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Docklands Yacht Club's Sailability program in action

Seven state leaders tell the stories that have moved them



Friendship Cup builds on bond 'tween Aussie and Japanese Sailability groups
Three medals drive Australian Sailing to push for reinstatement into Paralympics
Brave Laura Buchan finds her way back and Sailability Crystal Bay plays a part



I'm full of mixed emotions at the moment. Overjoyed by the success of Australian Sailing's Paralympic Sailing team – two Gold and a Silver. What a great result, and so close to three Gold.

I think Matt Bugg has the best story of all with his fantastic efforts on the last day to claim silver.

On the other side of my emotions is the knowledge that sailing won't be a part of the Paralympics in Tokyo 2020 and the uncertainty of when/if sailing will be included again.

I know we still have State, National and International competitions to participate in but the Paralympics like the Olympics are special and a dream for athletes to strive towards achieving. Let's hope 2024 brings us back on track.


By the time this magazine has gone to print, I hope we have a clear picture regarding the future direction of Sailability within the new Australian Sailing structure.

I believe Inclusion within the Sailing fraternity is the future for the growth our sport. I anticipate Sailability and its associated programs will assist in the success of inclusion and the growth of our sport.

As our logo says: 'Sailing for Everyone' is what we are about trying to achieve. Thank you all for your efforts in working towards achieving this goal.

moved them

Happy sailing!
Neil Anderson
 Chair - Sailability Australia



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Sailability's year in pictures



Above: Nishi and Peek in planning mode
 Below: Sailors at a regatta in Ushimado, Japan, ready for Canberra



Friendship through sailing

Strong friendships were formed at the Friendship Cup in November hosted by Sailability ACT on **Lake Tuggeranong**, with 36 visiting Japanese sailors, six volunteers & a team of Aussie sailors.

According to **Nobi Nishii**, President, Sailability Japan: "We have had strong bond with Australian Sailability for many years and now so happy this regatta is happening.

"Many disabled Japanese sailors are not experienced, so there will be races in Canberra to suit them. Our sailors and volunteers have good communication with Aussies by smiling! Nishii hopes Sailability Japan will learn about how to run Regattas, Aussie-style.

Friendship Cup director, Sailability ACT's **Terry Peek** earlier visited Hiroshima with Nobi Niishii. The two have built a strong bond over 16 years through Sailability.

Terry: "The success of the Regatta could not have happened without lots of co-operation and dedication of many people. For many of the Japanese, this has been their first visit to a foreign country and the experience exemplifies the friendship between our sailors."

Our Paralympics golden girl

Sailability officials had the pleasure of congratulating Paralympic gold medalist and Sailability NSW patron, **Liesl Tesch** at the welcome home to the Aussie Paralympic Team at Cruising Yacht Club, in Sydney, hosted by sailing's peak body, Australian Sailing.

Left to right: **Graeme Adam**, Sailability Australia PR/Editor/ committee delegate; Sailability NSW Treasurer, **Paul Taylor**; **Liesl Tesch**; and Sailability Australia's National Committee Chair, **Neil Anderson**.



"Finding my way back to me"

Linda Buchan's life changed forever after being seriously injured in a house fire. Now Linda has written her inspiring story "Step By Step: Finding My Way Back to Me". Part of that story and her journey back to a normal life involved being encouraged into yacht racing and then into sailing a Hansa Liberty with **Sailability Crystal Bay** in Sydney.

Linda: "Sailing helped change my life. I cannot drive, but when I'm on the water, I'm in total control. Sailing has also done wonders for restoring my social skills. Life is good again."

To order a copy of Linda's book, go to www.theauthorpeople.com/step-by-step

Sailability at Australian Sailing's Victorian office

Sue Phillips has joined Australian Sailing as Club Services Officer in Victoria with focus on inclusion (Women and Girls in Sailing, Sailability and CALD). Sue comes to Australian Sailing with a wealth of experience after working in the UK on the acclaimed 'This Girl Can' Campaign and the London Olympics. Sue has worked in local government in Victoria with a focus on inclusion, club development and grants.

The heart and soul of Sailability Australia

We asked your state presidents to report on a topic or a personality that has moved them ... and here they are.

Graeme Martin - WA's champion for Sailability & Hansa

Story: Tracy Odiam, President, Sailability WA



Western
Australia

Within the Sailability movement, there are those who go beyond the call of duty. **Graeme Martin** was a former firefighter who was injured in a workplace accident, which resulted in an above-knee amputation of his leg.

