



# Invitation

Dear Sailors,

We hope that your sailing season has been good and that it will continue several weeks!

Now it is time to look at next year's sailing schedule. The Swedish Sailing Ship Association, [www.ssf.h.se](http://www.ssf.h.se) in co-operation with the Nordic Coast Cultural Festival, would like to invite you to a small regatta, which will take place in the Blekinge Archipelago during July 2 – 5, 2013. We will meet on the small island of Hanö Tuesday, July 2nd ([www.hano.nu](http://www.hano.nu)). There we will have the skippers meeting. A guided tour on the island is planned and during the evening we invite you to a meet & greet party, with food and other entertainment. Stay curious!

On Wednesday we will arrange a race for participating ships off of Hanö. The following day, on Thursday, we will cruise together through the archipelago. We will drop anchor at night and meet ashore for social events. In case of bad weather there are alternatives such as Karlshamn or Ronneby. On Friday we will continue our cruise, on the open sea and finally sail to Karlskrona together. In the archipelago we will sail through very narrow sounds and experience fantastic nature, marine archeology, old boatbuilding places and maritime history. We will have pilots and local experts guiding us to make our journey as interesting and safe as possible.

Enjoy these days! Explore the Karlskrona archipelago with your own vessel, participate in the world championship with "Blekinge-ekor" or race and cruise in company with some of the world's oldest sailing boats! If you are able and willing to accept crew of various skill levels, please let us know. Our arrival to Karlskrona will be the start of the Coast Cultural Festival, which will continue through Sunday night ending with a sailor's party on the dock.

During Sunday morning you will be requested to offer Open Ship from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 a.m.

The festival will feature a variety of craftsman shops and boats on display from all Nordic countries, in a nice maritime atmosphere.

The complete program will be published on our website. We hope, that you will join this event. We promise an unforgettable experience and wonderful hospitality.

Please visit our website [www.nordiskkustkultur.net](http://www.nordiskkustkultur.net) and fill out the application as soon as possible. All ships are welcome. Please note: The harbor of Hanö only accepts 25 berths. First come, first served! All others will be offered accommodation in small fishing harbors just around the corner. So sign up right now!

So far the website is only available in Swedish, but we will translate it as soon as possible to German and English. Until then we hope, that you can get an idea of the contents. If you have any questions, please contact us by mail or by mobile-phone +46708153910.

Welcome to Sweden 2013 with the UNESCO world heritage sites of Karlskrona and its rich offering of maritime nature set in the archipelago. This will be a truly unique event full of Nordic coastal culture. Be part of it - sail with us!

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