

NEWS

Summer 2009



"Thea" has sail number D-1 and "Vanity V" sail number K5.



We would like to offer our warmest congratulations to Morten Lorenzen, Managing Director of the Royal Danish Yacht Club, on the occasion of his 50th Birthday. Perhaps his motto might be "Never too far from the water"!

A welcome start to the season

After a long and particularly grey winter it is lovely to be back on the water and enjoying an early and warm spring.

With the world experiencing change and uncertainty our team is working hard to ensure that there is even more reason to enjoy the sport of sailing with the Royal Danish Yacht Club.

Our Elite program is working well with exciting results from the ISAF Worlds event and very good progress in the winter training camp on Majorca. Our junior and youth departments are very busy with training and racing places now rather hard to come by. Our new fleet of J80's have likewise been enthusiastically embraced and are fully taken up with work with the Royal Sailing Academy and the Junior Match Race squad. The change in the Olympic classes has also brought focus on to Ladies Match Racing and this is also reflected in our activities – we wish Camilla Ulrikkeholm and her crew all the best at the up and coming Ladies World Championship.

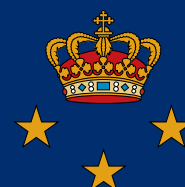
As a founder member of the International Council of Yacht Clubs we are playing a key role in the debate on the effect that the current economic climate will have. The initial feedback is that at a club level the effect (so far) does not seem to be particularly noticeable. The council will continue to keep a close eye on developments and to share different approaches with its members – sailors really are a part of a global family.

Happily the Royal Danish Yacht Club continues to develop; the building work has finally started in Skovshoved Harbour and we would like to welcome two new Club Royal Partners – jeweller Klarlund A/S and wine and spirit distributor Hans Just A/S – we are as pleased to welcome them on board as they were to join us – Welcome!

Kim Andersen
Commodore

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Is Vanity a sin? Perhaps not....

To be a member of the Royal Danish Yacht Club is to be offered the opportunity to enjoy the fullest sailing experience possible in one club. With the juniors bobbing around in their optimists and the cruising section exploring the harbours and coast line of the Baltic, we really do embrace every part of modern sail sport and if one were unsure then a visit to Tuborg Harbour would remove all doubt. Our harbour (and the Club) is home to two of the most beautiful sailing boats in existence, namely

"Thea" and her neighbour "Vanity".
 "Thea" was constructed by Johan Anker in 1918 and "Vanity V" by William Fife in 1936, both are in pristine condition and there is no-one who can resist the temptation to pause a while and gaze upon them whilst walking through the harbour. The pictures (here and on the frontpage) are from the 12 meter classic event in Flensburg Fjord last summer and we are showing them for the simple pleasure of looking at these beautiful yachts!

Giving Life a big hug

Meeting Lena and Mogens Brinks leaves one with the impression of having just met two people who not only love each other very much but who also love life. Really love life.

For a detailed CV of their sailing career please look through the interview with them in your April 2009 copy of 'Sejlsport' – it is not necessary to read Danish, the organisations and achievements are recognisable in any language.

So why mention 'Team Brinks'? Perhaps because they are such a super example of how to get the most out of life and because this is very much why and how we like to do things in the Royal Danish Yacht Club. As they themselves put it "Find something to contribute to and not only will it always repay itself richly but it also makes things a lot more fun."

Lena and Mogens can be found on board their motor sailor BAT at most of the club's large events serving wonderfully as committee boat - as well as dispensing restorative Gin and Tonics in the harbour after racing.

Their contribution to the club is immense but I think, for them, certainly not a burden. They are certainly not a sailing 'mono-culture' and have extensive interests with their own family and past times. The love of being outdoors, exploring and having friends new and old makes the world of sailing and the Royal Danish Yacht club in particular a really good place to grab life with both hands and give it a hug!



A Taste for Travel...

