



Official bid for the

# **A-Cat World Championship**

# Aarhus - Denmark - 2011







### Why should the A Cat World Championship chose to go to Aarhus ?

- Aarhus is a city young at heart and the bay is among the best racing waters in the world.
- 5 Sailing Clubs joined in Sailing Aarhus Regatta Management, representing more than 2.800 members guarantee sufficient equipement, race management boats and volonteers.
- Guaranteed financial support from the city of Aarhus and from Sport Event Denmark secures a safe, economical run of the event.
- The venue is an elite sailing centre with olympic legacy and space for everybody and anything.
- Sailing Aarhus race and regatta management is "second to none"
- GPS/Tracking on all boats during races with online web broadcast.
- Scandinavian atmosphere and friendliness and a lot of fun.



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# Welcome to the A-Cat World Championship August 2011 in Aarhus, Denmark.

We are pleased to present to You our bid to host the 2011 A-Cat World Championship in Aarhus, at the Kaløvig Sailing Centre.

Since 1866, the bay of Aarhus has been hosting international regattas, and the five local yachting clubs, joined in the regatta management organization Sailing Aarhus, have a long and outstanding track record in organizing world Cat sailing events.

Recently, we have hosted the 2008 Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship at which occasion the Royal Yachting Association labelled our skills in race and event management as "second to none".

The Kaløvig Sailing Centre is the preferred training centre for the Danish elite olympic sailors and has been the second home to many olympic masters and world champions, with the famous 49er 2008 Olympic Gold Medalists Jonas Warrer and Martin Kirketerp as the latest successes.

Aarhus is Denmark's second largest city and one of the oldest in Denmark too. At the same time, Aarhus is a city young at heart where you can feel the pulse of a big city and yet everything is within easy reach, making the city an exiciting and charismatic place to enjoy all year round. Aarhus boosts a large student population, injecting a young, lively and optimistic lifestyle, which spills over into its day time and night time activities.

Sailing Aarhus has a close relationship to the City of Aarhus as well as Sport Event Denmark, funded by the Ministry of Culture and Sports. Both organisations invest in attracting and running sport events and has guaranteed to financially support the 2011 A-Cat World Championship.

The 2011 A-Cat World Championship will be based upon the spirit of Danish sailing traditions, You will enjoy the effectiveness of our skilled race management and great waters, our Scandinavian friendliness and great atmosphere in a relaxed setting.

We are looking forward to welcoming You in Aarhus.

Sailing Aarhus Thomas Capitani Nielsen Executive Director Danish A-Class Association Thomas Paasch President





# AARHUS – the city with everything you could ever dream of

With a population of more than 300,000, Arhus is Denmark's second largest city, and with a student population of more than 40,000, Aarhus is also Denmark's "youngest city".

Because every fifth of its inhabitants is a student at one of the city's 25 educational and research institutions, there is an energetic beat of the pulse in the vibrant city of Aarhus, and this gives the city a young and exciting vibrancy of its own.

Aarhus is also one of the oldest cities in Denmark, founded by the Vikings back in the 12th century. At the same time, however, we keep the past very much alive here in Aarhus, with the oldest city quarters being some of the most atmospheric, bustling and trend-setting in Scandinavia.

Enjoy yourself going shopping, relaxing at one of the city's many cafés or strolling in the woods or along the sandy beaches before taking your pick among the generous selection of restaurants that the city has to offer.

And finish the night at one of the many bars offering live music or just enjoy the bright, Scandinavian nights at one of the many outdoor cafés alongside the river of Aarhus.

Enjoy yourself in Aarhus – the city with everything you could ever dream of.

















# The Bay of Aarhus

"The bay of Aarhus is one of the world's best regatta areas" Quote: Finn "Beton" Jensen, the coach of a number of Danish Olympic Gold medal winners such as Jesper Bank, Jonas Warrer and Martin Kirketerp.

The layout of the bay makes it a great place to sail. Regardless of wind direction and wind force, the Bay of Aarhus will always protect you from the most extreme weather conditions.

The bay itself is approx. 150 square kilometres and the commercial traffic is concentrated in the south end of the Bay which gives plenty of room for leisure sailing and multiple possibilities for race management to locate an ideal and undisturbed place for the courses.

The safe waters and the unique location near Denmark's second largest city make the Bay of Aarhus a truly vital area for sailing and simply a spectacular recreational area.

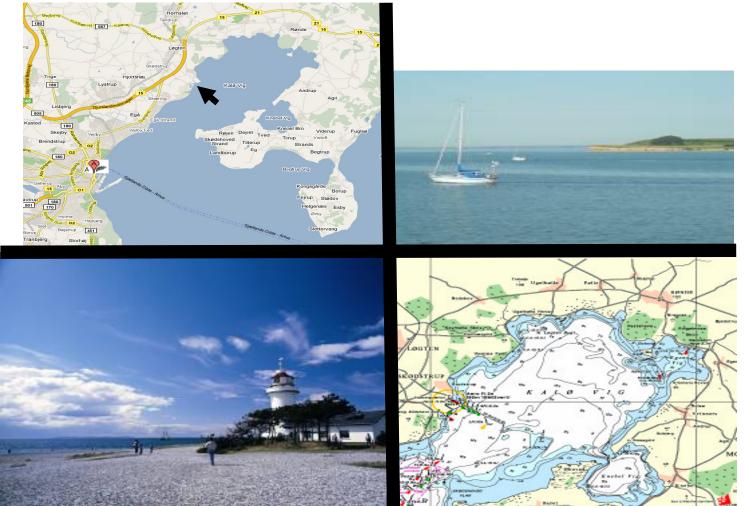
In the summertime, people flock at the beaches and can enjoy any or all of the activities even remotely connected to water.

