



SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB



MEDIA EVENT

THURSDAY 18th APRIL 2024, 11am to 12 noon.

The International Hansa Class Association are pleased to officially launch the 2024 Asia Pacific Championships to be hosted by Southport Yacht Club on the Gold Coast, Australia.

Based in the Netherlands, World President of the International Hansa Class Association (IHCA) Vera Voorbach said "Thank you for joining us as we set sail into the thrilling world of inclusive sailing! On behalf of the International Hansa Class Association, I thank the team from Southport Yacht Club and welcome entrants to these picturesque waters for the official launch of the Hansa Class Asia Pacific Championships.

"I welcome you all to be a part of our journey as our sailors showcase our passion, skill, and determination on the waves. With our Hansa boats ready and spirits high, we invite you all to witness the excitement firsthand.

"Good luck to all sailors, and thank you to the Southport Yacht Club officials, members and volunteers for what I'm sure will be a fantastic event. Together, let's embark on this exhilarating voyage towards excellence and inclusivity in sailing!"

Southport Yacht Club Commodore Drew Jones said he was delighted to host this important international event that aligns with Southport Yacht Club's objective of supporting inclusive sailing for all ages and abilities.

Southport Yacht Club's sailing headquarters are located on the Gold Coast's Broadwater, one of Australia's most dynamic boating playgrounds.

Commodore Drew Jones said "Our inclusive facilities at Hollywell have long been utilised and valued by Southport Yacht Club members and Sailability Gold Coast, and we look forward to sharing our hospitality with the international Hansa Class community for all to enjoy the excitement of racing out on the water."



“Uniquely, Hollywell features a private beach adjoining a secure and spacious grassed area to rig up boats and wheel straight into the water, where skippers are likely to be greeted by the pod of resident dolphins and the occasional shy dugong.”

Commodore Drew Jones said he was also delighted to announce that Hollywell will temporarily expand its marina facilities to ensure inclusive access for all participants at the event, thanks to the generous sponsorship and services supplied by Superior Jetties, a Gold Coast based marina and pontoon manufacturer.

Superior CEO John Hogan said “Superior Jetties are delighted to support this significant event which showcases the importance of inclusive marine access for all ages and abilities. Our floating pontoon solutions provide easier and level access onto and off boats, at all tidal ranges.”

The Asia Pacific 2024 Hansa Class Championships will take place from October 20th to 25th 2024 at Southport Yacht Club’s Hollywell Sailing Squadron venue on the Broadwater and will incorporate the Australian and Queensland Hansa Class Championships. Invited classes are the Hansa 2.3, 303 singles and doubles, Liberty and SKUD18.

Last held in Hiroshima in 2022, the international parasailing event attracted participants from Brazil, France, Germany, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Oman, Poland, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, Japan, Australia and USA.

The event will be held from Sunday 20th October to Friday 25th October 2024.

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