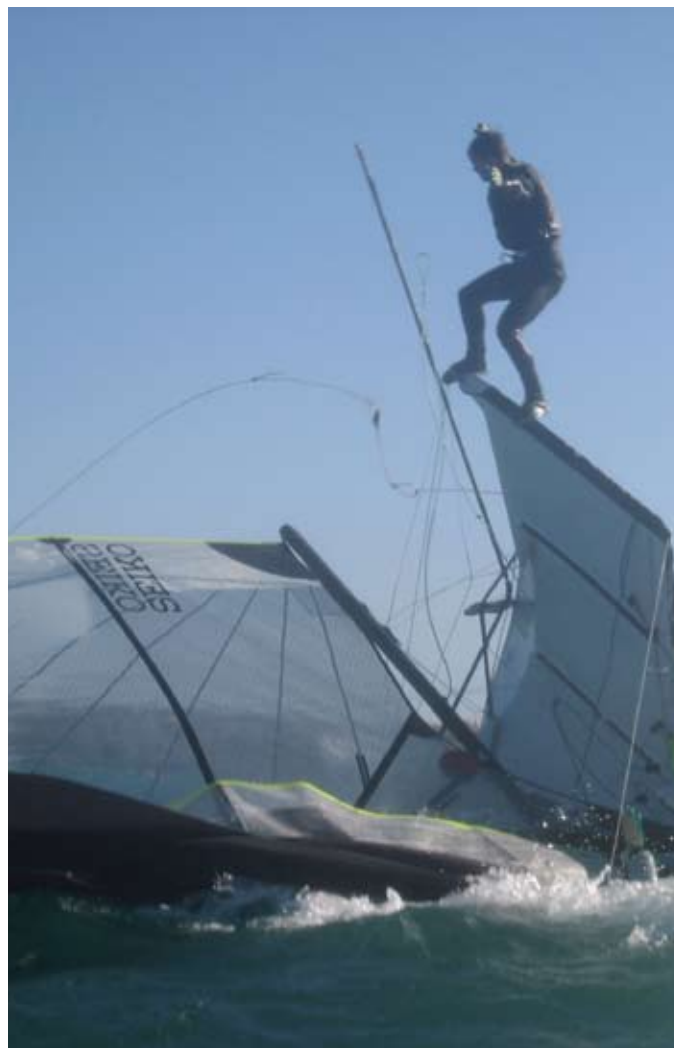
Two years ago the Royal Danish Yacht Club set off in convoy to stage a Farr40 event in Skagen, northern Jutland. The neighbouring council (Frederikshavn) saw the success of the event and invited us last year to run the 2008 Danish Open (Match Racing) there. The event was super and was warmly received by spectators, organisers and sportsmen alike.

With our new facilities in Skovshoved Harbour still not completed and having developed a taste for travel we then reached an agreement with Aarhus Council and Sailing Aarhus (an umbrella organisation of five local sailing clubs) to stage the 2009 Danish Open a part of the World Match Racing Tour (9th-13 th September).

The Danish Open is the oldest round of the World Match Racing Tour and it is therefore perhaps appropriate that we return to the waters off Aarhus as it is here in the early 1990's that Match Racing came to Denmark for the first time.

In the early 1990's the Klok family supported by, amongst others businessman Karsten Ree, took the step of buying the very first DS37s and setting up a training and racing centre. Unfortunately the centre did not survive the change of generations and other centres (for example the Royal Match Race Centre in Skovshoved Harbour) took over the mantle.

With the finest Match racing Skippers in the World attending it is going to be great sport in a super location. Which is nice!



Welcome to a wider World

The Royal Danish Yacht Club offers 'sailing for all' to our members and we mean it. Others have tried and often been less than successful, so how have we managed to be increasingly successful where so many have tried before?

Well no one is perfect and the development of the club is a 'work in progress' project but with the support of our partners we have been able to attract an excellent professional team and we have brought the members very close to the planning process. An example of the effect of these two influences can be seen in the 'Sailing Universe Program'. The 'Sailing Universe Program' is designed to help Junior Sailors who have experience of only one class of boat (for example Optimist) to move those skills and confidence to other classes and sizes of boat (from Yngling and 49er through to developing the necessary skills for cruising). The concept (that seems to be working!) is that part of the developmental / learning process (for any skill) is that once a level of competence is achieved at one level it is necessary to 'reawaken' the learning process with new challenges. Whatever the theory the program seems to be well received and proving to be a lot of fun - which is the point really.

Sailing Events Calendar for 2009 (selected events)

May	16th-17th	Rungsted	Henri Lloyd Cup
	16th-17th	Skovhoved	Nordic Women's Match Racing Tour
	21st	Rungsted	DFDS Seaways Cup (Optimists)
June	6th-7th	Skovshoved	RMC 2 (Graded Match Race)
	16th-18th	Tuborg Havn	Prince Henrik Silver Trophy (Dragon Class)
July	8th-12th	Baltic	Cruising Summer Tour to Northern Germany
August	1st-7th	Skagen	Dragon Gold Cup
	8th-15th	Skovhoved	International Knarr Championship
	14th-16th	Tuborg	'Floating' Boat Show and exhibition
	21st-22nd	Helsingør	Watski 2 Star (double handed off-shore)
	20th-29th	Rungsted	470 World Championships

On our website www.kdy.dk there are further details of future events including: The Dragon Gold Cup, the 470 Class World Championships, the Danish Open 2009 and so forth!

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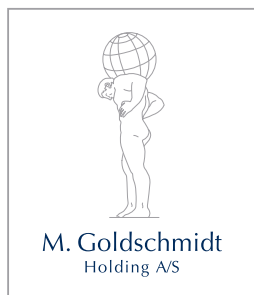
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