



Baastad is located in the south west part of Sweden facing the water of Kattegatt being a part of the Atlantic Ocean. This tiny village is a traditional recreation area and a resort for bathing with long sand beaches. Today Baastad is probably best known for the yearly held tennis tournament "Baastad Open" in mid of July. The water surroundings is like mediterranean with only few islands and when weather gets dirty the waves are not suitable for our boats.

Our member Nisse Forsberg is living in Baastad and had created an interesting program together with Yngve Nygren —If only the weather should be good enough for boating... Olle & Nina had made a tremendous job with printings, gadgets and detail planning of the program. Besides that, they made a logistic effort in order to move the boats located in Stockholm down to Baastad by truck and trailers.



Boats arriving on trucks and trailers.

July 27:th, Arrival day

Meeting started by launching the boats that arrived by truck or trailer in late afternoon. Some of our German friends had made a special tour by sea from Travemünde all the way up to Baastad. Also the first Danish entry into any meeting patronized by RHS arrived by sea from Copenhagen. All together we counted 11 boats in water, as 3 boats met different types of problem before the meeting.

Get together dinner at famous Pepes Bodega and afterwards we all went down to the beach just 50m away to look at the Brazilian tradition to place fire cages into the water. Outside temperature was more like in Italy and everybody was happy and looked forward to the coming days excursions with the Rivas.



Our new Danish friends Allan & Thomas Aasted.

July 28:th, Sightseeing day

Skippers meeting was held in sunny weather with an absolutely calm sea. Trip out to the island Hallands Väderö for Seal safari and then straight across the bay of Skalderviken to the small fisher harbour Svanshall. Lunch and some swimming before going back.



Calm sea, Warm weather and a Beautiful boat. What more could Per ask for?

On the way back we followed the south shore line and passed Arild, Nimis, Kullaberg and the Kullen light house. It is worth mentioning the wooden sculpture (Nimis) made by art professor Lars Vilks, later sold to a German to avoid ongoing legal processes. Mr Vilks created the sculptures from whatever he found on the beach.

After passing Kullens lighthouse there was free speeding back on an almost flat sea. Day was ended with swimming and socializing near the Riva harbour before dinner.



Sculpture Nimis

July 29:th, River day

Another day in paradise, sun was shining and the ocean was flat as a pancake. This was the River Trip day. After 11 years of Riva boating with our kids they have now become youngsters. We thought it was time for them to show their skills as Captain and crew on a boat of themselves. Konrad B rries was the brave captain to give his boat away to his son Georg for the day. All 8 youngsters attending the meeting went in that boat.

Per Wadstrom made Konrad captain of his boat to cheer him up a bit and he was happy again. This was also the day with simple driving (so we thought). At skippers meeting we were informed that some sandbanks at the entrance of the river always move around, so we had to be careful when going in.

At the river entrance our leader boat directly found a sandbank and had to be pulled out by the crew jumping into



Finding the path up the river Lagan.



The inner harbour of Torekov.

the water! After that our local organizer Nisse guided us towards the river by walking in the water checking the depth. I should guess average depth was about 0,8 meters.

When we reached the river Lagan we saw salmon jumping up from the water beside the boats. The water in the river was streaming more than expected, and we were all a little afraid at some narrow passages. Finally we reached the mooring point at the town of Laholm for picnic, new problems arose trying to moor the boats in the fast streaming water. We were later told that the water gates at the power station a bit upwards the river was opened this day. They do not open regularly but we were lucky (?) to be there when they did.

We soon discovered that it was an Austin Healy meeting at this place and were told that there should be 6 Austin Healy boats (!) somewhere in the surroundings. Nobody ever heard about Healy boats so we needed to find them. With some help two was found at a local parking. Some more, we were told, was banking their propellers after hitting stones in the river.

After 1 hour it was no stream at all since the gates was once again closed. This should make the return downstream easier but on the same time the water level was half a meter lower. We were saved by a local steam boat captain guiding us back to safety.

Well back at Baastad about half of the Riva fleet had to fill up their fuel tanks. Earlier problems with low quantities because of foreign credit cards now

changed to a gasoline pump out of order...

At evening a 10 nM trip was planned to reach one of the restaurants in Torekov, another small "very hot" seaside village. The harbour was completely overcrowded, but as skilled Riva skippers we made it all the way to inner harbour. Nice dinner at restaurant G. Swensson with our Royal Highness Princess Madeleine only a few tables away. Day ended with a disciplined night driving back to Baastad.

July 30:th, Lazy day

Early start for Olle and Bjorn since the gasoline problem had to be solved. With Olles Dodge truck and some 60 liters cans from Nisses garage a "Gas Transfer" from a local gas station started. After an hour the Rivas had got enough "food" for todays trip out to Hallands Vadero for picnic and bathing.



Gas transfer in progress...

This day Jan Gutschow made his son David captain over his Aquarama, so again all youngsters went alone in one boat. Nice swimming and socializing in the harbour. The owner of restaurant G. Swensson, *Jalle* and his wife swam around the anchored



boats serving Italian style sandwich and champagne from a floating bucket!

Free speeding back in late afternoon for a breath taking *skippers thrill* just outside the harbour. Another warm day and the event itself were ended with the Gala dinner at hotel Skansen with traditional price giving ceremony.

Prizes awarded as follows:

Carlo Riva Trophy, Best in show: Orfanelle, Florida # 515 of 1961, Jan Diegelmann & Katja Haack, Germany.

Riva Yard Trophy, Peoples choice: Cocoa, Aquarama Special # 580 of 1973, Allan & Thomas Aasted, Denmark.

Bottom prize, Winding ropes in propeller: Tritone # 212 of 1962, Jens Niehus.

Courage Ship Bell, Outstanding support for the club: Nils & Anne Forsberg.

Skippers thrill:
Single engine- Jan Diegelmann
Twin engine – Olle Erlandsson

RHS prize for Ship shape & Bristol fashion:

Corall, Tritone #209, Bengt Parmell
Hermes, Tritone #258, Konrad Börries
Tritone #212, Jens Niehus

First entry in event: Cocoa – Allan & Thomas Aasted

Captain for his hat: Georg Börries, David Gutschow

We all thanked Forsberg and Erlandsson family for their efforts for us and the well organized meeting by giving them a small presents from all of us.

Our honorary member Barbara Kaschiske gave a Riva Champagne cooler to the Swedish club and thanked us for the work we do.

We all praised the lord for giving us perfect weather during the whole meeting.

July 31:st

An improvised big farewell and see you again time, before hauling the boats and going back home.

See you up here next year again friends!

