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Dear 5.5 sailor,

In a little more than 8 months, on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019 s the first gun will be fired for the Scandinavian Gold Cup, the Royal Kaag Classic Cup and the Hankö Evolution Cup. On 29<sup>th</sup> July, racing for the World Championship title will start. I have the pleasure of being the NJK project manager for those events.

The venue for the events will be the Valkosaari (Blekholmen in Swedish) island, the traditional harbour of Nyländska Jaktklubben (NJK).



NJK Valkosaari harbour and club house. .Picture by Erik Lähteenmäki Sailpix

Valkosaari is located in the very city centre, just 1 000 m from the market square. There will thus be a great number of hotels and restaurants in the vicinity of the harbour. For launching the boats, a number of alternatives are available.

Courses will be in the open sea, about 3 nautical miles from the harbour. The main course area is outside of any shipping lanes so commercial traffic will not be disturbing racing.

For transporting your boat to Helsinki, several alternatives are available. Helsinki and/or the Finnish town of Hanko (Hangö) are connected to many cities all over Europe including Stockholm, Tallinn, Lübeck, Rostock and a number of North Sea and British ports. If your boat is to be sent to Australia after the Worlds' in Finland, we can help you organise the transport to the shipping point too.

Some of the shipping and ferry lines connecting Finland with the rest of Europe are:



Transfennica, Finnlines, Viking Line and Tallink Silja. We are discussing special deals and will keep you informed about any such deals and contact information.

The Notice of Race documents for the various events are in the process of being checked by the 5.5 class organisation and will be posted in the next few weeks.

In the meantime, feel free to contact me for any issues you may have,

Yours,
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