

DANISH BID TO HOST THE 2015 Laser Standard and Laser Radial European Championship Aarhus - Denmark



Pavlos Kontides (CYP) winning the gold medal at the 2008 ISAF Youth Worlds, in Aarhus Denmark. Photo: David Kneal



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Welcome to Aarhus, DENMARK

We are pleased to present to you our bid to host the 2015 Laser Standard and Laser Radial European Championship.

Since 1866, the bay of Aarhus has been hosting international regattas, and the five local sailing clubs, joined in the non profit regatta management organisation Sailing Aarhus, have a long and outstanding track record in organising world class sailing events.

When we hosted the 2008 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship, the Royal Yachting Association labelled our skills in race and event management as "second to none" and ISAF said that the event was "... the most welprepared ISAF Youth Worlds ever".

The Bay of Aarhus is the preferred training centre for the Danish elite sailors and has been the second home to many Olympic masters and world champions, with the famous 49er 2008 Olympic Gold Medallists Jonas Warrer and Martin Kirketerp as probably the most well known 49er sailors in the World.

We have a unique partnership with the University of Aarhus which has lead to a number of ground breaking initiatives making sailing more viewable, shareable and understandable – by implementing gps-technologies and online , social media platforms.

Sailing Aarhus has a close relationship to the City of Aarhus as well as Sport Event Denmark, funded by the Ministry of Culture and Sports. Both organisations invest in attracting and running sport events offer attractive funding opportunities as well.

The 2015 Laser Europeans will be based upon the spirit of Danish sailing traditions. You will enjoy the effectiveness of our skilled race management and great waters, our Scandinavian friendliness and great atmosphere in a relaxed setting.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Aarhus.

Kind regards
Thomas Capitani
Executive Director
Sailing Aarhus



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The organisations behind this bid

The 2015 Laser Europeans will be organised and run by Sailing Aarhus in close cooperation with the City of Aarhus and the Danish Sailing Association.

Sailing Aarhus is a non-profit regatta management organisation formed by the 5 Sailing Clubs in Aarhus.

Sailing Aarhus is representing more than 3,000 enthusiastic club members in Aarhus and has a fulltime employed staff. Sailing Aarhus has close contacts to the City of Aarhus as well as the local business world and educational institutes and works professionally with planning and running international sailing events.

The City of Aarhus is represented by Sport Aarhus Events, an organisation dedicated to attracting and funding major sports events. Sport Aarhus Events was major supporter when Sailing Aarhus made a bid for, and won the 2008 ISAF Youth Worlds and in 2011 Sport Even Aarhus was hosting the biggest sport event ever hosted in Aarhus, the UEFA U-21 European Championship.

The Danish Sailing Federation also fully support this bid as well as **Sport Event Denmark**, funded by the Ministry of Culture and Sports, who eventually will support the event with national funding.



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The Venue

Aarhus Yachting Harbour

Venue of 2008 ISAF Youth Worlds

Venue of 2011 Melges 24 Europeans

Venue of 2013 49er Europeans and 29er Worlds

Plenty of space and direct access to race courses.

Walking distance to central Aarhus

Restaurants, supermarket, sailmakers, chandlery, boat repair, cranes, berthing, car, trailer and container park, autocamper park ecc.



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The Venue

Race village is spacious with room for all facilities within walking distance

Dedicated areas gear supplier, trailer and container parking ecc (orange)

Dedicated areas for offices housing class officials, RC, jury, VIP and press (purple)

Dedicated spectator area (red)

Dedicated social areas (green)