Based at RPYC, Graeme had been President at **Sailability WA**, retiring in Sept 2015 after 10 years of dedication. During his reign as President, he was actively involved in the development of two other Sailability Programs at **PRYC Albany** and **SoPYC in South Perth**. We now have a 4th Program starting up at Dawseville, south of Mandurah.

Graeme competed in two Paralympics in the Sonar class, winning Gold in Sydney in 2000 & Bronze in Beijing. He then went on to purchase his own Liberty to help build a fleet in Perth where the Liberty sailors regularly competed in Dinghy Club Racing on Sunday afternoons. He was always fairly hard to beat but this pushed our sailors all the harder to try to catch him.

He then had a trailer built which could carry four Liberties, which he donated to Sailability. He also towed four boats over to Goolwa for the Hansa Nationals, which he won, becoming Liberty champion.

Graeme has sailed for most of his life and he never let his disability get in the way. He competed in the Fremantle to Bali Race three years ago with a team of five and then sailed through Indonesia home to Fremantle over a few months with just one other sailor.

He was prepared to fund a container to take four Liberties over to the Hansa Worlds which were to be held in San Francisco in 2014 but were cancelled. He funded a container to Medemblik this year and allowed his boat to go without him to be chartered and three lucky sailors from Perth got the opportunity to sail their own boats in Medemblik. They all sailed really well in a fleet of 31 with one of our sailors coming in sixth place. Without this gesture, Perth sailors would not have even contemplated going to the Netherlands.

Due to health and other commitments, Graeme is now selling his boat and stepping away from Sailability but his generosity and commitment has ensured that Sailability in WA is going strong and will continue to grow.

From all of us in WA we thank you Graeme.

Wynyard Yacht Club - An inclusive sailing club for all

Story: Rod Viney, President, Sailability Tasmania with Chris Symonds, Secretary Wynyard Yacht Club and VP, Sailability Tas.



Tasmania

Since winning Yachting Australia's "Yacht Club of the Year", **Wynyard Yacht Club (WYC)** has continued its success on the national stage at the 2015 Australian Sports Commissions annual awards winning "**Community Club of the Year**" across all sports.

During 2015/16 WYC has built on its success from the previous year through the continued hard work of the volunteer-based membership and management group. WYC is based in a small community of 5000 people and would not survive without inclusion and diversity.

Sailing numbers are strong with 134 participants experiencing sailing for the first time. 194 enrolled in training programs. Sailability, Discover Sailing, Tackers, Start Sailing 1 and 2, Start Racing, Powerboat license, Racing, Try Skills, 1st Aid are the programs on offer at WYC.

A successful Community Fund grant for a lift allowing access to upstairs was installed in May 2016. The Coins Foundation supported a third Hansa 303 growing the fleet number to five based at Wynyard. The State Hansa 303 and NS 14 class championships were held at WYC

In January 2016 WYC was a finalist in the **National Disability Awards** with the presentations held at Parliament House Canberra.

WYC in partnership with the Coins Foundation hope to bag Australian Sailing's "Inclusion Award" offering a 303 to the club nominated as Australia's most Inclusive.

In June 2016 two members entered the Hansa Class Worlds in Medemblik in the Netherlands. **Chris Symonds**, who has Kennedys Disease, sailed the 303 singles, winning the regatta with a perfect score of eight wins. Chris and **Mike Darby** in the 303 doubles class where were announced runners up. WYC members assisted with many practice sessions and at Medemblik as shore support. The success allowed sailing to again be promoted nationally with an interview on ABC radio national.

2016 is well placed for the future with many hours spent working with our local council and architects on a new clubhouse facility to replace the existing one. The Club has recently completed its strategic plan 2016 to 2019 and will continue to work as an inclusive club for all in their community.

Footnote: The 2017 National Masters Games sailing will feature the Hansa 303 class racing - sailing from the Wynyard Yacht Club

(More state by state stories following pages)

“Port”: creating something wonderful for the community

Story: John Price, President, Sailability NSW, with Sailability Port Macquarie

New South
Wales



In February 2012 **Rick Eller, Julie Constable** and **Freya Luick** visited Taree to view Sailability in action, and agreed there needed to be a Sailability branch in Port Macquarie.

