

Inclusive Classes Regatta



Update December 2023

An Inclusive Classes Regatta will be conducted by Middle Harbour Yacht Club from March 29 to April 1 over the Easter weekend in 2024. Online entry is open and the Notice of Race has recently been updated with a change that enables sailors with low vision to enter a greater range of classes.

Notice of Race Amendment

The Inclusive Classes Regatta Notice of Race has recently been amended. NOR 1.4(d) has been added to enable directional and safety assistance for any competitor, NOR 3.1 has been amended due to the unknown location of the physical noticeboard (MHYC is having renovations at the moment), and NOR 4.3(b)&(c) have been amended to permit entry by sailors with low vision in additional classes.

So that we can make the event as accessible as possible for all competitors, the club is investigating ways to provide audio signals for some marks of the course. If you have any suitable equipment or solutions for this challenge, we would love to hear from you. Please email sailing.manager@mhyc.com.au.

Para Classification Bookings for Friday 29 March

Para Classification for athletes with physical impairments will be available at the venue on Friday 29 March. Please register for classification by emailing a request and providing your contact details to parasailing@sailing.org.au.

New Classification Opportunity for Athletes with Intellectual Impairment

As announced in the November update, Australian Sailing have approved a simplified method of para classifications for this athlete group. Australian Sailing Provisional AWII Classification will be first used at the Inclusive Classes Regatta at Easter.

Sailors with intellectual impairment, including those who are not currently included on the Virtus Master List or a Registered Special Olympics Athlete, can apply for AWII classification by emailing their contact details to parasailing@sailing.org.au and then undertaking a phone or online interview with the Australian Sailing Consultant Psychologist. There is no cost to AWII classification and it is not a requirement to be entered in any event, although it is important to start make the application in advance of the relevant event.

If you are a sailor within this athlete group and would like to enter the Inclusive Classes Regatta, please apply for your classification ASAP.

Limited Charter Boats Available

A limited number of Hansa charter boats will be available for competitors in the Inclusive Classes Regatta who are travelling from interstate or outside the Sydney Metro area. Numbers are limited and it is important to register your interest as early as possible to secure a boat. Email sailing.manager@mhyc.com.au at the earliest opportunity.

Inclusive Sailing Forum on Sunday 31 March

An Inclusive Sailing Forum will be held after racing on Sunday 31 March. Hear about the work of the Australian Sailing Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Advisory Group and the Para World Sailing Committee and join in the discussion about how we can make sailing more inclusive. Everyone is welcome, so please save the date and come along.

How to Enter using SailSys

The online entry and results system for the Inclusive Classes Regatta and all MHYC events is SailSys. If you have not used SailSys before, firstly you will need to register a SailSys Sailor Profile. This is free. To register, visit www.sailsys.com.au, choose "Login" and scroll down to Register.

All entrants in the NSW Para Sailing Championships should supply their World Sailing Sailor ID to enable World Sailing ranking points to be accrued. To apply for a Sailor ID - [Click Here](#). You can also save your Australian Sailing number in your SailSys profile. To find your Australian Sailing number - [Click Here](#).

When you go to Enter the Inclusive Classes Regatta via [Online Entry](#), you need to be logged in under your SailSys Sailor Profile. You will be prompted for your boat details. Unless the boat is already in SailSys, select "Add New Boat". Enter your sail number if known - or just TBA. If you want to enter now but pay later, select "Manual Payment" and use the dialog box to advise how payment will be made.

[SailSys Help](#) provides information about [Adding a New Boat](#). If you are still having difficulty, email your name, DOB, mobile phone number, division, sail number (if known), AS Number (if known) and World Sailing Sailor ID (if entering the NSW Para Sailing Championships) to sailing.manager@mhyc.com.au.

About the Inclusive Classes Regatta

MHYC's Inclusive Classes Regatta program includes arrival, training and classification on the Friday followed by three races each day on the Saturday, Sunday and Monday. It is planned to hold an Inclusive Sailing Forum on the Sunday evening.

Racing will be on Middle Harbour in the vicinity of Balmoral. Invited classes are Hansa 303 (one person & two person), Hansa Liberty & International 2.4mR.

The regatta will comprise the 2.4mR NSW Championship and Hansa Class NSW Championships for 2024. In addition, the regatta will be the inaugural NSW Para Sailing Championships. Results of eligible para sailors will be extracted from the open fleet results.

All regatta information will be published at <https://mhyc.com.au/sailing/regattas-championships/inclusive-classes-regatta>