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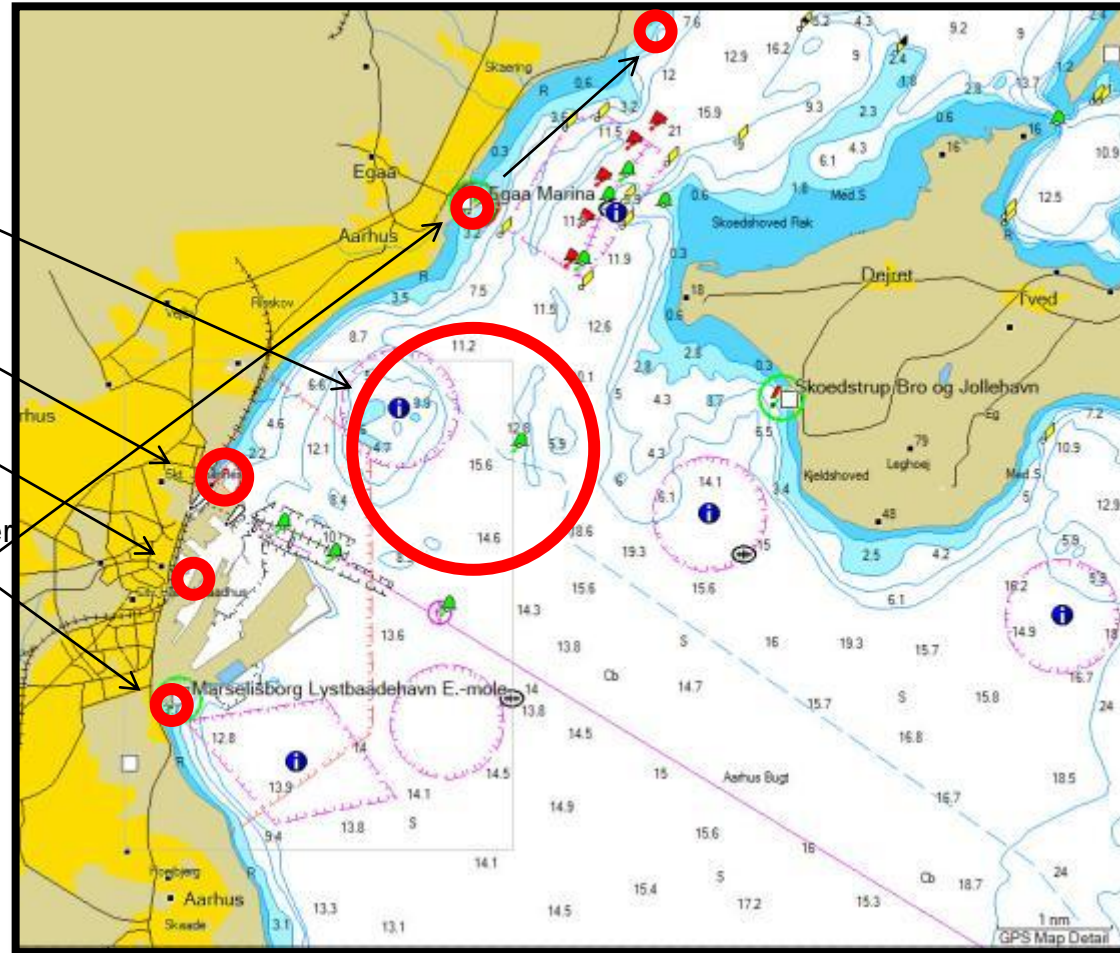
The Venue

Race courses

The race village

Aarhus Down Town

Sailing Aarhus joint member
clubs open to pre training
camps



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Field of Play – the Bay of Aarhus

July and August are normally the warmest months of the year in Denmark with average day temperatures between 20 and 25 degrees Celsius and water temperatures between 18 and 20 degrees Celsius.

