing who have delegated disabled sailing and Paralympic pursuits to their Para World Sailing Committee. What's interesting here is the Olympics might be elitist being only accessible by the best from each participating country, these days it's not discriminatory as if a disabled person is good enough and can use the prescribed equipment they can participate.








The Paralympics on the other hand is only open to the best in selected categories of disabled people and excludes everyone else, so it's elitist and exclusive. Para World Sailing in the past organised PWS World Championships for the Para World Classes (2.4, RS Connect, Hansa 303). However the main source of PWS funding dried up when sailing was excluded from the Paralympics, so PWS suspended organising their own Worlds, and turned to the recognised classes to host the PWS divisions within their own class specific events. Hansa went along with this, with mixed results to be covered in future stories, but the experience has shown us we need to better define and explain the Hansa vision, which revolves around the concept of Sailing for Everyone and our definition, and understanding of Inclusion.

### About the Hansa Event Inclusion Index

This inclusion index is not a linear scale as it spans between 2 very distinct and different projects with very different rationale for their goals. Imagine the scale as an  $\underline{X}$ , open at the top, closed at the bottom. Above is the Hansa Open Worlds where the only condition of entry is that the sailor is alive, a spark of ever expanding consciousness and imagination. The lower half of the  $\underline{X}$  is closed, it has several levels as inclusion is interpreted different ways. But each of these lower levels have a common theme as all consider the functionality of the sailors body or mind, the ability or lack of to perform the various functions necessary to control and compete on a sailboat. The Hansa event has a singular requirement, that being the sailor must be alive, while all the events below it measure characteristics which are invariably binary in nature, like the implications of being male or female, or being able bodied or disabled, or the level of disability from mild to profound, or considers age of the body, it's duration in time, it's functional capacity from its start, it's birth, through to its demise as it nears its stop, being it's death.

When you take all those binary functions, the myriad of body types, shapes and sizes, the different types of disability, and the numerous sporting disciplines and bring them all together in their disabled only sporting festival, the Paralympics, you have arrived at the other end of the event inclusion scale. As symbolised by the  $\underline{X}$ , there's a crossover from the singular open simplicity above to the binary choices below, with each downward step increasing the complexity, till you arrive at the polar opposite of inclusion, the Paralympics, a celebration of elite exclusion. I wouldn't expect World Sailing or it's Para World Sailing Committee, the IOC or the IPC to see it that way, to them the Paralympics is the peak event complementing their glorious Olympics, which of course it is, if you see it that way. So I'll let you into a secret, It's a mystery, a paradox, as behind it all, hidden in the light which casts the shadows is the origin of love and the binary nature of power. That's why our Hansa Worlds is such a magic event, but it's fragile so we need to protect it.

## Hansa Inclusion Event Index

	1. GOLD. The Hansa Worlds is a celebration of inclusion, where people are encouraged to sail solo, or in a team, and be competitive regardless of any inhibiting condition. All are welcome, regardless of age, size, shape, colour, gender etc, any aspect or difference in the physical or mental body they inhabit is irrelevant.
	2. PURPLE. Where sailboats are classified, not people. Sailing club organized multi class events, where boats with the appropriate Time Correction Factor are welcome. The races are timed and adjusted according to the boat's TCF. The Hansa classes have Portsmouth Yardsticks and other recognized TCF's so regularly compete in these events around the world.
	3. BLUE. An event where 2 opposites form a team, like a disabled person steering with an able bodied crew handling the sheets. A team can also be one of each gender, or double down with both genders, one able, one disabled. The point here being it's open to all and doesn't sub classify according to aspects of the sailors body or mind.
	4. GREEN. Events using conventional classes where a UD or other specially designed or modified craft is introduced so a disabled person can be "included" in the otherwise Able Bodied fleet. The higher the percentage of UD or modified craft included in the overall fleet the higher the "inclusiveness" of the event, particularly if there is no mandate that only disabled people can sail in the more accessible craft.
	5. YELLOW. Events where binary opposites of able bodied and disabled are segregated into separate events, particularly for disabled people only as here able bods are excluded. These can be further subdivided into male and female and other sub groups.
	6. PINK. Events for specific sub groups of disabled people, like blind sailing for vision impaired people and Special Olympics, which brings intellectually disabled athletes together periodically for their multi sport, multi discipline world games.
	7. RED. Events for only the most elite athletes across numerous disciplines, only the best representing their nation, as in the Olympics. The Paralympics goes a step further excluding all but disabled people, with sub group classifications according to mental or physical ability separating athletes to compete against sub groups of peers.

