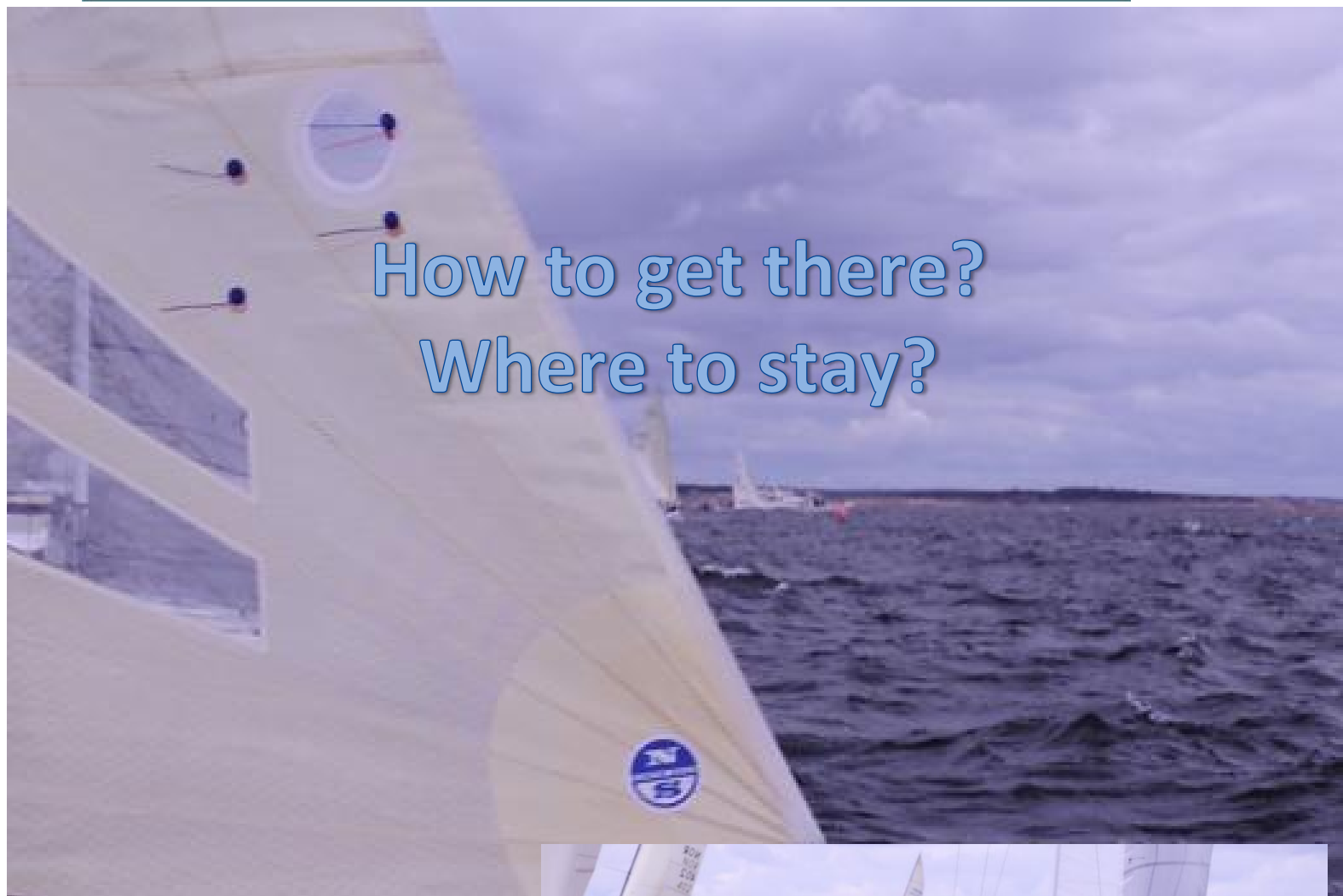




NORGESMESTERSKAP 2013

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How to get there?
Where to stay?





The venue for the championship is Hankø Yacht Club (HYC), a private yacht club founded in 1954. All the competitor's yachts will be moored at HYCs floating stages. Their picturesque club house, right beside the water, will provide us with food, drinks and space for after-sail and various events. It's going to be crowded at the club house and the stages, so be kind and thoughtful to the organizer's staff, the serving staff and your competitors.

The information in this document is subject to change and supplements, so please watch out for more information at our web-site: http://www.kns.no/nor/Regatta/Regattasider/NM_Melges_2013/.

