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Dear friends,

This newsletter is reaching you at the time when the first starts of the Spi Ouest France are being given in La Trinité-sur-Mer (Brittany), an international event in which 6 half tonners (and not the least of them...) are participating this year in the "IRC crew" class.

### THE SPI OUEST FRANCE

The Société Nautique de la Trinité is organizing its traditional Easter sailing regatta for the 48th time this year, which will welcome over 400 crews to the Quiberon Bay.

The Class wishes fair winds to the crews of DALTONER, LADY SERPALUNE, GENERAL TAPIOCA, AUBEPINE, CARDIAC BLUES, and PER ELISA, which is flying its brand-new French flag for the first time!

Next year, with the HTCC being held in Breton waters, many half tonners will undoubtedly make the trip to Brittany to participate in the Spi Ouest regatta as preparation for the 2027 HTCC (and to discover Breton habits...). If we manage to get 10 boats (easy, right...), we'll have our own class for the first time in many years...





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### THE SELDÉN HALF TON CLASSICS CUP 2026

It's not too late to register for the 2026 Seldén HTCC. The number of entries has remained very stable in recent weeks with 41 half tonners registered, but in the coming weeks, registrations could increase slightly, thanks to the tireless efforts of local organizers Martin Kamperhaug and Espen Bakkerud.

Those who participated in 2023 know that this edition will once again be full of unforgettable memories and emotions. The island and its hotel are already fully booked. At the Hankø Yacht Club clubhouse, workers are putting the finishing touches on the renovations (the club has doubled in size...), and everything is being done to welcome us on Friday, August 7th for the traditional awards ceremony.

The organizers will soon be sending letters to half tonner owners who have expressed their wish to travel to Hankø by the DFDS Zeebrugge-Fredrikstad ferry. This letter will explain the steps to follow in detail.

Don't forget to pay your Class membership fee (see the end of this newsletter). Payment on site is not accepted...





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## CLASS NEWS

### ***Date & venue of the 2027 HTCC***

Following a site visit and thorough review of the two applications received, the HTCE steering committee made the difficult decision to ask the YCCA (Yacht Club Crouesty Arzon) to organize the 2027 Half Ton Classics Cup.

The HTCC will be held from July 25th to 31st, 2027, in the Quiberon Bay.

Brest will likely host the half tonner fleet in a year or two. And why not meet there from June 12th to 14th for their '4 Vents Cup'? The local half-tonner fleet awaits you with open arms.

### ***Have your half endorsed***

Put an end to all the gauge discussions and offer yourself an IRC endorsed certificate... It's true that it will take some time and organization, but this IRC endorsed certificate has the advantage of providing a very accurate TCF.

Remember that to run the HTCC you need to present an endorsed certificate.

### ***New Class logo – available to all***

If you are thinking of using the new logo on your new polo shirts, fleece or other clothing, ... ask us at [info@halftonclass.eu](mailto:info@halftonclass.eu) and we will send it back to you in pdf format.

### ***New Class logo stickers***

We had new stickers made with this beautiful logo. The first copies were distributed in Nieuwpoort and at the Spi Ouest regatta. Order your stickers from Peter Rutter (UK) or Patrick Boardman (IRL).



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## FLEET NEWS

There's been very little news at the start of spring, apart from a surprising boat transfer to Norway...

### **IN IRELAND**

Lifetime honourable Class member Dave Cullen (ex-Checkmate XV) is now the President of Irish Sailing, the country's national sailing authority. Congratulations Dave!

### **IN BRITTANY**

We assume everyone is very busy preparing for the Spi Ouest. It's great to see that some half tonners we thought were 'dormant' are resurfacing... With the HTCC in Brittany next year, there's no time to rest... To all the Breton half tonners currently being refitted: "Get to work!" because you only have 15 months (and 3 weeks) left before the opening ceremony (and the traditional 'glass of friendship').

### **THE BELGIANS**

A Belgian 1/2 ton regatta/championship weekend is being planned for September 5th and 6th – stay tuned... and mark it in your diaries!

### **THE NORWEGIAN FLEET**

The Half Ton Classics Cup looks quite appetizing! Once again, a Norwegian went shopping in Ireland, and returned home with a certain MATA in his suitcase... No doubt this Andrieu design (1988) will be a formidable competitor.

*Picture from Afloat.ie (support them!)*





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## SAILING AGENDA

Half Ton Classics Cup 2026: 1 to 7 August in Hankø (NOR)

Half Ton Classics Cup 2027: 25 to 31 July, in Le Crouesty (FRA)

Half Ton Classics Cup 2028: back to Scandinavia...

### The Nieuwpoort 2026 sailing calendar:

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|-------|---|
| 25/04 | H-Cup 1   |
| 9/05  | H-Cup 2 (+ Papy's Race)                             |
| 30/05 | H-Cup 3   |
| 13/06 | H-Cup 4 (+ Ladies Race)                             |
| 5/09  | H-Cup 5 – Challenge J. Florizoone + Belgian Open HT |
| 19/09 | H-Cup 6 (+ Youth Cup)                               |
| 30/09 | H-Cup 7 – Challenge Van De Velde                    |
| 10/10 | H-Cup 8 & prize giving                              |

### The 2026 Southeast Norway & partly in the Oslofjord sailing calendar:

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| 9/05     | Hvaler Rundt                         |
| 10/05    | Summer Series                        |
| 30/05    | Kostervalsen                         |
| 12-13/06 | Faerderseilasen                      |
| 24-28/06 | Hankø Race Week / NM ½ Ton           |
| 1-7/08   | Seldén Half Ton Classics Cup - Hankø |
| 19/09    | MK Båt Cup / Løkkevika               |

### Some French suggestions:

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| 22-24/05 | GP du Crouesty   |
| 12-14/06 | 4 Vents Cup – <a href="http://www.4ventscup.fr">www.4ventscup.fr</a> - Brest |
| 18-20/09 | Atlantique Télégramme – Lorient  |

If you have other events to suggest, please feel free to contact us.



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### MEMBERSHIP FEES 2026

Yes, it's high time to renew your membership...

By paying your dues, you send a strong message to the Class in general and, more specifically, to the board of directors. The Half Ton Class is a story between you and us, and we're writing it together!

You can also only participate in the Half Ton Classics Cup after paying your dues...

The membership fee of 100 EUR can only be paid by bank transfer, to:

**Half Ton Class Europe**

**IBAN: BE78 0018 1280 2886 -- BIC: GEBABEBB**

**Subject: 'member 2026' + boat name + sail number + your name**

And that's all for now....

Fair winds & meet you again soon!

Bert – Ward – Jeremy – Philippe – Stian - Peter

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