## Charity race in Hong Kong

Hebe Haven Yacht Club will soon host their annual 24 hour Charity Dinghy Race, raising funds for local charities such as Sailability Hong Kong. Over 18 years, the event has raised \$12m Hong Kong dollars for charities.



Thirteen 303's and 1 Liberty will take part in the event. Sailability Hong Kong's Kay Rawbone talks about the event on local radio via [this link](#).

## IHCA AGM

The AGM of the International Hansa Class Association will take place from October 17th to 31st October.

This annual meeting takes place via email between representatives from around the World and will discuss current and upcoming events, rules and will vote on the location of the 2023 Hansa Class World Championships.

Information from this meeting and Minutes will be posted to the IHCA website - [www.hansaclass.org](http://www.hansaclass.org)

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## World Sailing work towards Paralympic reinstatement in LA 2028

Para World Sailing recently hosted a worldwide online meeting to discuss the pathway forward to getting sailing reinstated into the Paralympics.

They are enlisting support from sailors around the world to promote sailing and the call for it's reinstatements into the Paralympics on social media by use of the hashtags #BacktheBid #SailtoLA #paralympics and tagging World Sailing in their posts.

Read more [here](#).

# World Championships in Palermo, Italy

The Hansa Class World and International Championships have just wrapped up in Palermo, Italy.

Despite the pandemic thwarting the plans of many international sailors to attend the event, 181 sailors from 24 countries made this a truly international event.

Sailors from China, Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Lithuania, Malta, Namibia, Oman and Turkey joined the large group of European competitors, along with sailors from Brazil, Chile and a lone pair of Australians!

Following weighing, measuring and registrations, the sailors took to the water for the practice race - only to have it abandoned when the wind changed direction and then died away.



A record fleet in the Hansa 303 singles of 69 competitors took to the course for race 1. However, the first day's racing was marred by bad weather, with racing abandoned when thunderstorms, rain and lightning saw the competitors towed ashore. Conditions were forecast to improve for the remainder of the week, with 4 races in each division required to constitute a Championship.



## World Championships in Palermo, Italy

For those on shore, the racing action was projected onto a large screen and streamed worldwide via Facebook to an appreciative audience. Drone footage took spectators up close to the action.



Conditions improved with 5 races completed for the 303 singles, with 3 races for the 303 doubles and 4 for the Liberty fleets by the end of day 3. With the championship guaranteed for the 303 singles, the 303 doubles and Liberties completed a final race on the last day to guarantee their championships.

In the 303 singles event, reigning champion Piotr Chiocki from Poland retained his title, from France's Cecile Venuat and Rory Mckinna from the UK. In his third attempt, Australia's Chris Symonds claimed 1st place in the 303 doubles with partner Manuela Klinger after finishing second at the last two Worlds. The Australians lead home Poland's Chiocki & Gornas Grudzien and Guyon—Ducruix from France. The Liberty division saw a victory for Vera Voorbach in both the overall and servo championships - the first time anyone has achieved this feat. France's Gerard Eychenne and GBR's Paul Phillips made up the other podium positions..

Thanks to consistent performances across the 3 divisions, France was awarded the Worlds Teams trophy. The Chris Mitchell award for inclusion was presented to Tommy Elton from Chile for the inclusive sailing program he runs.

Thanks to the organisers, sailors, support teams, sponsors and volunteers for making the event possible. The next Hansa Class Worlds will be held in 2023 at a venue to be announced following the conclusion of the IHCA AGM..



## Para Worlds for sailors with an intellectual disability

World Sailing has signed a MOU with VIRTUS to organise an event for sailors with an intellectual disability.

VIRTUS is the new name for INAS, and is the International Federation for sport for athletes with intellectual impairments.

A member of the IPC, Virtus organises events and promotes inclusion and education, including the quadrennial Virtus Global Games - the world's largest elite sports event for athletes with an intellectual impairment.