The quality of the water itself is tested regularly and is of the highest of standards in Europe.













### Weather and Sailing Conditions

August is normally one of the warmest months of the year in Denmark with average day temperatures between 20 and 25 degrees Celsius and water temperatures between 18 and 20 degrees Celsius.

Due to the proximity of the North Atlantic, but well protected by the British Islands and the Jutland peninsula, lack of wind or strong winds are both very rare in the Bay of Aarhus in August, and in the daytime the typical wind speed is 10-15 knots with mostly SW and W winds.

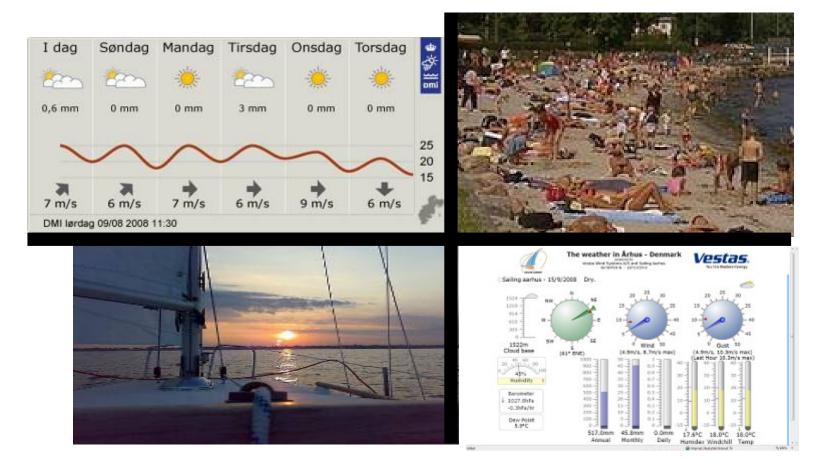
The sea itself is always changing, however, most of the time you'll encounter only small swells and chops. The seas only really build up when winds are strong from S or SE direction. However, the conditions rarely become too rough for comfort, due to the relatively shallow depth of water and the fact that the bay itself is sheltered by the large peninsulas Skødshoved and Helgenæs at E and SE.

Being Scandinavia, we have bright nights with close to 200 hours of sunshine in August and only an average of 9 days with rain.

Current and tidal effects are limited and due to the relative shallowness of the bay (between 10-20 meters), race management rarely encounter difficulties in laying the courses and keeping them fixed.











# The "Kaløvig Sailing Centre"

The venue of the 2011 A-Cat World Championship will be the "Kaløvig Sailing Centre".

Kaløvig is a world famous dinghy sailing centre and has hosted a vast number of international regattas; many multihull sailors still remember visiting the successful Hobie Cat Multi Europeans held in Kaløvig in the 90's. Today Kaløvig is a national elite Olympic training centre, as well as a match race centre.

The Sailing Centre offers excellent dinghy conditions, such as:

- Direct access from the harbour to the racing areas
- Large boat ramp as well as "in harbour" beach
- Free and guarded boat, car and trailer park
- Indoor facilities for boat measurement and repairs
- Free camping site with direct access to harbour
- Apartments/double-rooms for rent.
- Restaurant and full catering facilities.
- Full regatta management and meeting facilities (meeting room for 200 persons, audio/video meeting equipment, wireless internet access etc.)
- Bath, sauna and changing facilities











# How to get there

With only 3 kilometres to the nearest highway exit, you are close to the E45 highway which takes you directly to Germany and Europe.

Aarhus is a mere 170 km away from the German border and approx. 250 km from Copenhagen, so you will only have a short drive, whether you come from Scandinavia or from Europe.

If you prefer to arrive by plane, the Airport of Aarhus is only 45 km away as well as the Airport of Billund is a mere 70 km away. Both airports have a large number of international connections and if you fly inter-continental, you will be able to go from Copenhagen directly to Aarhus with national flights.

If you ship your boat and racing equipment to Denmark by container shipment or truck, you will learn that Aarhus has the largest container port in Scandinavia with direct and high-frequent freight liners from most of the world.

The event management will be at our disposal in getting you and your equipment as fast and as easily to Aarhus as possible.











### Accommodation

Aarhus offers a vast number of accommodation possibilities from 5 star hotels to cheap bed and breakfasts.

Below we list only the most obvious possibilities, but Sailing Aarhus will of course be helpful with any individual requirements.

