



Information Bulletin

Dear Skippers!

We hope you had a great start to the Sailing Season 2008 whether you were sailing in Baltic, North Sea, Solent, -or any other- waters!

The Baltic Sprint Cup team last Thursday (8th May) was in Karlskrona finalising details for our visit. Vice Mayor Tommy Olsson and his colleagues are very much looking forward to receiving you in that wonderful old Naval City, designated by UNESCO in 1998 as a World Heritage site. Sail fast! so you have more time to explore this beautiful, unspoilt location.

The main social event will be a splendid casual Beach Party overlooked by the famous Naval Museum on Stumholmen and only a short walk from the Guest Harbour where our fleet will be berthed.

In only two months the first gun for the Baltic Sprint Cup will be fired on the first day of Travemünde Week by our Patron the Mayor of Lübeck Bernd Saxe, accompanied by the Federal Minister for Transport, Building and Urban Development, Wolfgang Tiefensee. The Baltic Sprint Cup itself will be officially opened at the SE Spezial Electronic Start-Up-Party Friday, 18th July 2008.

We are proud to announce a new "official supplier": Little Wing Flight-Services (operating a Piper Seneca and another light aircraft) will transport our team from port to port and offers in addition crew change flights between the stop over ports and Lübeck (or other destinations). Details will be announced shortly on our website.

Today we would like to introduce you to the entire organization team which is:



Alan Green – Race Director
most of you know him as "Mr. Baltic One"
(e-mail: Alan.Green@SailRace.org)



Daniela Möller - "Baltic Sprint Cup Data Base Specialist" and land team member of our "start-up-sponsor" SE Spezial Electronic.
Daniela has just started to check all your registration data (boat and crew data). If something is missing or something seems to be wrong she will contact you directly. Please help her, that all data will be up-to-date as soon as possible. (e-mail: Daniela.Moeller@SailRace.org)



Harald Kuhlei – highly experienced offshore sailor / specialist for special task – "nothing is impossible"



Henning Rocholl – Event Director
his motto: "never accept the status quo!"
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	Henri Rossolin – IJ and Vice Chairman of the Jury, a man with a long standing international experience. He knows how to handle crocodiles
	Karolin Wehner – Event assistance loves organizing (e-mail: Karolin.Wehner@SailRace.org)
	Nicolai Krauss – known as one of the most renowned sailing photographers - his motto: “the only constant is movement”
	Pat Healy – IJ and Chairman of the jury He promised to held some rule talks again like he did last year
	Renate Maack - Event assistance / works with Harald
	Timothy Anderson – Journalist at the head quarter of the event’s main sponsor Bank DnB NORD

Some organizational hints (others may follow):

1. **SE Spezial Electronic Start-Up-Party at Travemünde:**
 - a. Due to the large number of entries our **guest card** quota is already complete. However we are using our best efforts to find more room and if you wish to request more, please send us an email with names and we will put them on a waiting list.
 - b. Those who have already ordered a guest card should please send without delay the name(s) of your guest(s).
 - c. **Party tickets** for your crew and guest(s) will be supplied at the check-In desk at the race office in Travemünde (but guest tickets not previously ordered cannot be supplied).
2. Special **ID-Cards** for the entire event (as in 07) will be printed with the names of your boat **and** each crew member. We kindly ask you to complete the online crew list forms asap, and not later than 30th June (Notice of Race §20). Names received later than this date will only receive a handwritten card.
3. On arrival at each port, when you hand in your completed **race declaration form** (given with Sailing Instruction part B at the previous port) you will receive party tickets, drink tickets and other special information for that port.
4. In order to give you plenty of time to prepare, **an important parcel** will be sent mid - June to the postal address you supplied (please check on the web site that your address is correct – some, especially those of youth crews – are changing frequently!). The parcel will contain -

- a. **2 Bow Stickers** in accordance to §19.2 of the Notice of Race.
The size is (w) 97 cm x (h) 65 cm
 - b. **1 Battle flag** for your forestay
 - c. **Sailing Instructions part A** – (part B plus a weather forecast by renowned weather router Dr. Meeno Schrader [www.wetterwelt.de or www.weathertactics.com] will be handed out at the skippers' briefing prior to each leg).
 - d. **Information on "The Green Blue"**, an organization we support to promote environmentally-friendly practice – www.TheGreenBlue.org.uk
5. **Check In process in Travemünde** (or at your first port if you are not doing the first leg):
- a. Please come as soon as possible to the race office to check in (location details on our web site at -> Ports -> Travemünde). All crew members and the skipper must sign the crew list. The latest online version of your crew list will be ready for you to sign in a printed form at the check-in-desk at Travemünde – you need not print it in advance.
 - b. **Copies of Documents** such as rating certificates, financial statements, crew lists and entry forms, will be posted shortly in your personal section ("My documents") on our web site. You will also have the possibility to upload documents into your personal section.
6. **Mooring situation at different ports:** The large number of entries means that at most stopovers our fleet represents the maximum the port authorities can accept. All the authorities have been most helpful though we would ask for your co-operation in being ready to improvise in some ports "a little bit". In other words, sometimes it may be a bit cosy, sometimes not all boats will have "pole position" for the parties or at some places one or two boats may have to agree to time-share an electrical supply. But you may be sure that together with the port authorities we are determined to give you great service so that your stay in each port is really enjoyable. Details at each skippers' briefing.
7. **AIS (Automatic Information System).** This is entirely voluntary, but we strongly recommend you consider installing one on board. A transceiver (which may work with a chart program on a laptop) can enable you to see the positions, course, speed and other details of nearly every commercial ship within up to 20-30 miles. The units also transmit automatically data from your yacht so that most commercial ships will "see" you on their screens from (typically) 10 or more miles range. The Baltic Sea has a network of AIS shore stations and these can usually monitor AIS-fitted vessels at long range. AIS sets intended for yachts are known as AIS class B. Please inform us if you install an AIS as many of the port and SAR authorities are very interested to see how the system adapts to yachts and your use of AIS will be helpful to them in acquiring this knowledge. A separate data field has been added in your online section "My registration data".
8. **Classes and Trophies.** We shall publish shortly the allocation of the fleet into classes, of which there will be two in each Division. Before we can finalize this we must receive virtually all rating certificates so if you have not yet sent yours in, please do so without delay. A complete list of prizes and trophies will also be published soon.
9. In case you have an **own web site** for your boat or crew, you have now the possibility to add your web address in your personal section ("My registration data") on our web site. Your boat will

Our team is very much looking forward to seeing you on the starting line of the 4th Baltic Sprint Cup. Meanwhile, if you have any queries or need any help please don't hesitate to ask!

Best Wishes



(Henning Rocholl - Event Director)



(Alan Green - Race Director)

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