This partnership is particularly important when taking into consideration that the first Para Sailing World Championship for sailors with intellectual impairments is expected to take place in Southport Yacht Club n Queensland Australia in November 2022.



## Japan to host 2022 Asia Pacific Championships

Following on from the highly successful 2018 Hansa Class World Championships, the 2022 Asia Pacific Championships will be held in Hiroshima, Japan.

The regatta will take place from October 20th to 23rd, 2022 at the Kannon Marina, the site of the 2018 Worlds.

More information will be published to the IHCA website as it becomes available..



## Hansa Classes invited to Sail Melbourne

Hansa 303's, Liberties and SKUD18's are invited to attend Sail Melbourne in January.

The regatta will take place from January 13 to 16th at Royal Brighton Yacht Club.

The regatta will incorporate the Australian Para Sailing Championships.

Para Classification will be available for eligible sailors (Bookings required).

303s and Liberty charter boats available.



**13-17 January 2022**  
[www.sailmelbourne.com.au](http://www.sailmelbourne.com.au)

See website [www.hansaclass.org](http://www.hansaclass.org) for more info.

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## Australia GG recognizes s4e

Earlier this year, one of our Volunteers was recognized by the Australian Governor General David Hurley, who is the Patron of the Sailing For Everyone Foundation. Each year, he rewards volunteers with medallions for their services. In April, Shauna Phillips was presented with such a medallion and certificate.

Traditionally held at Government House, this year's presentation was held at the home of S4e Founders Chris Mitchell and Jackie Kay, due to COVID restrictions.

Shauna was presented with her award by the Mayor of Shoalhaven Council, Amanda Findlay in Nowra.



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## 2.3's head to Samoa

Following on from the Pacific Games that were held in Samoa in 2019, a container of 2.3's is being prepared to send to Samoa from Australia in a joint Australian and New Zealand venture.

The Australian boats, sourced from Sailability programs in New South Wales, will be refurbished at the Hansa Sailing factory in Nowra, before being loaded into a sponsored container organised by Don Manning of Sailability Wellington NZ. Then the New Zealand and Australian 2.3's will be shipped to Apia, the capital of Samoa.

## International Inclusion Summit

A virtual summit on inclusion is being held on December 2nd and 3rd to coincide with International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

Through a mixture of keynote addresses and presentations, speakers will focus on the theme: "Building Back Better"

To register and pay (25 Euro) and for more details, click [here](#).

## 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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### 303's in Canada



Ontario Sailing shared a post showing sailors from 303's from Etobicoke Yacht Club's BOOM program in Toronto.

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### Inclusive sailing in Baltimore

Downtown Sailing Center in Baltimore runs a regular inclusive sailing program in Hansa 303's.

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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



## October 2021

**Portuguese Championship** Portimao Oct 22-24. [www.classehansa.pt](http://www.classehansa.pt)

**Herb Meyer Cup** San Francisco Oct 22-24. [www.baads.org](http://www.baads.org)

## November 2021

**Portuguese National Cup**, Averio, November 19 - 21 . [www.classehansa.pt](http://www.classehansa.pt)

## December 2021

**XXII Canarian Olympic Sailing Week**, Spain, Dec 4-8 [www.rcngc.com](http://www.rcngc.com)

## January 2022

**Sail Melbourne** Melbourne, Australia. Jan 13-19. [www.sailmelbourne.com.au](http://www.sailmelbourne.com.au)

## February 2022

**Victorian Hansa Class Championships**, Gippsland Lakes, Victoria, Feb 19 & 20 <https://revolutionise.com.au/ahca/>

**Tasmanian Hansa Class Championships**, Wynyard Yacht Club, Feb 19 & 20 <https://revolutionise.com.au/ahca/>

**1st Qualifying Championship**, Lisbon, Feb 26 & 27 [www.classehansa.pt](http://www.classehansa.pt)

## March 2022

**NZ Hansa Class Championships**, March 11-13, [www.hansaclass.org](http://www.hansaclass.org)

**2nd Qualifying Championship**, Vilamoura/Algarv, March 26 & 27 . [www.classehansa.pt](http://www.classehansa.pt)

## April 2022

**Australian National Championships** Adelaide, South Australia. April 15-18 . <https://revolutionise.com.au/ahca/>

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