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Dear Friends,

Summer is fast approaching, and so is the Seldén Half Ton Classics Cup. The list of entrants continues to grow, and I promise you: it's not over yet! The half tonners registered for this HTCC are preparing, each in their own way…

## THE SPI OUEST FRANCE

The weather conditions over the long Easter weekend allowed the participating half tonners to compete against each other in IRC Class 3, with only one other competitor: their perennial local rival, 'Belauan' (an Elan 333).

After seven hard-fought races, Général Tapioca emerged victorious, finishing ahead of Belauan, Aubépine, Per Elisa, Cardiac Blues, Daltoner, and Lady Serpalune.




Cardiac Blues at the Spi Ouest
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## OTHER REGATTAS and HTCC PREPARATIONS




The first outings after the ice melt in Norway allowed Ellen Sundby's all-female team to get to grips with their brand-new boat, the Midnight X: a Farr design revitalized at the renowned MK Bat shipyard.

No more cruising on the azure blue X-95 that we saw in Nieuwpoort in 2024 and Torquay in 2025: it will undoubtedly bring joy to its new owner...

Judging by the initial results… Ellen & Co. will be more than ready!

In the overall standings after 5 regattas held throughout the winter of 2025-2026 in Colijnsplaat, Zeeland, Tom Pouce finished in 2nd place.

On her agenda this spring, before the long trip to Hankø: an official weigh-in and measurements for updating the IRC endorsed certificate as well as some training outings, both with her own crew as with the crew of young female sailors (see below) who will come to get a feel for a Berret design.



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## THE SELDÉN HALF TON CLASSICS CUP 2026

We'll say it again, but it's still not too late to register for the 2026 Seldén HTCC.

Recently, a 42nd half-tonner was added to the (already long) list of entrants: this year, Half Moon (Berret '78) will be skippered by a team of young Belgian female sailors. We'll let them tell us more…

"We're all passionate about sailing and regattas, and the Half Ton Classics Cup was an experience we couldn't refuse. The bonds between our young, all-female crew members were forged along our respective paths. Vega and Manon met on at the Belgian coast before setting sail for the Canary Islands. Philippine and Vega, as well as Laura and Manon, met at university, dreaming of sailing and each involved in student crews in England and Belgium, respectively.

Laura, Manon, Louise, and Juliette are sailing together in a J-80 for the 2026 season. The goal is for each of us to learn from each other's experiences. This will be our first time on the half tonner circuit, and we're eager to discover the class. This opportunity to sail in Norway allows us to get off the beaten track and discover the culture of this magnificent country through the world of sailing. What more could we ask for?"

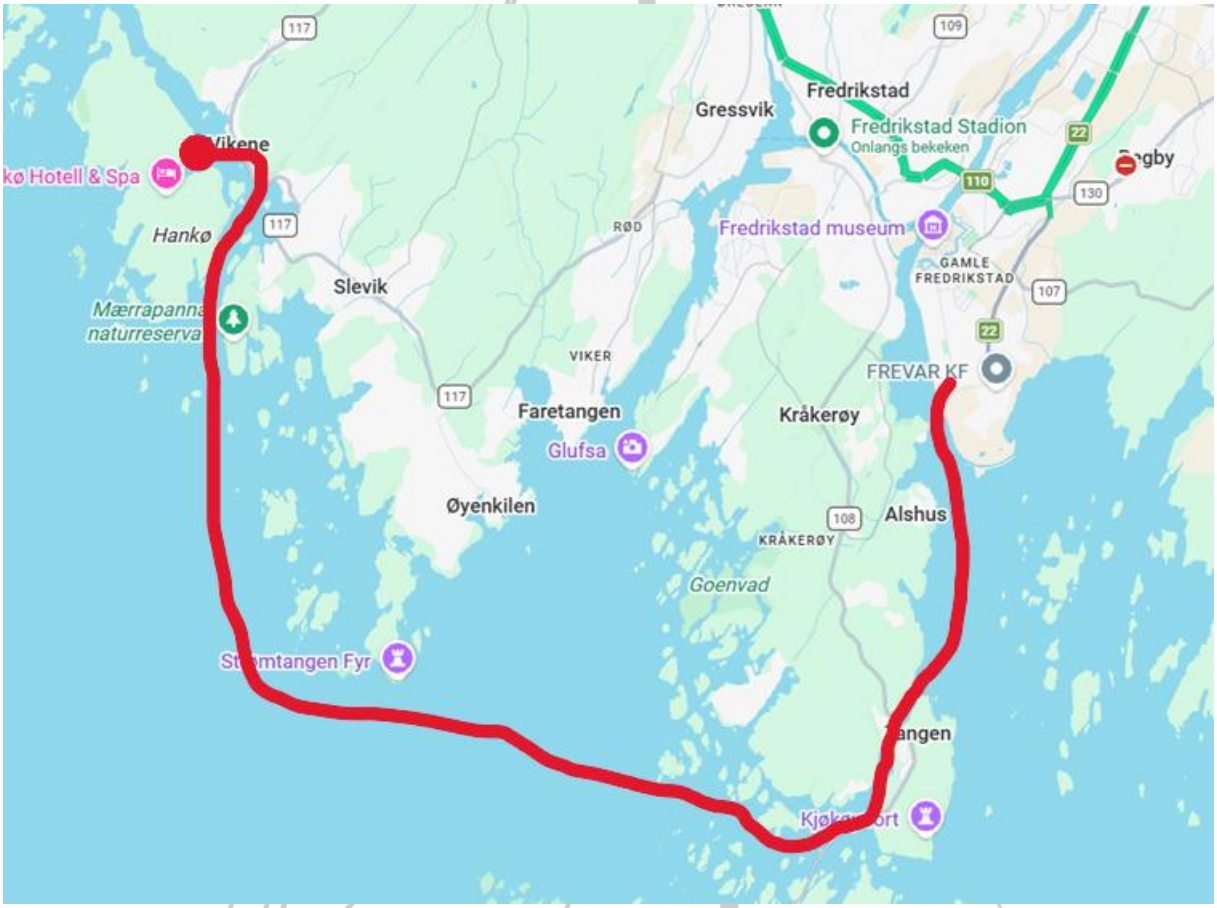



We wish Manon, Laura, Vega, Louise, Juliette, and Philippine all the best!