Rick contacted **Frank Bardsley, Sailability Port Stephens** and he and Julie saw how Port Stephens ran their club. Frank visited Port Macquarie to attend an orientation meeting for disability service providers organised by the Westport Rotary Club. Frank impressed Westport who donated \$4,000 to start the club. **Sailability Port Macquarie** was registered as a branch of Sailability New South Wales in August.

They started with three borrowed dinghies and a SNSW “tinnie” on loan and a handful of volunteers. By the end of the first season there were more than 40 volunteers catering for about 30 participants each Wednesday. In preparation for 2013-14, they purchased a triple deck boat trailer and were loaned a floating pontoon by Sailability NSW.

In September 2013, SPMQ purchased 4 x 303 dinghies and a trailer together with a trailer for the pontoon. By February 2014 they purchased three more 303 dinghies and trailer plus a second IRB and trailer. The fleet now consists of seven 303's, plus 1x 303 and 2x2.3's on loan together with 2 IRB's.

They started with launching the dinghies off the beach on the Hastings River. With the dinghy held in deeper water they needed six strong men to carry our sailors into the water and load them into the dinghies. Approval is in for a new permanent gangway and floating pontoon to be constructed soon.

SPMQ now has 105 sailors of whom they take out up to 55 (average 45) each Wednesday and also over 60 committed volunteers from which they draw about 30 – 35 every week.

Their success shows what effort and cooperation can do!

Birth of a Sailability branch at Murray Bridge

Story: John Johnston, President, Sailability SA

South
Australia



Ian and **Rosie Rick** residing at Murray Bridge found there were no facilities for sailing on the river in this area. As members of Sailability at **Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club**, they decided to see if they could do something to remedy it.

Ian and Rosie, both having a disability, could see the need for Sailability to have a branch at Murray Bridge following the success of the Annual Disability Expo held by **Sailability SA**.

During his enquiries Ian found a club that was dormant with funds could pass on to a likewise organisation. So he arranged meetings with this group and was successful in establishing the Murray Bridge Water Activities Club (incorporating **Sailability Murray Bridge**).

Both Ian and Rosie have an extremely good relationship with the Rural City Council of Murray Bridge and the Council refurbished a river jetty for Sailability at the Sturt Reserve.

With the loan of two Hansa 303s from Sailability they have run a very successful season with a lot of support from local people and volunteers from Goolwa Sailability.

Ian: “People with a disability, whether intellectual or physical, can come out and find the freedom to do something they never dream of doing.”

“We have a crane set up that can lower (people) into the boat with a sling, whether they are paraplegic, quadriplegic, a stroke victim or an amputee.”

Sailability have since obtained a grant from Dept. of Recreation and Sport to purchase another second-hand 303 to cater for the increased interest

During the year, Ian was nominated for the “Accessibility Recognition Award” on the International Day of People with a Disability as President and founder of the Murray Bridge Water Activities Club.

He was also a finalist in the Murray Bridge Australia Day Award and won the **Sailability “Jude Harris Award”** for his work with Sailability SA.

The last word from Rosie “I head out by myself, and after half an hour I’m totally relaxed and forget about everything,” she said. “It’s the closest thing to flying without leaving the ground.”

Australian Sailing to advocate for Paralympics reinstatement

Paralympic sailors buoyed by brilliant Australian performances

Photo: Beau Outeridge



Right: Sonar team - winners at Rio

At the welcome home: Back L – R: Sonar class: Jonathon Harris, Colin Harrison (Skipper) and Russel Boaden Front L-R: SKUD 18: Liesl Tesch, Daniel Fitzgibbon (Skipper) and 2.4mR class - Matt Bugg

2016 has been a year of lows and highs for Aussies involved in Paralympic sailing. Earlier in the year, it was announced that there would be no sailing events in the 2020 Paralympics. This was devastating news.

By mid year, focus had turned to the 2016 Rio Paralympics and, true to form, the Aussie Paralympic sailing team excelled. Australia's Paralympic sailors bagged three medals across the three Paralympic classes, including two Gold and a Silver. **Daniel Fitzgibbon** and **Liesl Tesch** became the first Paralympic sailors across the globe to defend their Olympic title, taking Gold in the SKUD18 class, while **Colin Harrison**, **Russel Boaden** and **Jonathan Harris** also won Gold in the Sonar Class. Tasmanian **Matt Bugg** took the Silver medal in the 2.4mR event.

"This has been the most successful Paralympic sailing team ever," said **Matt Allen**, President of Australian Sailing. "To medal in every class is a real achievement and we're extremely proud of this hard-working, talented group of sailors and the wider team who have supported them."

