



This year's event was in many ways unlike previous meetings. For example only one boat from Germany took part. Also no incidents at all, except for some beer cans accidentally dropped into the sea... We also missed one of our most faithful guests, Barbara Kaschiske, who had to change her plans just a day before the meeting. Instead we had the pleasure to meet some new friends, like Natalie and Ed from GB and Tobbes friend Mark coming all the way from USA. On the other hand some parts were just as usual. A bad weather forecast turned out to be quite good after all. Must be the spirit of Carlo Riva...

20 of July, Arrival day:

A bit slow start with only 4 boats arriving before 12 O'clock. A meeting with some 20 Porsches from the Porsche Club went well anyhow and we gave some of the car drivers a thrilling ride in Lasses Tritone and my Aquarama.



Stina Liljeberg and her 996 from -98.

Later in the afternoon all nine boats where finally arrived and moored together in Trosa guest Harbour.

The day ended with a very well tasting outdoor Welcome Buffet just a few meters away from our mooring site.



Exclusive Riva mooring in Trosa harbour.

21 of July, Expedition Day:

Day started with the usual skippers meeting in our brand new Riva Club tent. Because of the rain the start was postponed to 11 O'clock.

Like a miracle the rain almost stopped just when the cab's came down! Even if the numbers of boats where less than usual there were more than 40 participants, so we had to pack the boats thoroughly.



Raincoats on, just for sure...

One hour later we reached our lunch target "Sävö Krog" on a small island south of Trosa. This restaurant has a policy to only use food grown or caught within 50 km radius, so the smoked Salmon and marinated Wall-eye was really tasting fresh!



Menu of the day presented by the Chef.

Even the sun came out and the Chef of the place, with an Italian background, was more than happy to see all the Rivas at his dockside.



Well tasting lunch in good company!

After 2 hours we left for a trip through a nature reserve called "Stendörren" (stone door). This part of the archipelago is very beautiful, but dangerous. The water is shallow with a lot of underwater rocks, so everyone had to follow the leader boat very carefully!



Leaving for a trip trough "Stendörren".

Given the circumstances it was just perfect to only have nine boats "on the rope"!

Some hours later we moored again in Trosa harbour with all boats in good shape!



After a nice day at sea.

The dinner this day was held at the restaurant "Fyren" (Lighthouse). A few hours later, summing up the day at a nearby bar, we were trapped for more than an hour when the heaven opened totally and the lightning and thunder gave us a spectacular show in the dark black night.

A truly perfect day!

22 of July, Lazy Picnic Day:

The weather forecast for this day was really bad, and it rained all night. At skippers meeting we postponed the start to 10.30 and prayed...



And there was sunshine...

As you already guessed, the rain stopped, and we took off for the search of the "Perfect Picnic Bay".

Some 5 Nm East of Trosa is a big island called "Askö" with nice bays and even a big sand beach. Because of the east wind we had to choose the SW part of the island for our search.



Mooring at a rocky shore line needs everyones attention...

With no previous knowledge we just entered bay after bay in our search

for a good mooring place. At the third attempt we found a good rock in sheltered water.

Prosecco, well tasting paninis and a glass of wine is never bad... The rest of the afternoon was spent doing just nothing, bathing, waterskiing and socializing.



Everything has an end, and so had this day. We all moored at "home" late in the afternoon, still with some time to prepare for the ending Gala dinner.



One of the best restaurants in Trosa is named "Fina Fischen" (The Nice Fish), thus being an obvious choice for our Gala dinner.

The evening ended with traditionally Price Giving ceremonies, as usual conducted by Tobbe and Per.

Award winners this year:

Best in Show:

Chosen by participants, for all over best performance, was Sören Strömberg with his fantastic 1959 Tritone #113 "Patrizia".

RHS Riva scarf:

Nina Crafoord, for her invisible, but so important background work, when planning the meetings.

The "Bottom Price":

Tobbe Strömberg, for letting his wife Lisbeth doing all the work when morning, while 5 guys just sat down in Super Tritone #229 doing nothing...

Travelling longest way with boat:

Jan Diegelmann and Katja Haak, Germany, Florida #515 "Orfanelle".

RHS member newcomers:

Ed Munday & Natalie Zammutt, GB, (very new owners of an Ariston bound for serious restauration...)

Longest travel all over:

Tobbes friend Mark Szymanski, USA

"Courage Ship Bell" and "The Riva Girls Price" where not awarded this year, since the holder Barbara Kaschiske sadly had to cancel this year's event.

Finally, I want to express my thanks to all friends, old and new ones, that took part of this years event!

As always, Riva Run&Fun is made up of all wonderful personalities gathering and making the meeting memorable! Not forgetting our Rivas of course...

Hope to see you all again next summer!

/Olle Erlandsson