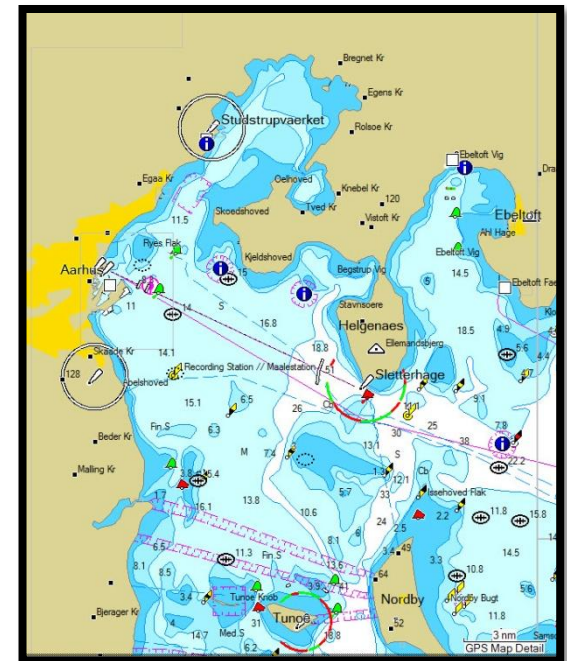
Due to the proximity of the North Atlantic, but well protected by the Jutland peninsula, lack of wind or strong winds are both very rare in the Bay of Aarhus.

Typical wind speed is 10-20 knots with mostly W and NW winds.

The seas only really build up when winds are strong from S or SE direction. However, the conditions rarely become too rough for comfort, due to the relatively shallow depth of water and the fact that the bay itself is sheltered by the large peninsulas Skødshoved and Helgenæs at E and SE.

Current and tidal effects are limited and due to the relative shallowness of the bay (between 15-25 meters), race management rarely encounter difficulties in laying the courses and keeping them fixed.

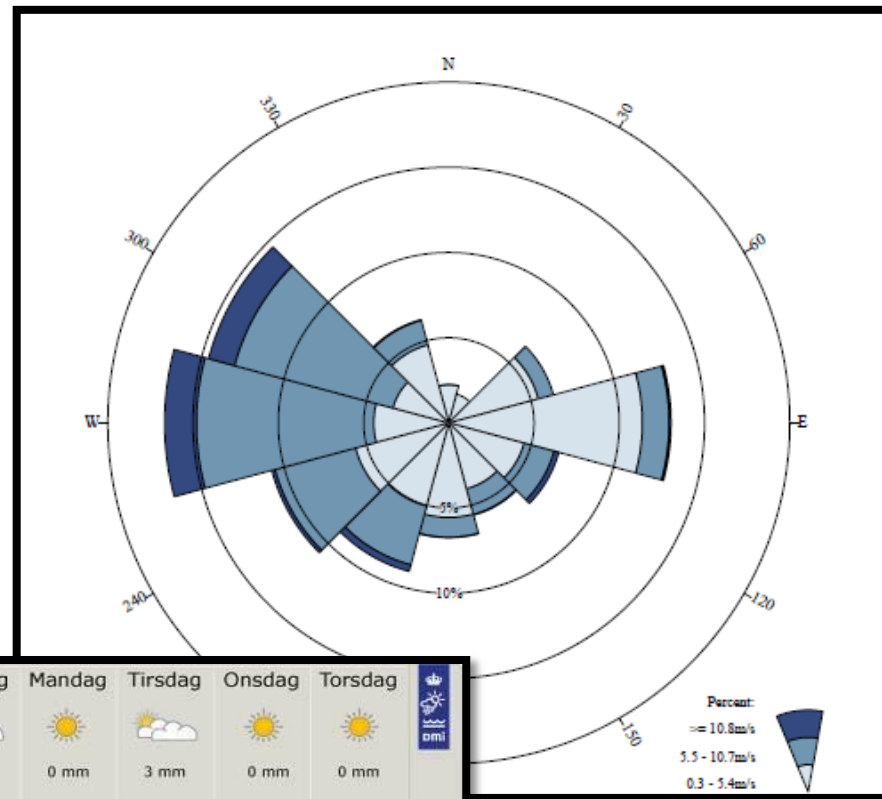
Being Scandinavia, we have bright nights with close to 200 hours of sunshine in July/August and only an average of 7 days with rain.



