



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2008
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2008 International 8M World Championship Chopard Competitor info – Issue I

The Royal Norwegian Yacht Club (KNS) wishes to share some information with confirmed and potential competitors in the 2008 International 8M World Championship Chopard. We are delighted to receive a number of entries already, but we hope to see even more eights at Hankø in July.

The information in this document is subject to change and supplements, so please watch out for new versions at our web site

(http://www.kns.no/Engelsk/Race/8mR_World_Championship/) and when you arrive at Hankø. This document does not replace any information given by the Race Committee and the Race Office, including Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, *unless specified*.

Driving directions to Isegran (launch area) and Hankø

When planning yacht or crew transportation to the championship, we assume that you are interested in knowing the exact location of the launch area and the yacht club.

When using an electronic routing tool (such as a GPS or an internet map service) the address “Mindre-Alvs Vei 2, Fredrikstad” will give the exact position for the launch area at the island Isegran in Fredrikstad. The address “Vikaneveien 405, Gressvik” will give the position of the parking lot at Vikane, just by the berth for the Hankø ferry.

Recommended Norwegian internet map service, in English, covering the Nordics, with routing tool for Norway: <http://www.gulesider.no/kart/?spraak=en>

We will get back to you with more detailed driving instructions at a later time, as well as some info on public transportation from the nearby airports.

Launching, towing and mooring

Launching of yachts coming to Fredrikstad on trailers will be offered free of charge, and is planned to take place on Wednesday 2nd July and Thursday 3rd July at the island Isegran right in the middle of the town of Fredrikstad. Launching is done by a mobile crane, stepping of the mast is done by a dedicated mast crane. Cranes will be in operation both days from 08:00 to 18:00.

Boats with crew will be provided free of charge for the tow from Isegran to Hankø. The trip is approx. 12 nm, we recommend that you sail most of the distance as a tune-up, but the towboats will tow all the way if necessary. Maritime Center Fredrikstad will be in charge of both the launching and the towing operations.

Hankø Yacht Club welcomes the yachts from Tuesday July 1st. See the preliminary Harbor plan (attached) for mooring at Hankø Yacht Club. Spaces will be assigned by the organizers after the entry deadline. A mooring fee is included in the entry fee.

The docks at Hankø Yacht Club will be occupied due to the keelboat regatta “Hankø Race Week” until Monday June 30th. Recommended alternative mooring is at Hankø Marina (at the mainland, just across the sound from Hankø Yacht Club). Please contact Mr. Leif Conradi (phone +47 415 35 333) to arrange mooring for the days before June 30th. You could also contact the marina at Hankø’s “Seilerkroa” (“the Sailors Tavern”), which has docks at the island side of the sound (limited depth, approx. 1,70 – 2,50 meters). Call the manager, Mr. Alexander Forsberg (phone +47 913 63 737) to arrange mooring.

Please note that Hankø Yacht Club has no excess space along its docks for other yachts than the competing 8mRs. If you bring a yacht to live in during the championship, it should be placed at either “Seilerkroa” (on the island) or Hankø Marina (on the mainland). As both marinas are quite busy summertime, you should make sure you make a reservation at least one month before arriving.

Yachts arriving at Fredrikstad/Hankø on own keel or for some other reason don’t need to use the organizers craning service, will be offered a diver to wash the underwater hull at Hankø Yacht Club, free of charge. Time for each yacht is limited to 1 hour, effective 45 minutes. The organizer will set up the schedule for washing, Thursday July 3rd through Saturday July 5th. Yachts having used the craning service may book the same diver, on condition that he is available and that the yacht is charged for the service (approx. €90/hour).

Early Arrivals

Yachts arriving at Fredrikstad/Hankø before Wednesday July 2nd will have to organize and pay launching themselves. You could try one of the following alternatives:

Rent a mobile crane from the firm Kynningsrud (www.kynningsrud.com) to come to Isegran and launch the yacht there. You should also make an appointment with Mr. Knut Sørensen (e-mail knut@isegran.no, phone +47 928 68 286) to have the mast stepped with the mast crane at Isegran.

Launch the yacht at Gressvik Marina in Fredrikstad (e-mail post@gressvik-marina.no, phone +47 69 33 96 00). Gressvik Marina has no crane high enough to step the mast of an 8mR, so you will have to go to Isegran to have the mast stepped.

Launch the yacht at Slevikkilen Båtbyggeri in Fredrikstad. Contact Mr. Knut Halvorsen (e-mail post@slevikkilenbaatbyggeri.no, phone +47 69 32 88 70). Gressvik Marina has no crane high enough to step the mast of an 8mR, so you will have to go to Isegran to have the mast stepped.

Launch the yacht at Skjeløy Slipp in Lervik, approx. 6 nm north of Hankø. Contact Mr. Dag Lillestrand (e-mail dag@skjeloylipp.no, phone +47 909 96 048). You should make sure that both their yacht crane and their mast crane are operative at the time you plan to launch the yacht.

