

2nd South East Asian Para Sailing Championships 2024

TO BE HELD IN THE WATERS OF PORT SHELTER, HONG KONG

Wednesday 27th March to Sunday 31st March 2024

Sailing Instructions

notation '[NP]' in a rule means that the penalty for breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that a breach of that rule shall not be grounds for protest or request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024(RRS). HKSF prescriptions will apply.

1.2 The following rules shall apply:

a) World Sailing Functional Classification System and Procedures 2017-2024

b) The International 2.4mR class rules

c) The International Hansa 303 and Hansa Liberty class rules

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Garden Bar area of Hebe Haven Yacht Club (HHYC) on race days.

2.2 Notices to competitors may also be posted on regatta website (www.sailabilityhk.org), but in the event of conflict between sources, the official notice board described in 2.1 will govern.



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3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than two hours before the scheduled time of the first start of the race day, except that any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 19:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals ashore will be displayed on the flagpole in front of the Garden Bar at HHYC.
- 4.2. [NP][DP] Flag D with one sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after flag D is displayed. Boats are requested not to leave the shore until this signal is made.' When flag D is displayed with a class flag it applies to that class only.

5 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 5.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official.
- 5.2 Competitors shall handle any boats or equipment provided by the organizing authority with proper care and seamanship, and in compliance with any written instructions.
- 5.3 [NP][DP] Boats not racing shall avoid the area where boats are racing and any official boats.

6 SCHEDULE OF TRAINING

- 6.1 As the time of the event is limited, there will be a short practice race scheduled on 28th March warning signal at 09.55hrs

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1 Racing will take place daily from 28th March to 31st March inclusive
- 7.2 It is intended that the event will comprise of 9 races for each class:
- 7.3. One practice race will be conducted during Thursday morning (28th March), 1st warning signal 0955hrs. This race will take place before the official race start on that day – see below for official race start time.



Date	Race	First warning signal of the day
Thursday 28th March	Practice race	0955hrs
	Racing. 2 races.	1155hrs
Friday 29th March	Racing. 3 races.	0955hrs
Saturday 30th March	Racing. 3 races.	0955hrs
Sunday 31st March	Racing. 1 race.	0955hrs

- 7.3 The number of races completed will be a function of the wind conditions prevalent on the days of racing and may be amended according to conditions at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- 7.4 Thursday 28 March the first scheduled Warning Signal is 1155hrs, subsequent races to follow as soon as practicable.

- 7.5 Friday March 29th and Saturday March 30th the first warning signal is scheduled for 0955hrs, subsequent races to follow as soon as practicable.
- 7.6 Sunday March 31st, a warning signal at 0955hr and no warning signal will be made after 1500hrs.
- 7.7 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 8 **FORMAT OF RACING**
- 8.1 Racing will consist of a single series for each class.
- 8.2 The Liberty class and the 303s will start at the same time

9 **CLASS FLAGS**

9.1 Class flags will be:

Class	Flag
2.4mR Class	
Hansa 303 (Double or single handed)	
Hansa Liberty	

10 **RACING AREAS**

10.1 Appendix A shows the location of racing areas.

11 **THE COURSES**

- 11.1 The diagrams in Appendix B show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 11.2 If only one Gate mark is set boats shall round the single mark to port.

12 **MARKS**

- 12.1 The marks will be orange or yellow inflatable marks
- 12.2 New marks, as provided in SI 14, will be an inflatable mark with a black cover.
- 12.3 The starting and finishing marks will be orange inflatable marks.

13 THE START

- 13.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 13.2 Classes may be started in any order
- 13.3 The starting line marks will be the race committee signal vessel at the starboard end of the line and either a race committee vessel or an inflatable orange buoy at the port end of the line.
- 13.4 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 13.5 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
- 13.6 A boat starting later than FOUR minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5

14 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 14.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

15 THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finishing line marks will be an inflatable orange buoy at the starboard side of the committee boat.

