

Inclusive Classes Regatta



Update February 2024

An Inclusive Classes Regatta is being held at Middle Harbour Yacht Club from March 29 to April 1 over the Easter weekend in 2024. Online entry is open, the Notice of Race is published and entries are coming in.

NSW sailors will have plenty of competition in all classes with Victorian sailors currently dominating entries in the 2.4mR and Liberty classes. Tasmania's Chris Symonds and Manuela Klinger – Chris the current Australian Para Sailor of the Year and together the 2022 National Champions - will be racing in the Hansa 303 two-person competition. A number of Kiwis are also expected to contest the Hansa 303s.

With only six weeks to go to the event, sailors from NSW and the ACT should be getting their entries in.

About the Inclusive Classes Regatta

Invited classes are Hansa 303 (one person & two person), Hansa Liberty & International 2.4mR.

The regatta program includes arrival, training and classification on the Friday followed by a Competitors Briefing. There will be three races for every fleet scheduled each day on the Saturday, Sunday and Monday. It is likely the fleets will be broken into two groups with the first pair of classes getting underway at 11am. Racing will be on Middle Harbour in the vicinity of Hunters Bay, Balmoral.

An Inclusive Sailing Forum will be held on the Sunday evening.

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. For this event, the results of eligible para sailors will be extracted from the open fleet results.

Limited Charter Boats Available

A limited number of Hansa charter boats are now available for competitors in the Inclusive Classes Regatta who are travelling from interstate or outside the Sydney Metro area. Information is available on the [regatta webpage](#). It is important to register your interest as early as possible to secure a boat.

Accommodation

Competitors in the event are encouraged to book accommodation at the earliest opportunity. [Information about accommodation and arrival](#) at MHYC is posted on the [regatta webpage](#).

Para Classification Bookings for Friday 29 March

Unless athletes are already included on the [World Sailing Para Classification Master List](#), Para Classification for athletes with physical impairments will be available at the venue on Friday 29 March. This is free of charge but please register for classification ASAP by emailing a request and providing your contact details to parasailing@sailing.org.au.

Inclusive Sailing Forum on Sunday 31 March

An Inclusive Sailing Forum will be held in the MHYC Harbour View Room (members bar) after racing on Sunday 31 March. Please join us to hear about the work of the Australian Sailing Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Advisory Group, 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.

Race Management Volunteers Welcome

We are looking for a few extra race management volunteers to help out on the start boat and safety boats. If you can help out on one or all the race days, please email sailing.manager@mhyc.com.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.

How to Enter the Regatta 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 and we will assist.

More Information

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

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