

# Hansa Towing

In most conditions, Hansa dinghies are towed (alongside) out and back from the pontoon by our RIB support boats. For the safety and comfort of those being towed it is important to do so correctly. Here are the key points to follow:

**The towed boat should be positioned well forward** alongside the Support Boat. This makes steering much easier for the Support Boat helmsman.

**The Hansa must be parallel to the Support Boat.** Failure to do so results in the Hansa yawing (tipping over). To get the boats parallel it is necessary to have a slack bow line (to account for the shape of the hulls).

**Manoeuvring by the Support Boat must be done slowly**, and speed must be regulated to maintain comfort and avoid splashing. Ask the Hansa helm to assist with steering if required.

## Securing points on the Support Boat

The stern line should be attached to the metal seatback support of the helmsman. The bow line should be attached to the handle on the side of the console. A round turn and two half hitches is the easiest knot to use.

## Collecting the Hansa from the pontoon

Once a Hansa has been loaded, the hoist team will tie it by bow only to a nearby cleat. The pontoon Master will call a Support Boat to collect it. (With the Hansa held by bow only, the Support boat can collect on either side).

## Releasing Hansas

Hansas should be released as soon as they are clear of the new Dolphin pontoons. Hansa skippers should be reminded to remain within the Drop Off Area\* until all Support boats are on station (signalled by an air horn blast from Safety).

## Rigging adjustment

On the way out, the Support boat crew should assist the Hansa sailors to adjust sails to the conditions ready for sailing and check that all lines are running freely before release.

## End of session return to base.

An air horn blast will signal the end of the session and all Hansas must return to the pick-up\* area. Support boats should wait "head to wind" and the Hansas should sail along-side to be secured. Support boats should wait to be called in by the Pontoon Master.

*\*The water between the pontoons and the line of moored yachts in the main channel.*