

Riva Rain & Fun Stockholm "light version" 2005

This year intentions...

Every year is a new adventure and experience. After organizing meetings since 1998 we have found that mainly the same persons and boats joins up every year. What to do to have more members coming to our meetings? We searched for explanations - One reason could be that our schedule don't fit in their planning, others maybe consider the costs involved or even that their interest do not include meetings.

To find out and challenge the missing ones we therefore decided to have two "light" versions of R&F at different times and without registration and at low budget for the participants this year.

The result of our intentions was that the "old gang" meet again, but no "new" boats occurred. A bit disappointing, but as long as we are having fun together, and people will see and admire our boats we never give up!

R&F part 1- Classic Yacht Event

The first meeting was held together with the Classic Yacht Event including the celebration of the Royal Swedish Sail Society's 175 year celebration. It took place in the beginning of July. Our member Bengt Parmell was as usual involved in this type of events and took care of our interests in the program.

Thank you Bengt for doing this, not only for us, but for the whole classic yacht society in Sweden. Six Rivas was present among almost 200 other classic yachts, mainly sail boats. It was an excellent meeting with very warm atmosphere, just like the sunny weather.



R&F part 2 - The meeting

Friday the 22:nd of July - Six o'clock in the morning I woke up by a lightning and thunderstorm somewhat likely the one we had at the Venice meeting some years ago. This could not be true -but it was!



Despite the weather, 9 boats including one German boat,(our friends Doedens with their Aquarama "Triton") and our "beloved" Barbara "Babs" Kasischke (this year coming without her boat "Courage") showed up at the Royal Motor Yacht Club (KMK) pier in Stockholm at ten o'clock. Olle Erlandsson surprised by showing up in Aquarama # 26 which he had bought just two days earlier.

The Swedish Rolls Royce Club also met up at the pier. Some of them joined us for a boat ride and some of us could dry up in a car for a while. Only one hour delayed we started our voyage with cabs up for a trip into the lake Maelaren.

Come hell and high waters -Riva Club Sweden takes it all!

Some more heavy showers accompanied us during the way to the small old village Straengnaes. After a lunch break we took out the Rolls Royce pilots for a ride. Leaving the pier I had the pleasure to pick up a mooring buoy in the back of my boat, which later rendered me the "famous", but for the winner not so prestigious, "Bottom price" of the year.

We then left for a afternoon trip up to the city Enkoeping and overstay at the local conference hotel Fagerudd.

Flexible as usual the girls Ewa and Nina had changed the place for the BBQ from outside to inside the clubhouse of the local Enkoeping Sail Society (ESS). At the dinner everybody was happy and we had a nice evening. Special thanks to all our "Riva Girls", no one mentioned and no one

forgotten, for all their work that made this dinner and evening possible. (Almost forgot to mention our superior grill chef, Håkan!)



Saturday - Superior Full Throttle Race next morning was cancelled, because I could not force any skipper to enter the boats in such weather conditions. Instead we had an auction and sold old remaining T-shirts, caps, and such items to cover the expenses for the trip. It seemed like the participators were pleased as the incomes covered the common costs for the meeting except for 2 euros!

The kids did not seem to care about the weather condition nor the auction, so the Riva small Fishermen Fishing Competition was fulfilled as planned.

During a short break in the rain we started our trip back, with the compass pointing to Stockholm Sail Society's (SSS) clubhouse "Rastaholm" for a farewell dinner and price giving ceremonies.



Carlo Riva Cup- As there was no judging of boats due to weather and other reasons the Carlo Riva Cup was not given away, but I am convinced that if this would have occurred Mr Gullander in his Super Aquarama would have won it. On the other hand, Mr Gullander is now forced to keep his boat at the same high quality level for next years competition and the rest of us have one year to improve our standard of the boats. This means we will have many nice boats to judge next year.

Riva small fishermen competition -Winner of the fishing competition was Jocke Strömberg with three fishes.

"Courage ships bell" was given to Bengt Parmell by the previous winner (also the jury), Ewa Sollenberg, for always thinking of the club and having a smile on his face...



Bottom prize -Winner of the Bottom prize for reason as above: Per Wadström.

Welcome back to next year event to all and everybody, and a big hug to everyone that made this years event possible by their personal efforts.

As soon as the meeting was over, the sun showed up again - **Such is life in the tropics!**

Per Wadström