

WOMEN'S CHALLENGE

Invitation

Manly Yacht Club Helly Hansen Women's Challenge **Saturday 20th March 2027** for ILCAs, Hansa 303s and Junior classes; and **Sunday 21st March 2027** for Yachts.

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The Helly Hansen Women's Challenge is the seventh and final race of this exciting series.

Competition covers every level of experience and age; and encourages all women/girl sailors to borrow, beg, or buy a boat and enter.

Saturday racing is one-design in dinghy, Hansa 303s and ILCA divisions.

Sunday racing is keel boats 6m to 20m, including one design racing (fleet number dependent). Choose to enter as all female crew, or female helm with mixed crew. Nominate spinnaker or not within the fleets. Racing will be conducted under PHS handicapping.

The Notice of Race will be available via the MYC website www.myc.org.au at least one month prior to the event.

The Sailing Instructions will be available via the MYC website www.myc.org.au at least one week prior to the event.



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