During the races information will be posted at the Official Notice Board. We will get back to you on important details regarding parking, mooring details and social program etc.

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.

For further information don't hesitate contacting us at +47 23 27 56 00 or per@kns.no

1. How to get there?

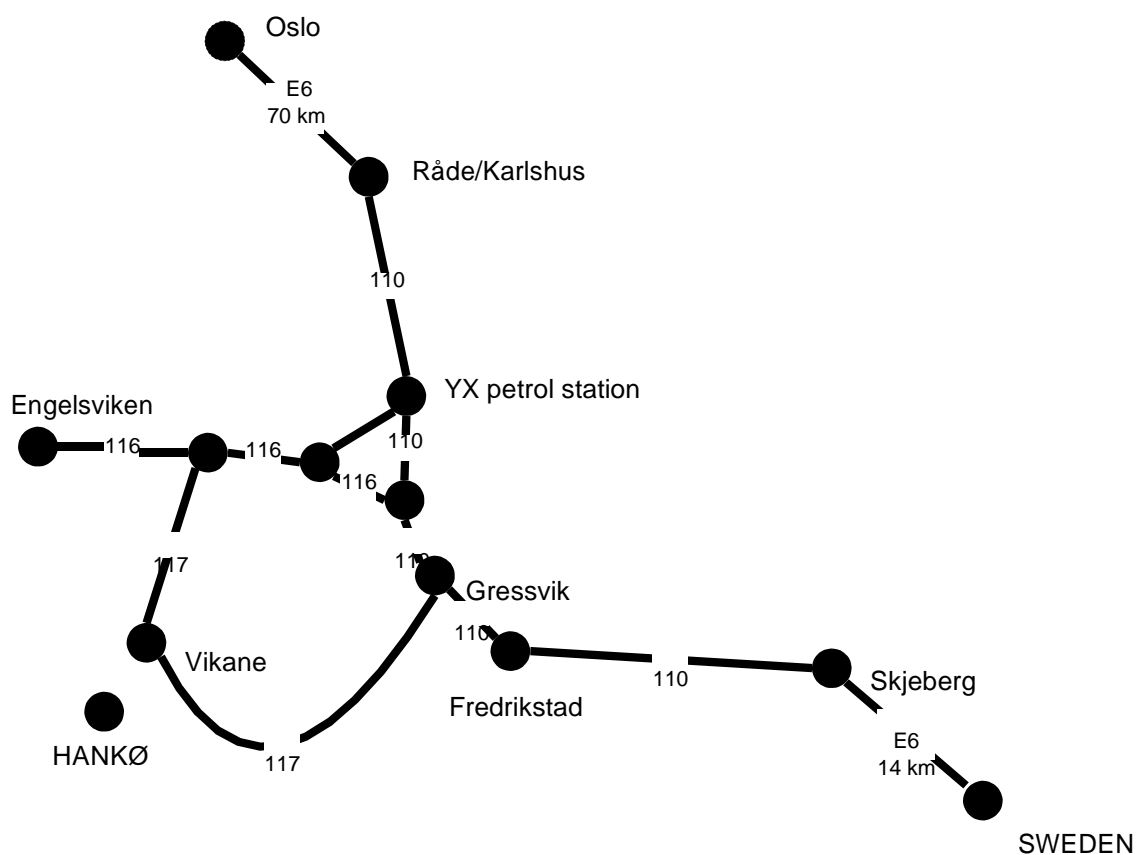
Color Line ferries discounts

. Color Line ferries running from Kiel to Oslo and from Hirtshals (Denmark) to Larvik (Norway).

For more information on the Color Line ferries, visit their website at www.colorline.com.

Driving instructions

The following sketch shows the main roads around Hankø and Fredrikstad, and is useful when driving to the venue. Be aware that the sketch is not to scale. Anyway we recommend a good roadmap if you plan to drive anywhere except on the roads listed here.



From Oslo to Hankø

Follow **E6 Gøteborg** (Gothenburg) or **E18 Stockholm** depending on where in the city you start. When E6 and E18 split approx. 20 km south of Oslo, follow **E6 Gøteborg** for another 50 km. At exit 11, follow **110 Fredrikstad** through the small place Karlshus and stay on this road for approx. 12 km. Take right just before an "YX" petrol station on your right hand, direction **Slevik**. Follow this road for approx. 2 km, and then take right again on **116 Saltnes**. After another 2 km take left onto **117 Vikane** / **Hankø**. Now it is only a 5 km drive down to the village of Vikane with parking and ferry to Hankø.