16 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 16.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 16.2 Penalties for breaking rules related to functional adaptations: When a protest committee decides that a boat has broken rules related to functional adaptations, or a class rule, it may disqualify the boat or impose a scoring penalty of any percentage to be calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c), or give a warning.

17 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 17.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Class	Time Limit	Target Time
2.4mR Class and Liberty	65 min	45 min
Hansa 303 Class (Double or single handed)	60 min	40 min

- 17.2 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 17.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing per RRS 28. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

18 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 18.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

- 18.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals 'no more racing today' whichever is later.
- 18.3 Notices will be posted not later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings may be scheduled to begin up to 30 minutes before the end of the protest time.
- 18.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 18.5 A list of boats that have been penalised for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.
- 18.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- within the protest time if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes RRS 66.
- 18.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2

19 SCORING

- 19.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 19.2 When four or less races have been completed a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, when five or more races have been completed a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score (This changes RRS A2.1).
- 19.3 For the Hansa 303 entries, the PY will be used to determine overall placings due to there being both single handed and doubled handed competitors taking part.
- 19.4 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the Race Office.

20 [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 20.1 Check-Out and Check-In: All competitors shall check-out before racing and check-in within the protest time limit at the Race Office in the Garden Bar at HHYC each day.
- 20.2 Boats not leaving the shore for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the race office.
- 20.3 A boat that retires from racing shall notify the race committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the Race Office as soon as possible after returning ashore but no later than the protest time limit, by completing a retirement declaration form.
- 20.4 All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat except temporarily, when not racing, while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment, or for reasons of personal hygiene. This requirement shall not be enforced in the case of a very severely disabled person for whom, in the opinion of the Technical Delegate, after consultation with the Chief Classifier, the wearing of a conventional PFD would result in diminished safety. This changes RRS 40.
- 20.5 When the race committee displays flag V with repetitive sounds, all official and support boats shall monitor the race committee radio channel for that racing area for search and rescue instructions. The race committee will announce 'Flag Victor' using VHF Channel 72.
- 20.6 Support persons may go to the assistance of competitors, without interfering with other boats, if they consider that the safety of the sailor is at risk. Once assistance has been

provided, a boat shall retire immediately from the race. A competitor who retires shall inform the race committee as soon as possible. This changes RRS 41.

21 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 21.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race committee. Any change of crew shall not cause the team to become ineligible to compete under the Functional Classification System
- 21.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Technical Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 21.3 All maintenance of boats will be carried out by personnel nominated by the Organising Authority.

22 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 22.1 For Nations unable to bring their own boats, the organisers will allocate boats, including sails, at regatta briefing on Wednesday 27th March at 1130hrs

Such allocation will be undertaken by 'draw' with a different nation (other than the host nation) carrying this out together with a representative of the organising authority. The draw may take into account functional adaptations of individual boats. This changes NOR 4.2.

- 22.2 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

23 [DP] BOAT LIFTING

- 23.1 All 2.4mR Class boats and Hansa Liberty class boat will be launched on or before 1800hrs on Wednesday 27th March 2024. No 2.4mR class or Liberty class boats will be lifted out of the water without the written permission of the Race Committee.
- 23.2 The Hansa 303 Class boats may be hauled out, or left in the water. No official assistance will be available; however, volunteers may assist any competitor.

24 [DP] EVENT ADVERTISING

- 24.1 All boats may be required to display identification numbers and/or sponsors advertising for the duration of the event in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.4. These items will be supplied free of charge by the Organizing Authority at registration.
- 24.2 Competitors are not permitted to display advertising on supplied equipment or chartered/loaned boats except that which is provided by the Organizing Authority.

25 ON THE WATER JUDGING

- 25.1 On the water judging may be carried out to ensure that racing is in accordance with RRS 42, 2.4mR Class Rule C2.1 and Hansa 303 Class Rule C4.
- 25.2 Any boat being used by the on the water judges shall fly a yellow flag.
- 25.3 Any penalties issue under SI 25.1 will be dealt with in accordance with RRS Appendix P.