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Wind and weater

- Weater
 - Air 20–25 Celsius
 - Water 18 Celcius
- Wind
 - W-NW 5-12 m/s
 - Mean wind july 7,2 m/s
 - Never to extreme
 - Rarely to little
- Safety layout of bay
 - No current
 - No commercial traffic
 - No tide
 - Well protected
 - Close to Venue
 - Clean water



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How to get to Aarhus

Aarhus is on the E45 motorway which takes you directly to Germany and the rest of Europe. Aarhus is a mere 170 km away from the German border and approx. 250 km from Copenhagen, so you will only have a short drive, whether you come from Scandinavia or from Europe.

If you prefer to arrive by plane, the Airport of Aarhus is only 45 km away as well as the Airport of Billund is a mere 75 km away. Both airports have a large number of international connections and if you fly inter-continental, you will be able to go from Copenhagen directly to Aarhus on domestic flights. Both airports have high frequent shuttle service directly to Aarhus as well as a number of international car rental companies have offices at the airports.

If you ship your boat and racing equipment to Denmark by container shipment or truck, you will learn that Aarhus has the largest container port in the Baltics with direct and high-frequent freight liners from most of the world. Denmark being a member of the European Union, there will be no customs clearance for teams arriving from EU. For non-eu teams, you will learn that customs clearance is quick and easy going in Denmark.

The event management has close relations to a number of international shipping agencies that will be at our disposal in getting you and your equipment to Aarhus as fast and easily as possible.



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Recent events hosted in and awarded to Aarhus

- 2015 *Laser Standard and Laser Radial European Championship (bidding campaign in progress)*
- 2013 29er, and 29erXX World Championship and 49er European Championship (in preparation)
- 2012 EUROSAF Youth European Championship and Soling European Championship (in preparation)
- 2011 A-Cat World Championship, X-35 World Championship and Melges 24 European Championship
- 2010 505 World Championship, Europe Class Youth Europeans and Danish Youth and Junior Championships
- 2009 World Match Racing Tour/Danish Open and Danish Youth and Junior Championships
- 2008 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship
- 2007 Nordic Youth Sailing Championship (all Youth Classes)
- 2005 505 European Championship
- 2003 Europe Class European Championship
- 2001 Star European Championship
- 2000 Yngling Class World Championship
- **1989 Laser Standard , Radial and Masters World Championship**



Before 2000:

Hobie Cat Multi Europeans, J22 Europeans, 14 Foot Europeans, Europe Class Worlds, Danish Olympic Spring and Fall Regattas as well as a countless number of regional (Nordic) and National championships.

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Testimonials

Jerome Pels, ISAF Secretary General

"I personally consider the Bay of Aarhus one of the best places to sail...."

Helmut Czasny-Bonomo, Competitions Manager, ISAF Competitions Department

"....everyone was impressed by the way the event was organised and the high level of the organisation on the water and ashore – this is the most well prepared Youth Worlds ever"

Jerelyn Biehl, CEO 29er/49er Class Association

"The event was a huge success and it was clearly evident that it was highly organised and well managed".

Nicolas Honor, Export Manager, Laser Performance

"Your organisation was good and we appreciate the ambiance, the friendly and dedicated staff whether official or volunteer"

Simon Wergan, Racing Manager, Royal Yachting Association

"The race Management and event organization were second to none and the support staff were incredibly supportive. It is important that events like this of such high calibre continue to be of such a high standard to ensure the sailors perform at their highest level possible"

Dave Hall, Ovington Boats

"Aarhus is a serious alternative [when discussing hosting the 2009 29er Europeans], the bay and sailing is excellent and I would have no worries about them running an event."