Coming from the centre of Oslo, the total distance is about 90 km and you should estimate the driving time to 1h20min when not traveling during rush hours. From Oslo Airport Gardermoen, add another 50 km and 40min.

From Gothenburg to Hankø (via Fredrikstad)

Follow **E6 Oslo** across the border between Sweden and Norway, then follow E6 for another 14 km. By Skjeberg, continue to on **110 Fredrikstad** which changes to **110 Oslo** through the town of Fredrikstad. After approx. 20 km, take left on **116 Saltnes**. Take left again after 3.5 km, direction **117 Vikane** / **Hankø**. Now it is only a 5 km drive down to the village of Vikane with parking and ferry to the island Hankø.

An alternative route is to take left in the roundabout at Gressvik (just after passing the centre of Fredrikstad, direction **117 Vikane**) for about 14 km. The total driving time and distance will be about the same, but the road is slightly narrower and slightly more curvy.

The driving distance from Gothenburg is approx. 230 km and you should estimate at least 3h driving time to Hankø. From the Swedish border (Svinesund) the distance is 32 km, which should take just over half an hour.

Using GPS navigators or Internet map services

When using an electronic routing tool (such as a GPS or an internet map service) the address "Vikaneveien 405, Gressvik" will give the position of the parking lot at Vikane, just by the berth for the Hankø ferry.

Recommended internet map service, in English, with routing tool:

http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=vikene&sll=59.20353

Limousine service from Oslo Airport Gardermoen to Hankø

The company Business Car Service offers a special deal for limousine transportation from Oslo Airport Gardermoen to Hankø Marina, and back. The price each way will approximate NOK 3.500, payable by credit card through bank terminal in the car. Booking arrangements can be made by phone; (+47) 22 13 32 80.

Be aware!

General speed limits in Norway are 50 km/h in populated areas and 80 km/h on the countryside, unless there are signs indicating other limits. Although most highways keep high standards, the speed limit is never more than 100 km/h. Please be aware of speed controls such as speed cameras and traffic police in uniformed and civilian cars.

Lit main lights are mandatory day and night.

When driving a car in Norway, the blood alcohol content limit is 0.2 ‰. This is enforced strictly. The penalty is imprisonment or very high fines.

There are some toll plazas on the highways around Oslo and Fredrikstad. In Oslo there is “post payment”, which means your number plate is registered and the invoice is sent to the owner of the car. There is no need to stop, and probably you will hardly observe the cameras.

When driving from Oslo to Hankø, there is a toll plaza approx 55 km from Oslo. The fee is NOK 23,- for cars and NOK 46,- for trucks. When coming from Sweden, there is a toll plaza at Svinesund, the border between Norway and Sweden. The fee there is NOK 20,- for cars and NOK 100,- for trucks.

Credit cards are accepted at Svinesund toll plazas, but Norwegian coins are a more convenient way of paying. The lanes marked **AutoPASS** are for pre-paid subscriptions only, or automatic payment at Moss

Lost? Most Norwegians are helpful with guiding you to your destination, and most Norwegians speak English. Advice: Any other local shop is probably better than the petrol station, as you (oddly) can't expect the employees there to know much about the local geography.

Bus from Oslo Airport Gardermoen to Hankø

The Airport Express Coach runs from Oslo Airport Gardermoen to Fredrikstad on an hourly basis on week-days. The week-end schedule is slightly less frequent. Look for the buses and line “F11 Fredrikstad”. The trip from the airport takes just over two hours. The busses are comfortable and almost always exactly on schedule. VISA, MasterCard, AmEx and Diners accepted. Ask the bus driver if he can arrange a taxi from Skåra, which is just 10 minutes drive from Vikane and Hankø. Fredrikstad Taxi has phone 02600 (available from Norway only). For updated timetables and prices visit the Airport Express website: www.flybussekspressen.no, which is also available in English.

Other public transportation

Going to Hankø/Vikane by public transportation is possible, although it might take quite some time. Fredrikstad has train and express bus lines from the north (downtown Oslo) and from the south (Gothenburg). From the centre of Fredrikstad, the local bus line 302 takes you to Vikane about every hour. For train schedules, visit www.nsb.no/timetables.