26 PRIZES

- 26.1 The overall winner in each class will be awarded the title of 2024 South East Asian Para Sailing Champion (2.4mR, Hansa 303 Single Handed, Hansa 303 Double Handed and Hansa Liberty as appropriate, as well as Hansa 303 Overall).
- 26.2 Prizes will be presented 1st to 3rd placed boats in each class.

27 RISK STATEMENT

- 27.1 Competitors and support team participate in the series entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 4, Decision to Race. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
 - 27.2 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - 27.3 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - 27.4 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - 27.5 By participating in any race, they are satisfied that their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - 27.6 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - 27.7 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
 - 27.8 They will familiarise themselves with any venue/event specific risks, adhere to rules and information produced for the venue/event and attend any venue/event safety briefings.

28 [DP]INSURANCE

- 28.1 Each participant shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of HK\$5,000,000.00, or the equivalent in another currency. The insurance document for each competitor will be shown at the time of registration
- 28.2 Any Insurance must cover the racing boats in HK waters, and be subject to HK maritime law and able to be collected in HK where equipment is provided by the organising authority.

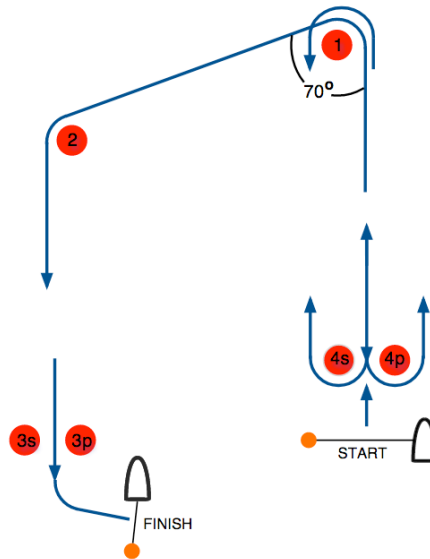
APPENDIX A - RACE AREAS

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 APPENDIX B - COURSES

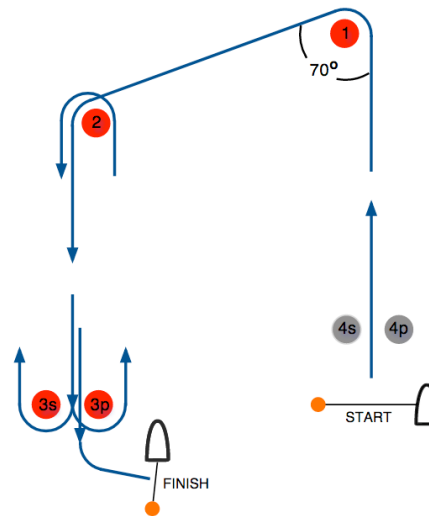
Inner Loop Courses

- I2 Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 2 - 3p - Finish
- I3 Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 2 - 3p - Finish



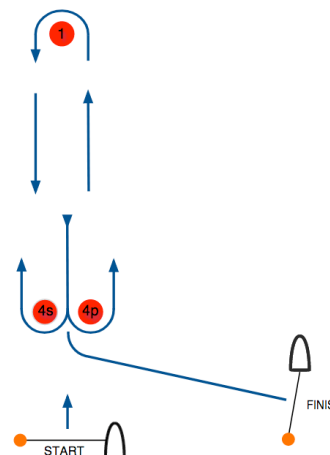
Outer Loop Courses

- O2 Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - Finish
- O3 Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - Finish



Windward/Leeward Courses

- L1 Start - 1 Finish
- L2 Start - 1 - 4 - 1 - Finish
- L3 Start - 1 - 4 - 1 - 4 - 1 - Finish



The finish boat on this diagram needs changing