As a side note… along with Cardiac Blues and Tom Pouce, Half Moon is the third Berret '78 design to register and race in the 'Vintage' class…

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For the half tonners making the journey to Norway by DFDS ferry from Zeebrugge or Immingham (UK), Martin Kamperhaug and his friends from Half Ton Class Norway will welcome the boats in Fredrikstad. On Tuesday, July 28th, a crane will be available to launch the boats and step the masts. The following day, they will transport them to Hanko. If you are already there, any help would be greatly appreciated – please contact Martin via his email address.




Distance: 10 NM

Also, once the HTCC is finished, Martin is counting on the help of at least one person per boat for the return transport of all the half tonners to the terminal in Fredrikstad on Monday morning, August 8th, immediately followed by hauling out, unstepping the masts, and loading onto trailers. Note that the first DFDS ferry to Zeebrugge/Immingham will depart on Tuesday, August 11th.

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## NEWS FROM THE CLASSE

***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 event will be organized from July 25 to 31, 2027, with the sailing area in Quiberon Bay.

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

***Have your  half tonner endorsed***

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

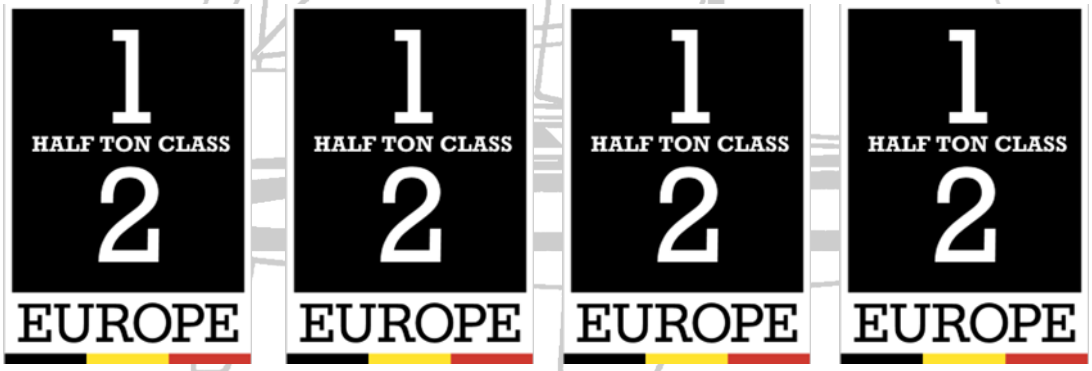
Remember that to run the HTCC you need to present an endorsed certificate.

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

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

***New Class stickers***

We have new stickers made with this beautiful logo. Rather than sending these by mail, we tend to distribute them at events where halftonners meet. Philippe Pilate (BEL – FRA) and Peter Rutter (UK – IRL) have them in stock.



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## NEWS FROM THE FLEET

Still quite quiet in the halft tonner world…

### *FRANCE / BRITTANY*

Freelance (Briand ’83) is back sailing after a winter spent studying and comparing different sail options. Apparently, their research paid off, because equipped with a brand-new set of sails, they shone in their first regatta in Perros-Guirec…

Oplite (Joubert ’82) now has its own Poncelet trailer, allowing for greater mobility and the opportunity to race beyond national borders.

Following the purchase of Per Elisa (Ceccarelli ’92), Claude Charbonnier has put his faithful racing companion, Sibelius (Joubert ’82), up for sale – see the listing on the class website.

### *BELGIUM*

Manon Vatlet has relaunched her M’HalfRaz after two years of dry storage.

Ian Van Burm’s Fantasy took intensive English lessons with Spip to prepare for the long Pentecost weekend in Ramsgate. A cold & windy 1st leg, followed by a long spinnaker run back home. Sure all enjoyed the 1st Guiness of the year in the RTYC…

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

### *SCANDINAVIA*

A very busy winter for Martin Kamperhaug who is bringing half tonners, 12M JI, Knarr and other boats back to life in series… In addition he is involved in the operational organization of the next Seldén Half Ton Classics Cup where he will be in charge of receiving the half tonners coming by DFDS ferry.

## MARK IN YOUR AGENDAS

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

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

Half Ton Classics Cup 2028: likely returning to Nordic waters

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**The 2026 Nieuwpoort 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 Norwegian calendar (racing area = southern Oslo fjord):**

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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 Brittany suggestions**

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| 22-24/05 | GP du Crouesty |
| 12-14/06 | 4 Vents Cup – www.4ventscup.fr - Brest |
| 18-20/09 | Atlantique Télégramme – Lorient |

If you have other events to suggest where half tonners are welcomed, 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 €100 membership fee must be paid by bank transfer only, to:

**Half Ton Class Europe**

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

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

That's all for now folks.

Fair winds, have fun on the water & see you all soon!

Bert – Ward – Jeremy – Philippe – Stian - Peter

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