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Accommodation

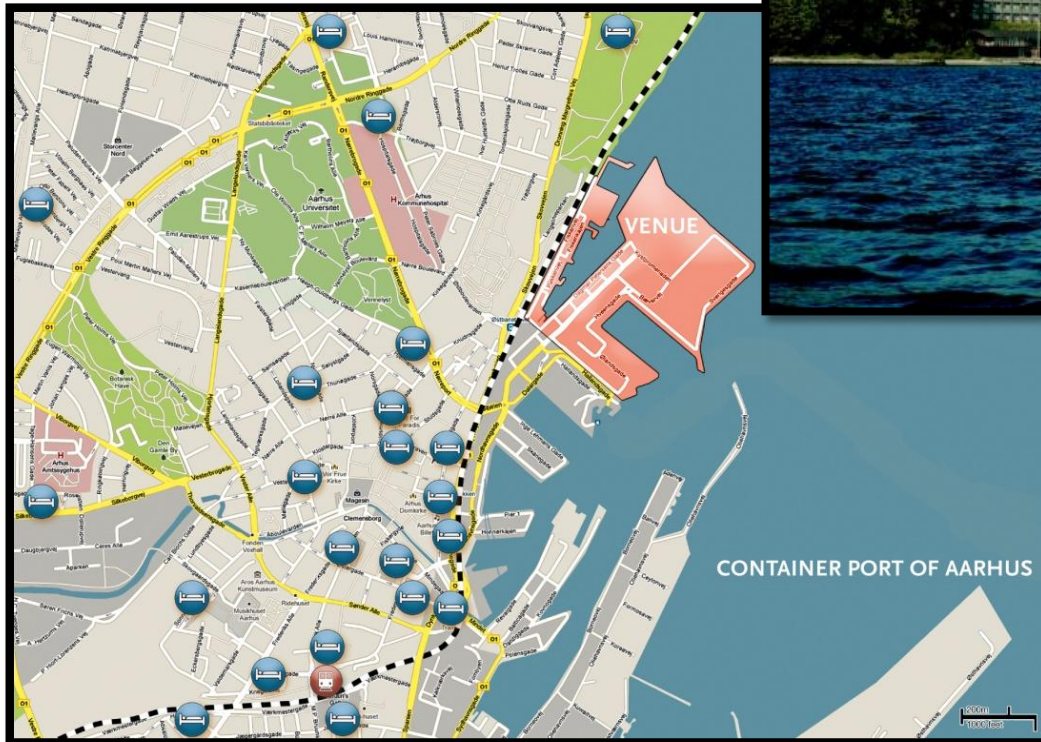
Aarhus offers a vast number of accommodation possibilities from 5 star hotels to cheap bed and breakfasts and hostels within walking distance from the venue. The event organisers will establish a housing and accommodation service prior to and during the event, together with a local, professional congress organiser which gives competitors a full overview of all accommodation possibilities, such as:

- Camping (auto campers) at the venue.
- Camping sites, cottages and youth hostels within less than 15 minutes drive to the venue.
- There are a large number of bed and breakfasts, and rental summer houses in the center of Aarhus or in close proximity to Aarhus
- Aarhus has hotel accommodation for every budget rating from one star family hotels to five star, international business hotels.



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Copenhagen, 30th August 2011



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To: International Laser Class Association
Mr. Calle Lindfors, European Chairman

**Recommendation:
Laser Standard Men & Laser Radial Women European Championships 2015**

The Danish Sailing Association hereby wishes to recommend "Sailing Aarhus" as organizer of **European Championship 2015** for the Olympic Events, **Laser Standard Men & Laser Radial Women**.

Sailing Aarhus is an event organization established by five sailing clubs in Aarhus. The aim of Sailing Aarhus is to attract and organize high level international sailing events in Aarhus, in close cooperation with Danish Sailing Association and the municipality of Aarhus. Sailing Aarhus is organizationally supported by over 3.000 club members and has during the past years organized the following successful international events;

- 2008: Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship; The event was one of the largest ever since 1972
- 2010: 505 World Championship 2010 + Europe Class European Youth Championships
- 2011: A-Cat World Championship + X-35 World Championship + Melges 24 European Championship.