Please observe that there is no towing service provided by the organizers when launching the yacht outside the official hours at Isegran!

Yacht hauling after the Championship

Hauling of the yachts is planned to take place at Isegran from Sunday July 13th at 08:00 and will continue as long as necessary. The organizer will decide the hauling schedule. We will try to haul as many yachts as possible Sunday, but depending on the number of yachts to be hauled, also Monday morning may be used to haul some yachts.

Mandatory equipment in Norwegian waters

The following equipment is mandatory onboard a yacht in Norwegian waters, disregarding racing rules and class regulations. You are hereby informed that the skipper of the yacht is responsible against the Norwegian maritime authorities.

- For each crew member: personal floating equipment approved under standard CE EN393 or higher (i.e. a minimum of 50N buoyancy).
- If the yacht has an engine: fire extinguishing equipment

RIBs/tenders

As the yacht club is located on an island, we have certain challenges regarding the logistics. Although the ferry across the Hankø Sound is running continuous all day long, you may find it very convenient to bring a tender to carry crew and stuff across the sound to the mainland. A 10ft RIB or other small dinghy will do fine. Be aware that there are the same government requirements regarding floating equipment as for larger crafts. When using a boat after dark you should use the appropriate navigation lights as required by international rules. For your information: In the beginning of July, astronomical sunrise at Hankø is at approx. 04:15 and astronomical sunset is at approx. 22:30.

Marine VHF Radio

The Race Committee will use marine VHF radio communication for information on starting procedure and recalls during the races. VHF will also be used for coordination of the harbor

and towing operations. *Although it is not mandatory, you are strongly encouraged to carry a marine VHF radio onboard during the championship (a handheld type will do fine).*

Social program

The organizing committee is working on the social program for the Championship. You should expect 4-5 evening events, including an opening ceremony reception Sunday July 6th and a price giving party Saturday July 12th. The plan is to organize a trip to the town of Fredrikstad on the scheduled layday, Thursday July 10th. Most social events are planned to be open for the entire crew and their spouses/family.

IEMA Annual Assembly

The 2008 IEMA Annual Assembly will be held at Hankø July 6th at 11:00.

Spectator boats

The organizer will set up a boat service so that spouses/families can watch the races. Please note that capacity may be limited. Watch out for more information when arriving at Hankø.

Media service

The organizer will set up a media service for Norwegian and international press. If you want daily text and pictures sent to a local media in your home country, please let us know. Ideas on how to get the most media coverage of this event is also very welcome. Contact Information and Media Officer Mr. Ivar Gilså (e-mail ivar@gilsa.no, phone +47 974 67 089).

Weather, wind and currents

We expect that many of you have not been racing at Hankø before, and therefore are interested in the weather, wind and current conditions at the venue. At Hankø, the first half of July often has maximum temperatures of 15-25°C, weather everything from clear skies to heavy raining, although a typical day is like this: partly cloudy, very light and shifty winds in the morning, picking up to 12-20 knots in the afternoon when the land is heated and the sea breeze fills in. As parts of the racing area are quite shallow, you might experience some quite short and steep waves. Water temperature is usually between 18 and 22°C.

Unfortunately, there is no such thing as “normal weather conditions” when organizing a big championship, and the last few years have shown very “untypical” weather conditions – summertime as well as wintertime. You should therefore equip your yacht and your crew for everything from heavy rain to clear skies the whole period you are staying in Norway.

Here are some web links to useful services:

Yr.no – Weather at Hankø, overview with links to meteogram and long-term forecast
<http://www.yr.no/place/Norway/Østfold/Fredrikstad/Hankø/>

Yr.no – Advanced map for the Hankø area (zoomable), with wind, sea currents and waves
http://www.yr.no/place/Norway/Østfold/Fredrikstad/Hankø/advanced_map.html

Yr.no – Observation statistics from Strømtangen lighthouse (close to racing area), last year and average (July was very wet last year!)

<http://www.yr.no/place/Norway/Østfold/Fredrikstad/Hankø/statistics.html>

Met.no – Sea currents in Skagerrak, animation (Norwegian)

http://retro.met.no/kyst_og_hav/sornorge_anim.html

Met.no – Winds in Skagerrak, animation (Norwegian)

http://retro.met.no/kyst_og_hav/vind-sornorge_anim.html

Met.no – Sea currents and temperature in Outer Oslo Fiord, animation (Norwegian)

http://retro.met.no/kyst_og_hav/ytreoslo_anim.html

Training at Hankø this spring

SIRA is training at Hankø the following dates and boat captain Mr. Kjell Myrann welcomes all of you to join: May 23rd to 25th, June 14th to 15th, and June 28th to 29th.

Email Kjell at k.myrann@frisurf.no if you consider joining the training at Hankø this spring. KNS and Hankø Yacht Club will be helpful regarding the practical issues of housing, mooring and storage.



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Harbour plan

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