



The President's Cup 2017

Incorporating

The Hansa 303 Irish National Championship 2017

Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th August 2017

at Carrickfergus

Notice of Race (Version 5, 8 August 2017 – amendment details on last page)

1. Rules

- 1.1. The organising authority is Belfast Lough Sailability in partnership with Carrickfergus Sailing Club.
- 1.2. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.3. The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.
- 1.4. Any further changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions.

The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. Advertising

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. The regatta is a sailing event to facilitate people with disabilities and able bodied sailors to sail together in competition. To facilitate this, boats sailed shall be crewed in the following way:-

Hawk 20 1 Disabled helm plus 2 crew

2.4mR 1 Disabled helm

Squib	1 Disabled helm plus 2 crew
Hansa 303	2 Disabled sailors for Championship
Hansa 303	2 disabled sailors or 1 disabled sailor and 1 able bodied sailor for President's Cup

- 3.2. Each provincial team should preferably comprise a minimum of 2 female sailors.
- 3.3. Each provincial team should preferably comprise a minimum of 2 people less than 18 years of age on 1st September 2017.
- 3.4. The allocation of Hansa 303s and Squibs provided for each team by BLS and CSC shall be by way of a raffle on the evening of Friday 11th August in the presence of each team captain at the briefing.
- 3.5. Teams for the President's Cup and entrants for the Hansa 303 Irish Championship may enter by completing an online Entry Form before 6th August 2017.

The Entry Forms will be found at: www.pch303carrick.org

4. Classification

- 4.1. The following classification requirements will apply:-
A person with physical, learning or sensory disability shall be classed as a disabled sailor.

5. Fees

- 5.1. The race entry fee for each President's Cup team of 4 boats (with minimum of 9 sailors) will be as follows:-

Hawk 20, Squib	£ 75 per boat
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Hansa 303 & 2.4mR	£ 40 per boat
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- 5.2. The race entry fee for the Hansa 303 Irish Championship is included within the President's Cup fee.

The score for the highest placed Hansa 303 for each province shall be added to the overall score for the President's Cup.

6. Qualifying Teams

- 6.1. The President's Cup regatta will consist of four qualifying teams representing the provinces:-
Connaught Leinster Munster Ulster
- 6.2. Each team will field a full team of 12 sailors to represent each Province.

7. Schedule

7.1. Registration Friday 11th August, 18.00 - 21.00; Saturday 12 August, 8.30 - 9.30 am.

7.2. Briefing: Saturday 12th August, 09:45 - in The Boatshed.

7.3. Dates of racing are as follows:

Day 1 Saturday 12th August 2017 3 races

Day 2 Sunday 13th August 2017 3 races

7.4. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 11:25 hours for day 1 and 10:25 hours for day 2.

7.5. There will be one Singlehanded Hansa 303 race, which may be scheduled Saturday or Sunday, to be sailed after the day's last Doublehanded race.

8. Sailing Instructions

8.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available to download from the event website from 1st August 2017.

9. Venue/courses

9.1. The venue shall be the area of Belfast Lough in the vicinity of Carrickfergus Sailing Club.

9.2. There will be two courses sailed as follows:

Course A: President's Cup fleet

Course B: Hansa 303 Irish Championship fleet

Details of courses will be available in the Sailing Instructions. Signals will be 5 minute gun, 4 minute gun and 1 minute gun.

10. Launching and haul out restrictions

10.1. Boats will be launched at Carrickfergus on Friday 11th August from 3 to 9 pm.

10.2. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta unless with the prior written permission of the race committee. Boats will be hauled out on Sunday 13th August immediately after racing.

11. Prizes

11.1. Prizes will be given as follows:-

The President's Cup Perpetual trophy shall be awarded to the team with the lowest combined score of the 4 classes representing that Provincial Team. In the event of a tie, the team with the most first places including discards shall be deemed the winner.

11.2. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

12. Risk Statement & disclaimer

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

Sailing by its nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) 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;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them boat of their own responsibilities.
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to or during or after the regatta.

13. Insurance

13.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum cover of **£2,000,000 Pounds Sterling** per incident or the Euro equivalent.

14. Photography Consent

14.1. By entering the regatta competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videoed participating in the race and/or using the Club facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitors approval of such images or any use thereof.

15. Radio Communication

- 15.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

16. Social Programme

- 16.1. A Championship dinner will be held on the Saturday evening, which will be the subject of an additional charge.
- 16.2. Competitors are granted temporary membership of Carrickfergus Sailing Club for the duration of the event, subject only to the provisions of the Club Rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership. All competitors are invited to avail of the facilities of the Club during the event.

17. Further Information

- 17.1. Accommodation info link at website. Online booking forms for dining and any other pre-booking requirements shall be available at the event website .
- 17.2. Point of contact for further information is Anne Taylor, Hon Secretary BLS
Email belfastloughsailabilityni@gmail.com
- 17.3. Event website: www.pch303carrick.org

Amendment details – additional changes in Version 5 (8 August 2017)

- 7.3 Ref to Hansa 303 Singlehanded race removed
- 7.5 Added to allow Hansa 303 Singlehanded race to be raced on either Saturday or Sunday.

Amendment details – additional changes in Version 4 (7 August 2017)

- 10.1 Launching time extended from 7 pm to 9 pm

Amendment details – additional changes in Version 3 (31 July 2017)

- 3.5 Further altered by extending entry deadline and removing requirement for separate Hansa 303 Entry Form.

Amendment details – changes in Version 2 (18 May 2017) from Version 1 (21 April 2017)

- 1. Prescriptions notice inserted
- 3.1. & 5.1. Skud 18 removed from list of classes to be sailed in the President's Cup
- 3.2. & 3.3. Softening of criteria
- 3.5. - Changed to an online entry form – to be available at event website
- The word “only “inserted re Hansa 303 entries for Championship only
- The direct link to the event web pages now inserted
- 5.1. Numbers of boats and sailors changed
- 5.2. Clarification of Hansa 303 scoring
- 7.1. - 7.3. Schedule changes and introduction of Hansa 303 Singlehanded Race
- 9. Alterations to courses
- 11.1. Number of classes changed
- 17.1. Changed to accommodation link and online forms - instead of downloads