At the welcome home in September, hosted by Sailing Australia and CEO **Matt Carroll**, Allen went on to assure Paralympic sailors that Sailing Australia would continue to advocate for reinstatement of sailing to the Paralympics in 2024.

In November, at the 2016 Australian Awards, the entire Australian Paralympic Sailing Team was awarded the **Sailor of the Year with a Disability Award**. The six sailors together have been heralded as the most successful Australian Paralympic team ever, with Australians winning medals in all three classes they contested.

The prestigious President's Award was presented to two-time Paralympic sailing gold medallist, **Liesl Tesch**, who, with Daniel Fitzgibbon became the first crew to win back to back Paralympic gold medals. The award was also for her enormous advocacy for disability sports over many years.

Six presidents, 240 guests celebrate Sailability NSW's 20th



L to R: Alan Jones, Elizabeth Atkin, Neil Anderson, Grahame Rayner, John Price and Denis Critchley

In February, Sailability NSW celebrated its 20th anniversary with a regatta and gala lunch. Some 240 Sailability sailors and volunteers from all over NSW gathered for one big party. All six presidents from 1995 to the present time, gathered to cut the cake, and "wheelie" sailors took to the dance floor to join in the fun.

On December 21, 1995, Sailability NSW was incorporated as an association with Sailability Gosford and Dobroyd the first branches. In 1996, **Neil Anderson** became the second Sailability NSW President. (Neil today is Chair of the National Sailability Committee of Australian Sailing.) "Growth has been strong in NSW over recent years, says SNSW President **John Price**. "Sailability is for everyone!"

News in Brief



Vale Sandra Peek

Earlier this year, the Sailability family said goodbye to **Sandra Peek**, seen here with husband **Terry Peek** (Vice-Chair - Sailing, Sailability ACT, Head Coach, Special Olympics Sailing). A warm and generous lady, she was always a hard-working volunteer, lending a hand for years at Sailability and Hansa events in the ACT. Sandra supported Terry in his endeavours to spread the word about sailing. One of their sons, **Alister** is a Sailability ACT member and a crack Hansa sailor and Special Olympics competitor.



Sailings new name, now organization

Australian Sailing is the new name of Yachting Australia. The name change embodies the most significant organisational reforms in the sport's history. There is a new organisational structure that has the capacity to meet the challenges facing the sport. For full information, go to: <http://www.sailing.org.au/members-message-matt-carroll> and <http://www.sailing.org.au/yachting-australia-embarks-name-change-australian-sailing>



Busy year for Hansa Class Association

After a summer of state events, sailors assembled at the Gold Coast Sailing Club at Easter for the 2016 Nationals. Competition was close, particularly in the Hansa 2.3 fleet, which is enjoying a renaissance in class events since it's '23rd birthday party' in October 2015.

In June, nine Aussies and supporters headed off to Medemblik in the Netherlands to join 130 others for the Hansa World Championships. For the first time a World Teams Trophy was awarded and the consistent results of all the Aussie sailors saw 'Team Australia' bring home the inaugural Trophy, defeating GBR by 80 points.

The next major event will be the 2017 Asia Pacific Championships. This event will be held at Royal Geelong Yacht Club over Easter – April 14-17 and all 4 Hansa Classes – 2.3, 303, Liberty and SKUD are invited. There is early interest from overseas competitors for this major regional championship. Information about this event can be found on the AHCA website - www.ahca.yachting.org.au

Docklands Yacht Club – Victoria's most inclusive club?

Story: David Staley, President, Sailability Victoria with Russell Phillips, DYC Commodore



Docklands Yacht Club (DYC) is an inclusive Club based in Docklands, Melbourne, Victoria, which sees people of different cultures, abilities and demographics interact and sail together. They have announced themselves as a community yacht club that sees a diverse membership and a year-round racing season.

Docklands was established nearly 15 years ago. Dedicated long-term committee members work to ensure the Club continues to serve the local community.

Docklands, known for its proximity to the CBD, newly built high-rises and infrastructure to host travelling events tends to attract tourists from around the world. To accommodate such tourists and families of long-working contracts Docklands provides community sailing days bi-monthly & monthly racing using the Hansa design.

"The Hansa dinghy was originally designed for a person of any ability to try sailing. They don't capsize, they have a small sail and they're almost indestructible so we're able to put people who've never sailed before into one and send them on their way", said DYC Commodore, **Russell Phillips**.