Ferry to Hankø

The little ferry HANKØSUND takes you across Hankøundet ("the Hankø sound") from the mainland to Hankø. The ferry berth on the mainland is located at Furuøy, just outside the main parking lot at Vikane. On Hankø, the ferry stops at one berth at Hankø Yacht Club and one berth just outside Seilerkroa ("The Sailor's Tavern"). One trip is NOK 30,- per person, possible a little more if you are carrying cargo or huge amounts of luggage. Cash payment only, no credit cards accepted. When going to the hotel with your private luggage, ask the ferry skipper to call for the hotel minibus to pick you up at Seilerkroa.

The ferry runs from 06:30 to 00:50 on weekdays, 06:30 to 01:50 on Fridays and Saturdays, and 07:00 to 23:50 on Sundays.

HANKØSUND is in non-stop traffic and will always return to the ferry berth at the mainland.



When the ferry is needed at Hankø, it is called by pushing a button at the ferry berths.

Due to maintenance, HANKØSUND is occasionally replaced in service by the slightly larger, but very similar ferry HANKØ. There is a ferry trafficking the sound between Hankø and the mainland. This operates on a call basis all day and takes about four minutes across the sound.

2. Accomodation

Hankø Fjordhotell & Spa

As most of you will know, Hankø Fordhotell & Spa is the only hotel on the island. Consequently, it is also the best hotel on the island.

We are pleased to cooperate with this traditional hotel. Although some of the buildings originate from the 1870s, the hotel now even offers a large modern SPA department with swimming pool. Whether you stay in the hotel or not, enjoy its services and amenities to get an even more pleasant stay at the island!

Contact information:

Phone: (+47) 69 38 28 50

Fax: (+47) 69 38 28 51

Web site: www.hankohotell.no (Norwegian text only)

We are negotiating with the hotel to be able to get favorable prices for sailors and their crews.

Hankø Yacht Club

HYC will also have bedrooms and it's a nice place to enjoy breakfast. HYC also offers lunch bags Hankø Yacht Club has about 20 beds in simple double rooms. Standard from 1950ies. WC in the corridor. **Hankø Yacht Club**, tel: + 47 69 33 22 21, web: <http://www.hankoyachtclub.no>

Private accommodation

For sailors and their families and/or guests who would like to rent a private cabin/home for the duration of the regattas, there is a choice of 8 – 10 buildings, with a total of approx. 50 beds. They are located either on the island of Hankø or on the mainland, and they are not far from the harbour...

Engelsviken Camping

4-6 modest cottages available in a caravan park by the sea. The cottages have each three beds (one bunk bed), terrace and basic cooking facilities. The beach is the best in the area with extremely clear waters. Contact Feriehemmet Solviken: +47 69 33 32 07

3. Parking , mooring and crane

Vikane has two parking lots to service sailors, organizers and spectators. «Parking A», also known as «Furuøy parking» is closest to the ferry and to the sea. «Parking B», also known as «Fjeldly parking» is placed on the other side of the main road through Vikane. There will be signs at the main road. This little map gives you an overview over Hankø and Vikane, the parking and the ferry.



«Parking A»

