



Hankø- NORWAY - 1- 7 August 2026

Royal Norwegian Yacht Club

The Royal Norwegian Yacht Club (KNS) is pleased to apply for the Melges 24 European championships 2026. The event will be held in Hankø, from the 1st to the 7th of August.

KNS is Norway's largest sailing association and an active regatta organizer. KNS is affiliated with the Norwegian Sailing Federation (NSF). Among its approximately 4,500 members, you will find a large junior group, many enthusiastic female sailors, hundreds of recreational and offshore sailors, and several of Norway's top regatta sailors.

KNS has a permanent management and staff who handle the association's activities and daily operations.



International championships

Furthermore, KNS organizes races of all kinds of yachts and dinghies during the summertime. Almost every year, We host a national or international championship either in Oslo or Hankø.

- ✓ 2024 ORC DH World Championship
- ✓ 2024 Soling World Championship
- ✓ 2023 Half Ton Classics Cup
- ✓ 2023 Para Nordic Championship
- ✓ 2022 ORCI European Championship, Hankø
- ✓ 2022 5.5 Metre World Championship, Hankø
- ✓ 2022 Iq-Foil Nordic Championship
- ✓ 2019 Junior World Championship (49er,49'erFX,Nacra)
- ✓ 2019 Nordic Championship J/70, Hankø
- ✓ 2019 National Championship ORCi , Hankø
- ✓ 2018 Cooperating Club World Sailing Championship
- ✓ 2018 World Championship x-35, Hankø
- ✓ 2018 Nordic Championship Dragon, Hankø
- ✓ 2017 World Championship 8mR 2017 International Knarr Championship
- ✓ 2014 Laser Youth European Championship



Welcome to Hankø

- Hankø has been Norway's leading venue for international regattas for the last hundred years. Our cooperating club is Hankø Yacht Club (HYC). Senior members of KNS founded HYC in 1954 to attract international sailing at what they considered one of the best race courses in the world. The club has its picturesque clubhouse and a new protected harbor on the island a few hundred meters from the mainland. All championship participants will be guests of the HYC throughout the week. Participating boats will be moored along the berths just outside the clubhouse.
- Hankø is known to be a summer resort with private summer homes and the Hankø Hotel & Spa. Sailing has been an important activity and has made the island internationally well known. The island is located in the southeastern part of Norway at the Oslo Fjord, not far from the Swedish border.



Long traditions

- The Royal Norwegian Yacht Club has a long tradition of organizing regattas at Hankø. The first regatta took place in 1906. The Hankø Race Week is an annual keelboat event drawing both domestic and international participants.
- The racecourses at Hankø are perfect for international championships, for yachts ranging from ocean racers to smaller keelboats.
- Experienced race managers will organize the event, and the Principal Race Officer will be an International Race Officer. The International Jury will be appointed in cooperation with Melges 24.

We propose to organize this regatta at the same time as:

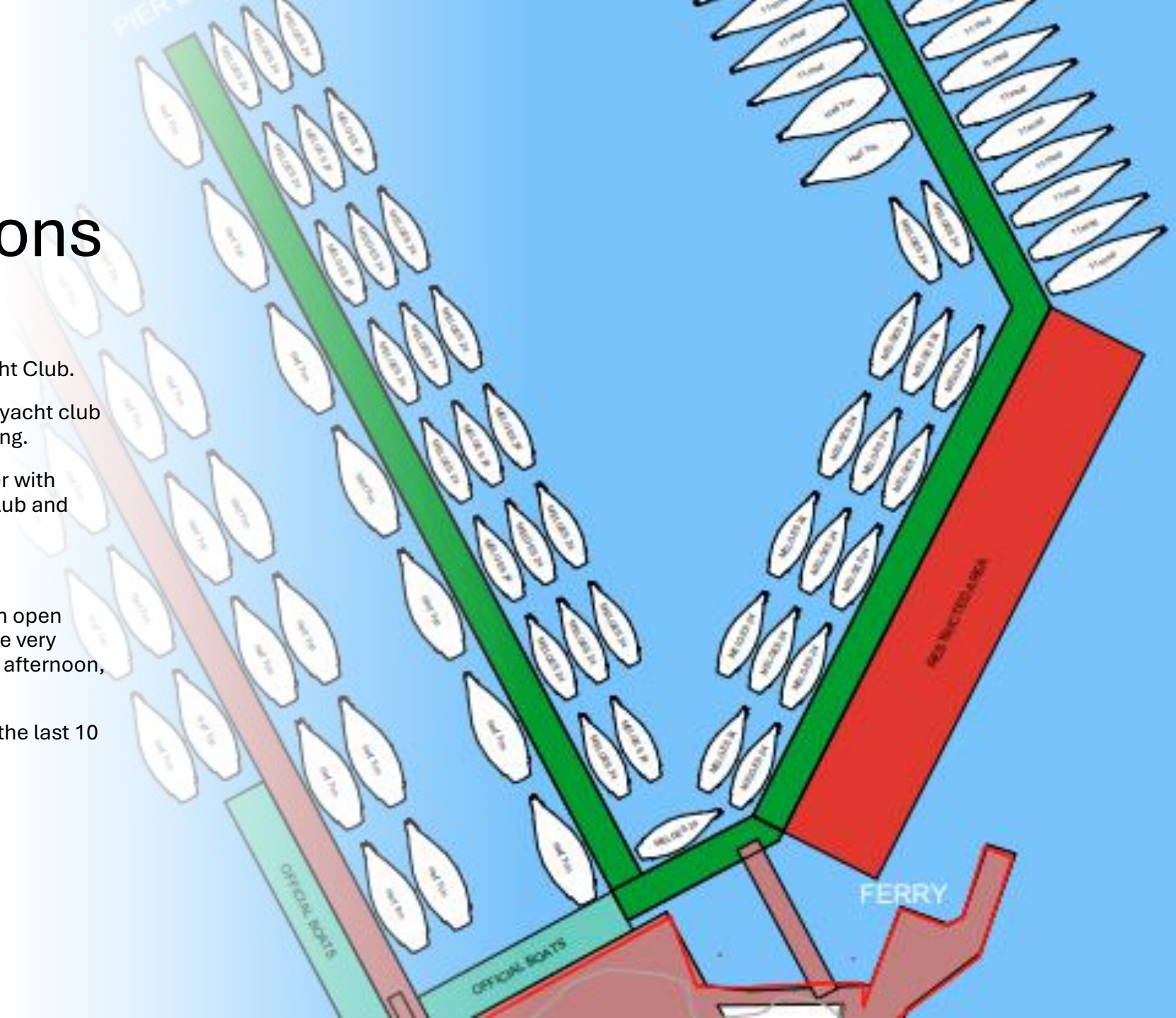
- **Half Ton classics Cup**
- **11 meter world Championship**

