



Dear half-ton lovers,

The 2023 Half Ton Classics Cup in Hankø is an event that we're all looking forward to. Today the 40th half-tonner has registered for the races, and who knows how many more boats will follow...

We thought it was about time to present you some answers on practical questions – just in case you did not register yet – we hope these might incite you to do so and join the half-ton-gang in Norway this summer...

WHERE DO I LEAVE MY CAR?

When coming by car, you'll need to park it on the main land, since no cars are allowed on Hankø island. The parking is not free (like in most Euro Car Parks... 😊), but the organizers are working on this and hope to be able to offer all participants as affordable parking as possible. There are very few free parking spaces available on the mainland side.

For those who rent on Hankø, it may be that they can dispose of spaces that belong to the rental property, but that needs to be clarified.





I'M COMING BY CAMPER

They are a viable alternative for those who prefer not to stay in a rental house or in the 6-person apartments proposed for the international crews on the island. Rental houses on the mainland are very scarce...

However, even as an alternative, camper drivers must know that there are no campsites in the immediate vicinity that offer short-term pitches for caravans or motorhomes. If you were to choose to come by camper, the organizers would like to know in advance so that they can look for a local solution. Contact Espen Bakkerud at espen@htcnorway.no !!

YOU COME WITH A 'HOTEL BOAT'

As long as there is space at the HYC (Hankø Yacht Club), free berths are offered for hotel boats. All half-tonners that will participate are guaranteed a place.

Apart from the HYC, you have to expect NOK 3-400 per 24-hour room rental if you don't choose to stay on the swing.





STAYING ON THE ISLAND?

Yes, definitely yes! The organizers are offering crew apartments with 6 beds each to all teams coming from abroad. Please contact Espen Bakkerud for more info & reservations!

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS BRINGING THEIR BOAT BY DFDS FERRY

All teams planning the voyage of their halftonner by DFDS should note:

- To keep crantage costs down it is best to arrive at Frederikstad with the same vessel on Monday 7 AUG at 9.00.
- You should either bring your boat to Immingham (GBR) or Zeebrugge (BEL)
- Passengers are not allowed on the DFDS vessels.
- The organizers will take care of the reception, masting, crantage and transport of the boats to Hankø, and back after the event, for free.
- The crantage and so will most likely happen on Tuesday morning 8 AUG. If you want to assist, please contact Espen Bakkerud for all info.
- There is a safe storage space for the trailers.
- When you have booked your ferry, or if you have any practical question, please DO contact Espen Bakkerud via email/FB/...





- As mentioned in earlier newsletters, the organizers have agreed a tariff for halftonnors at 3200 EUR, and you 'll get a refund after the regatta of 1000 EUR. So the total cost for getting your boat to Hankø is 2200 EUR.

FERRY TO THE ISLAND

Since we're on an island it might be useful to know the ferry timetable for passage planning. It's a tiny ferry, not accepting cars, but running frequently. The timetable of the Hankø ferry is as follows:

- Monday to Thursday: 07:30 – 22:50
- Friday and Saturday: 07:30 – 23:30
- Sunday: 08:00 – 21:50

The organizers hope to offer a RIB Service to participants in morning and late night to fixed times.

WHERE TO SHOP FOR FOOD

There is a small local Joker shop in Vikane (the mainland side where you park and take the ferry from) and a larger KIWI shop only a few minutes by car in the direction of Fredrikstad.





GENERAL INFO

- you can safely drink the water from all Norwegian water taps.
- the organizers are working on a system for ordering lunchpacks.
- and yes, for those who can't live without: there will be HEINEKEN available!
- the weather in Norway is always good, except when it isn't. So... be prepared!

AND PLEASE REMEMBER:

You can only participate at the regatta when you have paid your membership fee...

The fee of 50 EUR is to be paid by bank transfer only, to:

Half Ton Class Europe

IBAN: BE78 0018 1280 2886 -- BIC: GEBABEBB

Communication: 'member' + boat name + sail number + your name

By paying your membership fee you give a strong signal to the Class in general and more specifically to the board. The Half Ton Class is a story about you and us, and we write that story together!





The winds will be favourable,
The weather will be fair,
The traveling might be long,
But that will all be made up for by the warmest welcome you've ever had!

Be in for an extraordinary experience!

See you all in Hankø as from Saturday 12th August!

Philippe – Ward – Bert
(all three present in Hankø!)

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