The Hansa dinghy is widely used for disabled sailing and provides a pathway to continue into a Paralympic class. This tends to attract a number of disabled sailors to Docklands Yacht Club. In fact, 45% of Docklands Yacht Club's membership have a disability and pride themselves on their community inclusive model,

"It doesn't matter if you've never sailed before, are able-bodied, disabled or have won a Gold medal you'll be racing on the same course as everyone else," said Commodore Phillips.

In addition to racing monthly at the Club, DYC members regularly travel and compete at other regattas around the state, including at the Royal Brighton Yacht Club, the Sailing World Cup – Melbourne at the St Kilda Sailing Precinct and have even travelled to the World Championships in Holland. For more information on DYC including membership visit www.docklands.yachting.org.au

Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Sailability in Victoria



To celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Sailability in Victoria, a special day and evening reception was held on 19 November. All the Sailability programs across Victoria were invited to join the President and Committee of Sailability Victoria on board the Jubilee Sailing Trust's Tall Ship *Tenacious* for a day sail on Port Phillip Bay and evening reception moored at Williamstown.

Sailability Victoria is Australia's longest-running Sailability state-based association. Sailability Victoria was established in 1991 with the first of four programs at Albert Park Lake in 1991. This followed the UK model, which was brought to Australia by eminent Victorian, Campbell Rose.

According to Sailability Victoria President **David Staley**, "From this small beginning, we have now grown to 24 programs around the State, offering sailing experiences to sailors of all ages, abilities and backgrounds, enabling them to become involved in sailing at their local sailing club."

"Long before the ASC was pushing clubs to make sailors with a disability more welcome, Sailability Victoria and Yachting Victoria were collaborating to make the sport of sailing more inclusive."

From this small beginning, there are now more than 70 Sailability programs around Australia.

Local sailor's dedication to Sailability and local communities

Moe Turaga, President, Sailability Qld with John Hamaty, Treasurer



Ross Winterbourne is an accomplished businessman and racing sailor who has lived and worked in the Mackay and Airlie Beach region for the past 47 years.

Ross, a foundation member and long-time official of **Whitsunday Sailing Club**, based at Airlie Beach in North Queensland, watched a small Sailability group struggle to gain traction at the Club and in the local community. He eventually offered his services as a volunteer.

With his business acumen and his natural enthusiasm it was inevitable that he would take on the leadership of Sailability Whitsunday. His skill and dedication has built that club into a thriving group catering for sailors from as far afield as Mackay and Bowen.

Ross's ability to build a team, his connections within the local community, his ability to get things done and his can-do attitude has led to several achievements.

The big one was the funding and construction of a large shed to get Sailability Whitsunday's dinghies out of the weather and away from risk of cyclone damage.

Ross also fostered experimentation with a number of different boats to broaden Sailability's appeal to a wider range of sailors.

When he was contacted by a carer organization in Townsville, Ross followed up in his usual enthusiastic and capable way and a new Sailability group has been Incorporated as a result.

No doubt Ross will be a close and capable mentor for the fortunate folk in Townsville as well as filling an important role as Vice-President of Sailability Queensland.

Ross Winterbourne, Sailability Queensland salutes you!

From little things...

Story: Terry Peek, President, Sailability ACT



After joining us in September 2012, **Kim Ballantyne**, competed in numerous regattas from when she first learnt to sail with Sailability ACT to higher level competition, developing increasing skills and commitment.

She competed in her first State championships for the ACT and NSW in 2013 and then followed up to compete at the National Event in 2013 held by Sailability ACT as part of the Centenary of Canberra Celebrations. .

At these Nationals, she first saw the SKUD 18s sailing and met and teamed up with **Ross Manning**, Qld SKUD 18 helmsmen for Sail Melbourne 2013, gaining 6th place.

Later in 2013, there was an opportunity to team up with **Duncan MacGregor** and sail a SKUD in a newly set-up SKUD 18 program in Canberra. Kim has been pivotal in facilitating the Sailability ACT SKUD program. The Sailability ACT SKUD program is supported by The Canberra Yacht Club, allowing Sailability ACT's best sailors to have a chance to sail a SKUD 18 on Lake Burley Griffin and race in Canberra Yacht Club Regattas.

Kim and her very experienced and highly skilled, team mate Duncan have been place getters in the regular Canberra Yacht Club Regattas Series.