Planned events for the coming years are: EUROSAT European Youth Sailing Championships 2012, 29er & 29er XX World Championship 2013, 49er European Championship 2013 (or 2015) and 470 European Championship 2015.

Sailing Aarhus and the 5 clubs are very experienced and have a very good reputation as race organisers and managers of both international and national events. The City of Aarhus is strongly supporting international sporting events through Sport Aarhus Events. On a national level the event is supported by Sport Event Denmark, Danish Olympic Committee and Danish Sailing Association.

Sailing Aarhus will be able to secure a high quality event with regard to sailing and land based activities. Sailing waters in this area, The Bay of Aarhus, are excellent and considered among the best in northern Europe with good wind conditions and very little current. Race courses can be placed quite near the base harbour.

Sailing Aarhus has also been the frontrunners in international sailing with regard to the introduction of Tracking, Livestreaming and integration of New Media in order to develop the global interest for sailing. This has been done in close cooperation with the Active Institute as a part of Aarhus University.

The Danish Sailing Association warmly recommends Sailing Aarhus as organisers of the Laser Standard Men & Laser Radial Womens European Championship 2015, and would honour to welcome the Laser sailors from Europe and overseas to join racing in Aarhus, Denmark.

Yours sincerely

DANISH SAILING ASSOCIATION

Hans Natorp
President

Dan Ibsen
Secretary General

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To:

The International Laser Class Association

August 30, 2011

We, the Mayor and Alderman of Cultural Affairs in Aarhus, Denmark, are delighted by the fact that Sailing Aarhus, Danish Sailing Association and our city, is in a position to bid for hosting the 2015 Laser Standard and Laser Radial European Championship.

We would regard it as a great honor indeed for the city of Aarhus to participate in carrying out this important event. The championship would fit perfectly into our declared strategy of attracting more international sailing events to The Bay of Aarhus.

Aarhus has many years of experience in hosting sports events, conferences, and many other events at both national and international level, and there are many excellent reasons why organizers of such diverse events have chosen Aarhus as the location for their events.

Aarhus boasts many facilities, tourist attractions and sights, which will of course be at the disposal of the sailors and guests at the championships, and we will naturally strive to maintain our reputation for excellence in meeting the wishes of the organizers in order to carry out the event successfully.

We can assure you that we will make every possible effort to provide the perfect setting and atmosphere for the event.

It is our sincere hope that Aarhus will be elected host of the 2015 Laser Standard and Laser Radial European Championship.

Yours sincerely,


Mr. Jacob Bundsgaard
Mayor


Mr. Marc Perera Christensen
Alderman

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International Laser Class Association

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LETTER OF SUPPORT

Re: 2015 Laser Standard and Laser Radial European Championship

Sport Event Denmark hereby wishes to express its support for the candidature of Sailing Aarhus and the Danish Sailing Association to host the 2015 Laser Standard and Laser Radial European Championship.

Sport Event Denmark coordinates and supports the various international sports events which are organised in Denmark. We therefore would be very honoured if Denmark is awarded the opportunity to host this important event, the management of which will be in good hands with Sailing Aarhus and the Danish Sailing Association.

Sport Event Denmark was established in 1994 - by among others the National Olympic Committee and Sports Confederation of Denmark, The Ministry of Culture and Sports, The Ministry of Economic and Business Affairs and the Danish Tourist Board - with the overall purpose of attracting more major international sports events to Denmark.

We have previously supported Sailing Aarhus and the Danish Sailing Association and their professionalism and experience in organising events have impressed us.

We give the Danish bid our best recommendation and can confidently ensure you that it will undoubtedly be a well-organised and successful event.

Yours sincerely,


Lars Lundov
Chief Executive Officer



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