Melges 24 will have its own race course.



Harbor and sailing conditions

- Boats are berthed just in front of the Yacht Club.
- After a day on the fjord, we gather at the yacht club for refreshments and daily first-prize giving.
- The social program will be partly together with 11:meter and Half Ton at Hankø yacht Club and Hankø hotel.
- The sailing will occur just off the island in open water, where wind and sea conditions are very predictable. The sea breeze fills in in the afternoon, making it an excellent venue for sailing.
- In terms of weather, the average 24h for the last 10 years is 18 Celsius and 11 knots



Race course

- 11: meter WC and half Ton Classics cup on the same race course
- Melges 24 on one single race course
- Race course B is 3 n.miles from Hankø Yacht Club



RACE COURSE
ALPHA

RACE COURSE
BRAVO

Race program

1st to 7th of August 2026

- Day 1: Saturday
Registration
Measurement
- Day 2: Sunday
Registration
Measurement
Tune up
- Day 3: Monday
Races
- Day 4: Tuesday
Races
- Day 5: Wednesday
Races
- Day 6: Thursday
Races
- Day 7: Friday
Races

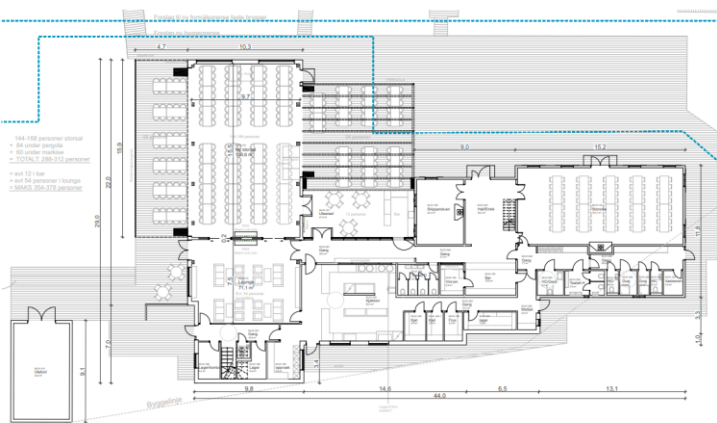
*The entry fee will be 1100 € covering :
tune up, racing, trailer parking, craning, daily snacks, opening
ceremony and price giving ceremony with Championship dinner