Kim and Duncan took the ACT SKUD 18 to Nationals at The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club in Pittwater in 2014, coming 4th and to Sail Melbourne in 2014 where they came 5th.

Kim and **Russell Phillips**, Hansa Class President, teamed up as a Paralympic Classified Team for the 2015 Worlds , training in two SKUDs on Lake Burley Griffin for half a year.

The 2015 Worlds, was a valuable experience, being able to compete in a Regatta in the challenging conditions of Port Phillip Bay, against all the highly skilled (and well-financed) teams competing for selection in the Rio Paralympics.

Kim has become very active in the administration of Sailability ACT as the Hansa Class ACT representative, part of the executive committee for Sailing ACT and Treasurer of Sailability ACT. Not unsurprisingly, Sailability ACT's Sailor of the Year for the sailing season 2015-2016 was (drum roll)Kim Ballantyne!



Moe Turaga, current President Sailability Queensland and PR for Sailability Bundaberg, and John Hamaty President, 2009-2014 with Stan Phillips and Bob Curtis. Hamaty joined SQ Committee 2008., was Sailability Qld. President, 2009-2014. During that time, the growth of Sailability clubs went from three clubs to ten, providing around 350 individual sailings for PWDs.

“Life” for Queensland stalwarts

Two of Sailability Queensland's stalwarts have been honoured with life membership with current President **Moe Turaga** and previous President **John Hamaty**, handing over mounted certificates.

Bob Curtis joined Sailability Gold Coast in 2000. He was president SGC 2004-2007, life Member 2013, president, Sailability Qld. 2008-9. Since then has ably coordinated Insurance needs of Queensland Clubs- a not inconsiderable task.

Stan Phillips joined Gold Coast in 2000. Stan was active on the Sailability Qld. Committee from 2001 to 2014 and in the development of new clubs at Bundaberg, Yeppoon, Bayside, Shorncliffe, Tin Can Bay, Airlie Beach, Darling Downs and Graceville on the Brisbane River.

Stan was tireless in attending meetings with Councils, presenting Sailability to service clubs, encouraging fledgling committees as well as towing dinghies to new clubs and to locations that were potential future Sailability centres.



Happy: Tracy Odiam at the Worlds

President Tracy's big year

For **Tracy Odiam**, 2016 has been a big year. In January, Tracy started her first full year as President of Sailability WA, following the retirement of **Graeme Martin**. And in June, she travelled with friends **Genevieve Wickham** and **Rod Angwin** to compete in the Liberty Class in the **Hansa Worlds** in Medemblik, ND.

“The last 12 mths has been fairly eventful for me, said Tracy. “Our three existing programs are running well with all supported sailing events full. Hopefully we will get some new independent sailors coming through. **Port Bouverde** (south of Perth) is a new Sailability program starting soon. They have purchased the trimarans which were on trial in Europe - this will be really exciting. We have been invited to race them in Mandurah Inlet.

“In June, I travelled to Medemblik in the Netherlands to compete in my Hansa Liberty at the Worlds which was amazing and exhilarating, finishing mid-fleet with plenty of room for Improvement.”



Sailability Australia 2017

The year, the major events, your state Sailability contacts, NSC delegates and websites

For Hansa Class Association updates, go to www.ahca.yachting.org.au, find them on Facebook or contact AHCA secretary Shauna Phillips at secretaryahca@gmail.com

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Feb 4th and 5th
Hansa Class WA State Championships
As part of Argonaut mini-series. Hosted by Royal Perth Yacht Club

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April 1
**South Australian Sailability
Championships**
Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club

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April 14 - 17.
**Combined Asia Pacific Hansa Class
Championships*** at Royal Geelong
Yacht Club, April 14 - 17. Incorporates
the Victorian and Australian Hansa Class
Championships.

Tasmania



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Feb tba
**Tasmanian Hansa Class
Championships**
Derwent Sailing Squadron
October 21-27
Natrional Masters Games
Sailing— Wynyard Yacht Club

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Feb 11 & 12
NSW Hansa Class Championships
Coomba Aquatic Club, Wallis Lake, near
Foster/Tuncurry

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April 1 & 2
Qld Hansa Claas Championships
Gold Coast Sailing Club.

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Sailability Australia is the Australian arm of Sailability World comprising seven state or territory Sailability Associations and some 76 programs. Australian sailors with disabilities are represented nationally by delegates on Australian Sailing's National Sailability Committee (nominated by State yachting organizations).