



Dear halfton lovers,

The Hankø Half Ton Classics Cup is only a few weeks away. Over 40 teams have registered, and more are getting ready. If you haven't decided yet about your entry, maybe due to the important logistics involved to get your boat to Norway (although made easy by DFDS), here is an offer that can blow you away:

For late deciders/international teams, the organizers have an irresistible offer:

- **A free Banner 28 halftonner (a rocket – experienced that myself)**
- **100% new sails**
- **Clean hull**
- **Crew houses/apartments available on Hankø island**

Come on, it's not too late: just book your tickets to Norway for you and your team, step on that boat and race it, enjoy the half ton spirit 'Norwegian style' – you will not be disappointed! By the way, a second halftonner is in the process of being made available!





More Hankø news

Some changes in the entrylist, now counting 40 and the latest entry is Per Osen with «Heroln». Per was present at Hankø 1983 as measurer in the control committee - now sailing.

The Organizers are very happy with our main sponsors: the Norwegian Audi dealer Dahles Auto. They will bring a cool Audi to Hankø (normally a car free island...), or maybe display it on the fore deck of the IOR Maxi Ondine that will be moored at the clubhouse. Ondine was also present at Hankø 1983 – of course she will join us this year too with smokemachines and lights... which promises some great parties...

Another sponsor De IJssel/Double Coat (yacht paints) will show their products and give hints and advice at Hankø. If you are looking for a good local craftsman to take care of repainting your boat ... you can meet him at Hankø and you probably all know who he is...

We have a free water taxi: the charming RIB “Valborg” will get you from the main land to Hankø - and back if needed. More dinghies will be made available (free disposal).





Regatta favourites?

There are several local «hot shots» among the participants...

Espen Kamperhaug with last years winner **King One** has strenghtened his team with olympic gold medaillist Jesper Bank from Denmark.

Good speed on board **Rampage** as they won Hankø Race week.

Concorde, also recently imported in Norway, is a very fast boat and if sailed without barnacles ...they can win 😊.

Antheor is a rocket and a Classic.

Général Tapioca is coming over from Belgium to show her beautiful lines and speed.





Farther Bruin, also from Belgium, is representing the Farr dynasty of halftonnors, which stands for speed & success! A low rating mixed with experienced crew and fragrances of speed– likely a delicious cocktail!

There will be 3 halftonnors with an exclusive 'all female' team: **Midnight X** and **FoXy** from Norway and a British team led by Rosemary Nunn.

It must be mentioned that the boat that came in 4th place in 1983, **Fram VIII**, is restored to its original condition and will compete in Hankø.

Getting your boat (on her trailer) to Hankø

It's not too late, but the clock is ticking... However, transport is made easy by DFDS: for only 1900 EUR (after refund by the organizers) your convoy exceptionnel enjoys smooth handling by DFDS and once at Fredrikstad the Half Ton Class Norway takes all the cost of craning and logistics.





Ship your boat to Zeebrugge (BEL) latest on 3 or 4 AUG or to Immingham (GBR) and have it ferried directly to Hankø. When you arrive you will find your boat and a cold welcome drink... So don't miss the opportunity to come and sail your halftonner in Northern Europe's best waters for racing: Hankø!

And if coming with your own boat is too complicated, offer your team the opportunity to compete against the other halftonnors on board a competitive local halftonner and enjoy the fantastic sailing area...

You will also love the atmosphere at Hankø Yacht Club as well as their fantastic food and great bar. I recommend «Maritas Special» and «GT cream»...

Where to stay? Still cabins and houses available to fair prices

Also remember: Norwegian currency is low - Norway is NOT expensive this year!!





Membership fee

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

The fee of 100 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!

Be in for an extraordinary experience!

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

Philippe – Ward – Bert (all 3 present in Hankø!)