Social Program

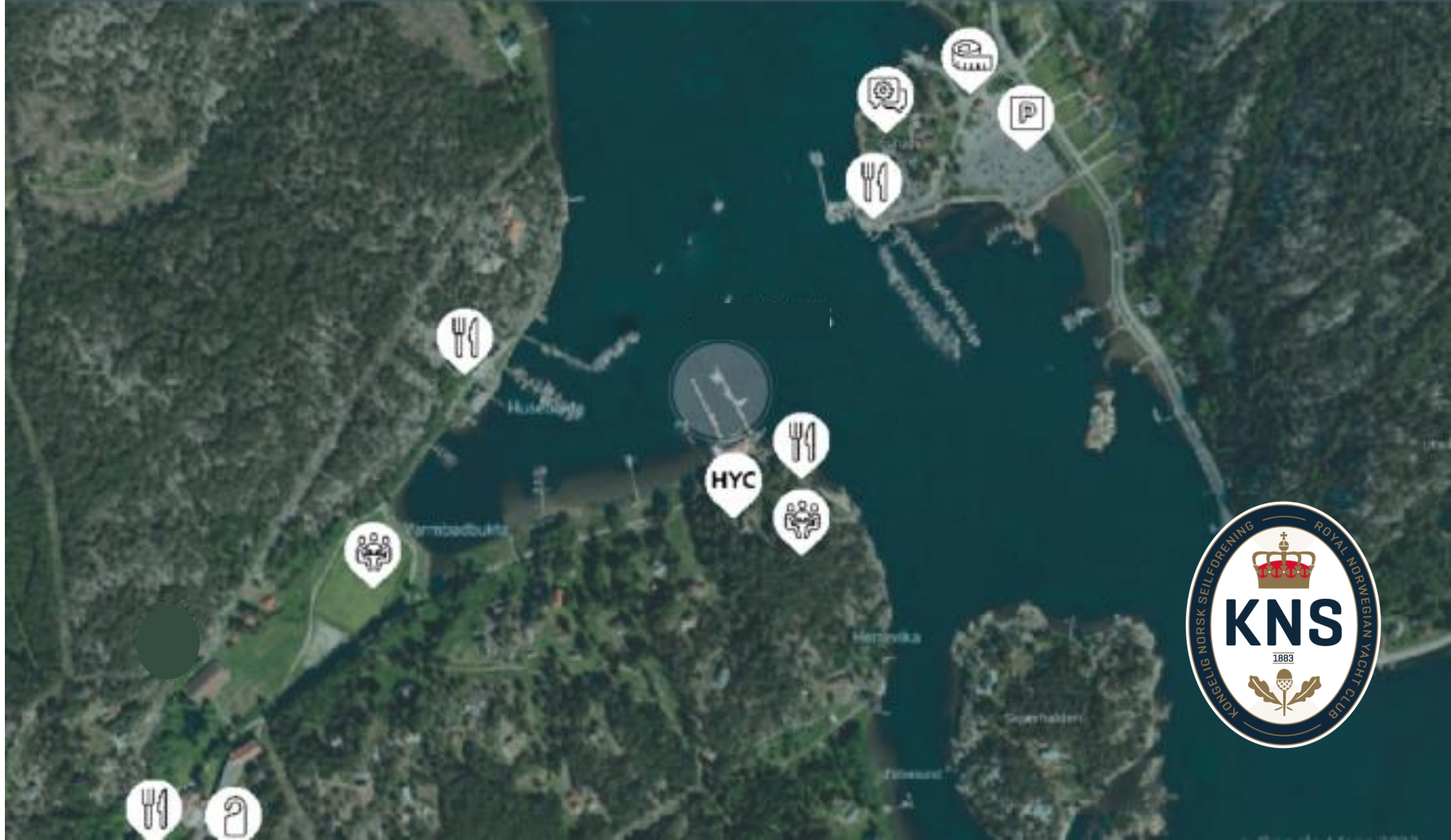
- Opening Ceremony on Sunday evening
- Daily first each days
- Prize giving ceremony on Friday with Championship dinner

*Social schedule may be subject to alteration





MEASUREMENT CRANE
 HANKØ YACHT CLUB
 RACEOFFICE / JURY
 PARKING
 SERVICE / MARINA
 RESTAURANT & BAR
 HOTEL



Accommodation

- The Hankø Fjordhotell & Spa, with 230 beds, is within walking distance from Hankø Yacht Club (HYC). Hankø is known for many private summer homes. The housing committee will help find private accommodation if wanted, and many summer houses are available at Airbnb.
- The city of Fredrikstad is 10 - 20 minutes drive from Hankø and offers plenty of Hotell options in all price categories.
- HYC also has possibilities for accommodation, and it is a beautiful place to enjoy breakfast, even for those who are not staying at HYC.
- HYC will also offer lunch bags to the sailors and are the main venue for social gatherings



Transportation to Hankø

Boat transportation and traveling

- Coming from the continent by car: The roads through Sweden are well suited for trailing boats. Ferries are going from Kiel, Germany, and Frederikshavn, Denmark, to Oslo. Oslo – Hankø takes about one hour by car.
- Trailers and cars can be parked very close to the marina on the mainland.
- There will be sufficient crane capacity at the marina on the mainland close to HYC.

Nearby Airports

- Oslo Airport (OSL) 112 km
- Gothenburg Airport (GOT) 192 km

Race committee and Equipment

- **Robot marks** : environment friendly, perfect race courses, fast adjusting.
- **Race committee** : International Race officer with experienced team from international events.
- **Race committee boats**: All RC boats equipped and suitable for offshore conditions at Hankø.
- Tracking system from **TracTrac**



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