**Volunteer Briefing**

**Hansa Class Association Race Training, Portland Harbour**

**Friday 8th & Saturday 9th June 2018**

Chesil Sailability is running a two day race training event in partnership with the Hansa Class Association and RYA Sailability. Invictus Games sailors are also taking part.

**Race training**

The race training is intermediate/advanced level, with the race coaching being run by the RYA Sailability coaches. Many of the sailors compete on the Hansa race circuit, but most of these events are on inland waters, and the sailors really appreciate the opportunity to sail on the world class open waters of Portland Harbour. In particular, several are training for the 2018 Hansa Worlds in October, which are in Hiroshima, Japan, on similar open waters to Portland Harbour. For our training, there will be Hansa 303’s (same as our Hansa’s) sailed solo or double handed, and the Hansa Liberty, a larger single handed boat.

We are also joined by 4 Invictus Games sailors, as part of their training for the Invictus Games Worlds in October in Sydney. They will be using Hansa 303’s. There are also some Invictus Games sailors training in the Elliot keelboats. The Elliot training will be run separate to us, but we will be providing pontoon support for them.

Our own four Hansa 303’s are being fully used, two by our own sailors, one loaned to a young sailor from Scotland who is training for the Hansa Europeans, and one for one of the Invictus sailors.

**Sailor numbers**

We anticipate around 16 Hansa boats overall, although this can change as some people’s ability to take part depends on their condition at the time. As always, our operation is a high level of support for what might seem small sailor numbers, but with higher safety cover, pontoon support, etc, this is the nature of this operation.

**Format**

Most sailors come with their boats on Thursday afternoon, and we have a small group of volunteers helping the sailors from 15:00 to 19:00, & getting boats across and moored on the pontoons (subject to forecast) ready for sailing on Friday.

All the briefings, registration and onshore training take place on the Friday & Saturday in **Room 5** in the Academy. We will not be using our Cabin as the main base, except on the Thursday afternoon.

On the Friday and Saturday, after the sailor briefing, all the sailors go out as one flight, back for lunch and out again in the afternoon (so intensive bursts of activity for the Pontoon Team!). And after sailing finishes on Saturday, we help get everyone’s Hansa boats across and out.

We are all back on shore for lunch each day, but I regret we are not able to provide lunch, so please use the galley or bring your own.

On Friday evening, there is an evening meal at the Boat that Rocks, in the Marina, for Hansa and Invictus sailors and volunteers (at your own cost, as we cannot cover this either, unfortunately). The meal is at 19:00, and must be booked by **Mon 4th June** at the latest. Booking via webcollect from the link on our website – see instructions below.

**Volunteer timing & roles**

Briefing for all volunteers is at **8:30am** Friday & Saturday in **Room 5** in the Academy.

The volunteer rota has been drawn up, but is still subject to some possible changes; I will circulate nearer the time. As always, flexibility is really appreciated, as things often change on the day as well!

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**Friday evening meal booking:**

If you go to the [chesilsailability.org.uk](http://chesilsailability.org.uk/) website, click on the membership tab, then scroll all the way down, sign in with your email etc. Then go to the events calendar square, and click on the left tab  'List'. It gives the option of the training event,  and the Hansa Training Event Dinner. Click on book place, select number of tickets, add to basket, select Checkout. (Then it will make sure you don't want to purchase the training event which is just for the Hansa class sailors.) Then enter first and last name of the person(s) you are booking meal for, with meal choice, save - it does this twice if you order 2 meals. Then choose pay by method.  Please do bank transfer if you can as we will be ordering on 5 June and will be paying for every meal we order. If you can't do a bank transfer that is ok, but we will have to charge anyone who doesn't come but orders a meal. Then place order. Then it gives you the bank transfer details with a code. If you can add this code to your transfer, that helps us match you to your payment.

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