2026 Hansa 303 Doubles & Singles North Island Championship

14-15 November 2026

The Organising Authority is the Bay of Plenty Trailer Yacht Squadron(BOPTYS)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 Yachting New Zealand safety regulations part 1 will apply.

1.3 The racing rules will be changed as follows:

Rule 41. *Outside Help,* will be altered by the inclusion of:-

e) When verbal instructions are used to assist sailors, assistance shall be limited to safety and direction. Assistance while racing can only be provided by approved support boats (See SIs 10 and 22)

1.4 Competitors must be members of a club affiliated to Yachting New Zealand.

1.5 CODE OF CONDUCT

Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the BOPTYS club.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not later than 60 minutes prior to the scheduled start time on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff located in front of the BOPTYS.

4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in the race signal AP. When AP over B is displayed boats shall not leave the dock.

5. **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

5.1

Date	Day	Programme	Time	
14 November	Saturday	Registration	0800 - 0845	BOPTYS Clubhouse
14 November	Saturday	Briefing	0900	BOPTYS Clubhouse
14 November	Saturday	First Warning	1100	2 races for Doubles, 3 races for Singles
15 November	Sunday	First Warning	1000	2 races for Doubles, 3 races for Singles

5.2 On 15th November no warning signal will be made after 1600hrs.

6. CLASS / DIVISION FLAGS

The division flags will be as follows:

Class	Insignia/Background Colour
Hansa 303 – Single Person	White with red logo
Hansa 303 – Two Person	Purple with white logo

7. RACING AREA

The racing will be held on Lake Rotoiti.

8. COURSES

8.1. The courses will be described at the briefing.

8.2 All rounding marks shall be left to port.

8.3 No later than the warning signal the Race Committee Signal Station will display the course number to be sailed. The course number will be displayed in black on a white board.

8.4 The Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes rule 33. *Changing the Next Leg of the Course.*

9. MARKS

The Marks may be audible and will be described at the briefing.

10. OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

10.1 In both divisions, outside assistance is permitted for boats that are servo assisted, or to other boats at the discretion of the Race Officer.

11. THE START

11.1 Races will be started as follows - This changes rule 26.

Signal	Flag	Sound	Minutes to Start
Warning	Class flag	1	3
Preparatory	P, I, Z, U or black flag	1	2
One-minute	Prep flag removed	1	1
Count Down (At Discretion of Race Committee)	50 sec, 40 sec, 30 sec, 20 sec, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.	Verbal	
Starting	Class flag removed	1	0

11.2 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag at the starboard end of the line and the port-end starting mark.

11.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes rule A4, *Low Point System,* and A5, *Scores Determined By The Race Committee*

11.4 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rule 26 *Starting Races*. When flag U is used as the preparatory signal rule 29.1 Individual recall does not apply. The scoring abbreviation for a flag U penalty is UFD. This changes rule A11 *Scoring Abbreviations*.

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag at the finishing station and the finish mark as described at the briefing.

13. PENALTIES

13.1 For both double and single divisions rule 44.1, *Taking A Penalty,* is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14. TIME LIMITS

14.1 The target time will be 30 minutes per race for each class.

14.2 The time limit will be 50 minutes per race for each class**.**

14.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes rules 35 and A5.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

15.1. Immediately after finishing a boat intending to protest shall, in addition to the requirements of rule 61.1(a), inform the race committee boat at the finishing line of her intention to protest and with the identity of the boat(s) protested against. The protesting boat will receive an acknowledgement from the race committee. This changes rule 61.

15.2. Rule 44.1 is changed to permit a boat that has broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 to take a penalty after racing but prior to any protest hearing. Her penalty shall be a scoring penalty as calculated in rule 44.3(c) equal to 40% of the number of entries in her fleet or 50% of the difference between her finishing position and the number of entries in her fleet, whichever is less

15.3. For protests where only a Rule of Part 2, *When boats meet,* or Rule 31, *Touching a Mark,* is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing will be offered prior to any formal hearing. YNZ 4.5.5 will apply. (This changes Rule 44.1, *Taking a penalty).* The scoring abbreviation for a penalty accepted at an arbitration hearing is ARB.

15.4. Protest forms are available at the WBC race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

15.5. 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.

15.6. Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the regatta office beginning as soon as possible after posting of the notice.

15.7. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

15.8. Breaches of instructions 11.4, 17, 20, 22, 23 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes Rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

15.9. 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 rule 62.2.

15.10. On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

(a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day.

(b) No later than 15 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66 *Re-opening a hearing*.

16. SCORING

16.1 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.2 For the singles division when 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16.3 For the doubles division when 4 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of race scores.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 Competitors or their representatives shall sign-on each time they leave the shore to enter the course and shall sign off each time they come ashore from the course. Sign on/off table will be located at the BOPTYS.

17.2 A boat that retires from a race or returns to the launching area before she finished the last race of the day shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17.3 Competitors shall wear a PFD at all times whilst afloat, on pontoons or on gangways during the period of the event including any training and activities outside of scheduled race times.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the race committee in

writing at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. **EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

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 measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. Particular attention may be paid to the inspection of appropriate safety equipment.

20 EVENT ADVERTISING:

Boats shall display advertising as may be supplied by the Organising Authority.

21. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be identified at the briefing.

22. SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats not authorised to assist in accordance with SI 1.3 shall stay outside the race area whilst boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal of the first division to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

23 TRASH DISPOSAL:

Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

24. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

25. PRIZES

Hansa 303 overall

1st Place overall single.
2nd Place overall single.
3rd Place overall single.

1st Place overall double.
2nd Place overall double.
3rd Place overall double.

Subdivisions

1st Place single seated position
1st Place B1 blind double
1st Place B2 blind single
1st Place B3 blind single

25.1 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

26. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

27. **INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of $1,000,000 per event or the equivalent.