



The Swedish Riva Run&Fun 2010 was a truly unique meeting in the very center of Stockholm city. Spread over seven islands, Stockholm enjoys one of the most stunning locations of any capital city in the world. Over 30% of Stockholm is made up of waterways. Placed right in the point where Lake Mälaren meets the Baltic Sea its nickname "Venice of Scandinavia" makes sense in a very obvious way.

21 of July, Arrival day:

Mostly Swedish Rivas took part this year, but two German and one Danish boat had to be launched prior to the meeting. All together 11 Rivas of different models took part in the event.



Tobbes new harbour.

At about 12 O'clock the boats began to arrive at Tobbes place outside of the archipelago town Waxholm for the usual welcome lunch and registration. With the boats safely moored in Tobbes new private harbor we had the pleasure to attend the premier opening of his new built "Riva outdoor Bar".



At the bar.

After a very tasty lunch we left in the afternoon for a trip to our base camp right in the middle of Stockholm. On



After passing the lock to Mälaren.

the way we had to pass one lock to enter the big lake Mälaren in order to reach the harbor at the former prison island Långholmen. The prison was in use until 1975 when it was reformed to a hotel and hostel. The prison cells are still kept as hotel rooms but you keep your own key to the door nowadays!



BBQ in the sunny Swedish summer evening

The day ended with a fantastic BBQ party at the harbor in the very narrow straight between our island and the south part of Stockholm. This harbor itself, founded over 90 years ago, is one of the oldest private boat clubs in Stockholm. Today wooden boats are still in majority, some of them even older then the boat club!

22 of July, Salt water day:

After the usual Skippers meeting we all started for a trip back to the salty water of the Baltic sea and a day of exploration among the 20.000 islands in Stockholm archipelago.

Previous years we have spent a lot of time in the outer regions, so this time we headed for the inner parts just outside of Stockholm.



Bosö boat club harbour.

After a winding trip around a lot of islands with pretty houses we ended up at Bosö boat club at the island Lidingö for a picnic lunch. After some minor boat repairs we went on for something that looks like a big lake but is accessible thru a very shallow and narrow canal. A perfect place for swimming and social floating Riva Rafts!



Full speed ahead is always nice!

On the way back in the late afternoon we stopped for dinner at a dockside restaurant on the island Lidingö. We arrived back in Stockholm at about 11 pm, just in time for the last passing of the lock back to lake Mälaren. Total trip this day was more than 45 Nm.



Dinner by the sea at Lidingö.

23 of July, Classic boat day:

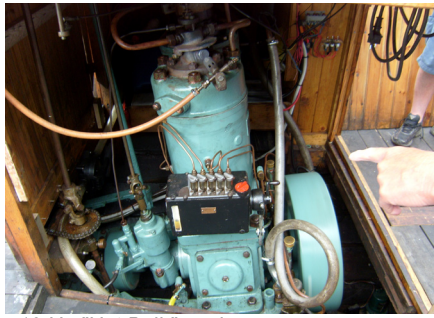
Another day with perfect weather. This day was dedicated to a round trip in the lake Mälaren and a “come together” party with Heleneborgs Boat Club.

Without their hospitality to let us use their bridges this meeting would not have been possible at all! To show our gratitude we had invited them to a lunch party at their own club island Idskär in Mälaren.



A welcome toast at Idskär.

About 20 of their members joined us with their wooden boats. After a nice lunch together we were invited for a trip around the island in a very old fishing boat with an equally old “hot bulb” engine. A much appreciated event for all of us Riva owners!



10 Hp "Hot Bulb" engine.

The day ended with dinner at a very nice outdoor restaurant in Stockholm a few hundred meters from our prison island.



One of the canals in Stockholm.

24 of July, Stockholm Water day:

Per Wadström had put together a Quiz about famous places that we passed on a long trip on the waterways surrounding the islands of Stockholm city. This was very appreciated by all participants.



Passing Drottningholm Royal castle

Lunch took place at a seaside restaurant in Mälaren close to the Royal Castle Drottningholm. On the way back it started to rain for the first time during this event, but we all made it back before the real heavy rain came on us.

This last day ended with our Gala Dinner and traditional prize giving ceremony. Because of the heavy rain we all appreciated that the restaurant, a former museum, was only 50 meters away from our hotel!



Gala dinner at Stora Henriksvik

Award winners this year:

Carlo Riva Trophy:

Sören Strömberg for his extraordinary restoration of Riva Tritone #113 “Patrizia”.

The “Bottom Price”:

Lasse Andersson for making the biggest possible waves when he shouldn't...

Courage Ship Bell:

Barbara Kaschiske for being one of our most loyal participants during all the years.

The Riva Girls Price:

The very same Barbara to assure that she comes back next year too!

Finally, many thanks to everyone that made their tribute to make this meeting memorable.

Hope to see you all again next summer!

/Olle Erlandsson



In front of Karlberg castle.