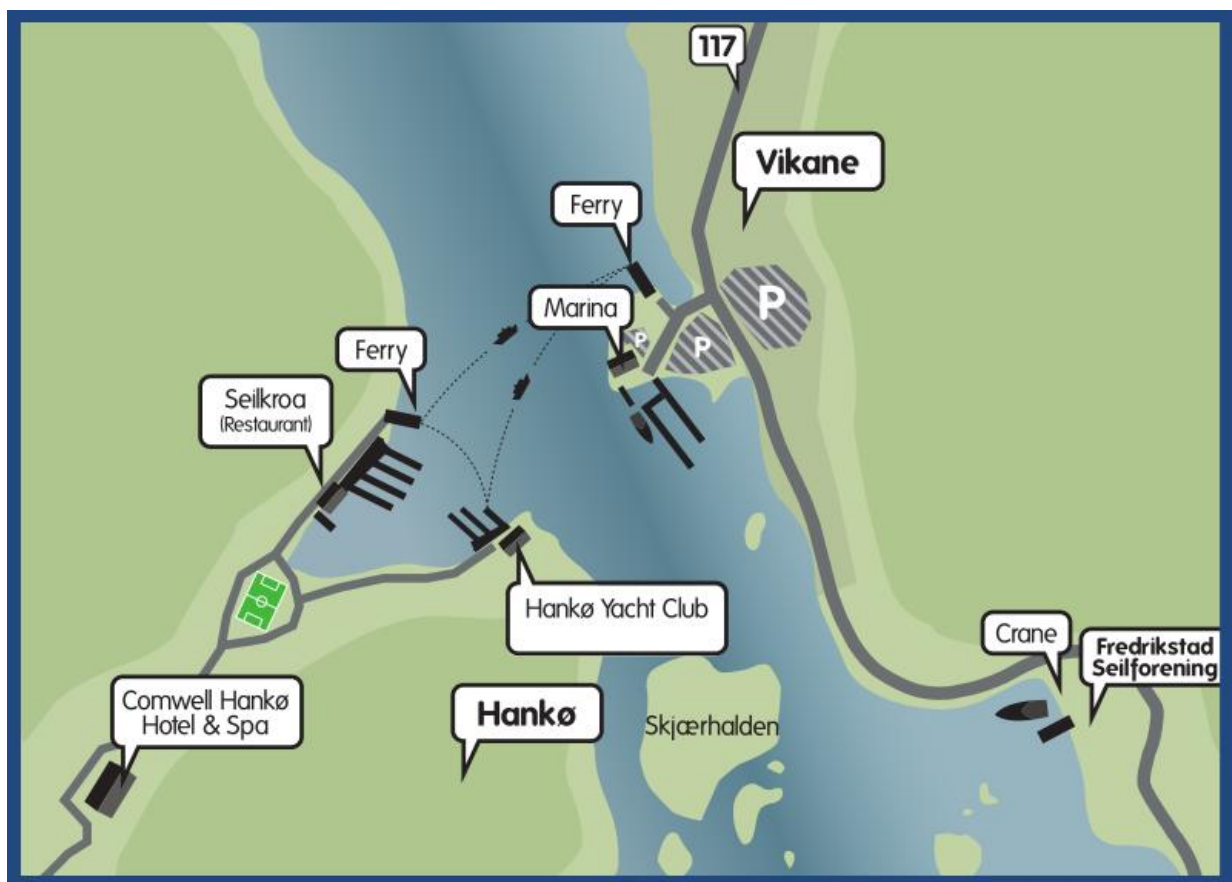
“Parking A” is a public (car) parking lot at Vikane. A ticket is bought at a parking meter, which accepts Norwegian coins and credit cards (VISA, MasterCard/EuroCard, Diners). Tariff is NOK 70,- for the first 30 hours, then NOK 55,-/day. The paving is asphalt, and the distance to the ferry and to Hankø Marina is 100-150 m. The outmost part of the parking lot is private, and is divided from the rest with a bar. Please do not park your vehicle here.

«Parking B»

Parking B, at the other side of the main road through Vikane, is an area where you can park your car inexpensively and flexibly. The ground is grass/soil and gravel, not suitable for heavy vehicles – at least on rainy days when it is transformed to mud. The tariff is NOK 20,- per day, paid cash in a clever envelope system. The owners of the parking lot are the neighbors to the lot. Please follow their instructions to maximize utilization of the available space. The distance to the ferry and to Hankø Marina is 150-200 m.

Crane

Crane services will be at Fredrikstad Seilforening (Andersenslippen).
Opening time TBA.



Mooring

Mooring will be at Hankø Yacht Club, with designated placing of the competing yachts. Please refer to the Harbor plans TBA.

HYC's harbor master will be in charge of organizing the harbor at HYC. Tenders and extra boats brought to live in will be placed in buoys or at Seilerkroa, unless space at HYC is already confirmed. Please follow instructions from the organizer.

As most of the boats are moored longside or between stage and buoy, please bring at least four (4) large fenders to provide sufficient protection. Each boat should also bring four (4) mooring ropes. Please observe that the boats along the outside of the stage at HYC should be moored with an offset to avoid rig collisions caused by waves.



4. Schedule of classes and program

The schedule is preliminary and subject to changes. Refer to Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for further details.

Registration schedule:

Thursday 5 September 16.00 – 20.00 hours

Friday 6 September 09.00 – 11.00 hours

Racing Schedule:

Friday 6 September 2 – 3 Races

Saturday 7 September 3 – 4 Races

Sunday 8 September 3 – 4 Races

The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race Friday is 13.00 hours

The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race Saturday and Sunday is 11.00 hours.

No warning signal will be given after 15.00 hours Sunday 8 September.

5. Weather, wind and currents

We expect that some 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 August 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 nice and warm last year!)

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