- Free camping (tent and campers) at the Kaløvig Sailing Centre, where you can park your car and boat trailer right next to your camper or tent.
- Kaløvig Sailing Centre offers a number of rooms which can be rented at a favourable prices.
- There is a large number of bed and breakfasts and rental summer houses in close proximity to the Sailing Centre.
- Aarhus has hotel accommodation for every budget rating from one star family hotels to five star, international business hotels.
- For hotels or b&b reservations please visit <u>www.visitaarhus.com</u>
- All accommodation information will be available on the event web page in due time.











### **Event Programme**

- Day 1 Arrival day Boat measurement and entry confirmation Opening Ceremony and Welcome Party
- Day 2 Boat Measurement and Practice Racing
- Day 3 Races 1 and 2
- Day 4 Races 3 and 4
- Day 5 Races 5 and 6 Midway Party
- Day 6 Lay day/reserve day
- Day 7 Races 7 and 8
- Day 8 Race 9, Prize Giving Ceremony and Farewell Party

We suggest that the event will be sceduled to one of the first two weeks of August 2011 but will be open to finalize the exact date with the International A-Cat Cat Association.





# Organizing Committee

The 2011 A-Cat World Championship will be organized and run by Sailing Aarhus in close cooperation with Kaløvig Sailing Centre and the Danish A-Cat Cat Association.

Sailing Aarhus is a non-profit regatta management organisation formed and controlled fully by the 5 Sailing Clubs in Arhus where of the Kaløvig Sailing Center is one.

Sailing Aarhus is representing more than 2.800 enthusiastic sailing club members in Aarhus and has a full time employed staff. Sailing Aarhus has close contacts to the City of Aarhus as well as the private business world and works professionally with fundraising for regatta events.

Saling Aarhus and the five sailing clubs have an extensive knowledge in running succesful sailing events, such as the Laser Worlds, Europe Cat Worlds, Hobie Cat Multi Europeans, 14' foot Europeans, Star Europeans, Yngling Worlds etc.

Recently, Sailing Aarhus has sucessfully run the 2008 VOLVO Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship

Sailing Aarhus is supported by the City of Aarhus (through Sport Aarhus Events), The Danish Sailing Federation and Sport Event Denmark (The Danish Sporting Foundation).











# Guaranteed financial support

The Sailing Aarhus bid to hosting the 2011 A-Cat World Championship is supported by the City of Aarhus (represented by Sport Aarhus Events) as well as Sport Event Denmark (former Danish Sporting Foundation), who have **guaranteed financial support** ensuring that the event will be successfull.

Furthermore a number of organisations support our bid for the A-Cat World Championship:

- The Mayor of Aarhus
- The Alderman of Cultural and Sport Affairs in Aarhus
- The Danish Sailing Association
- The Danish Olympic Committee
- Team Denmark
- Sport Event Denmark

With this support we will be able to run a safe and professional event, which will allow the sailors and the association to focus completely on the competitions.

See enclosed letters of support from the above organisations.





# GPS/Tracking of all boats with online live web broadcast

- Sailing Aarhus and the "Active Institute" at Aarhus University have a vast experience with the use of GPS Tracking at sailing events <u>www.sportcasting.org</u>
- Recently, for the first time ever, we succesfully managede to track ALL 220 boats and boards at the ISAF Youth Worlds also the first time ever this many units were tracked at one time.
- We work close together with the Danish GPS/Tracking supplier TRAC TRAC A/S who is at present suppling live gps tracking at the 08/09 VOLVO Ocean Race.
- We will continiously be developing ever better GPS/Tracking technology both soft- and hardware.
- Tracking sailing events helps expose the sport/class to a wider audience as well as giving race management and sailors an unique tool to optimize performance.

### We will supply the latest GPS/Tracking technology to the 2011 A-Cat World Championship







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# Some recent and upcoming events hosted in Aarhus

- 2011 A-Cat World Championship ?
- 2010 505 World Championship
- 2009 International H-Boat Nordic Championship
- 2008 VOLVO Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship
- 2007 Nordic Youth Sailing Championship (all Youth Cates)
- 2005 505 European Championship
- 2003 Europe Cat European Championship
- 2001 Star European Championship
- 2000 Yngling World Championship

### Previous:

Laser Worlds, Hobie Cat Europeans, J22 Europeans, 14 Foot Europeans, Europe Worlds, Danish Olympic Spring Reagtta as well as a countless number of local and national championships and regattas.





### Testimonials

Some few words of what has been said about the recent event hosted by Sailing Aarhus.

### Helmut Czasny-Bonomo, Manager, ISAF Competitions Dept.

*"ISAF received in the last couple of days a lot of positive comments about the organisation of the event, everyone was impressed by the way the event was organised and the high level of the organisation on the water and ashore – this is the most well prepared Youth Worlds ever"* 

### Jerelyn Biehl, CEO 29er/49er Cat Association

"The event was a huge success and it was clearly evident that it was highly organized and well managed.

### Nicolas Honor, Export Manager, Laser Performance

"Your organistion was good and we appreciate the ambiance, the friendly and delicated staff wether official or volunteer"

### Fiona Barron, Vice President, ISAF Exececutive Committee

"I was enchanted by Aarhus and her people, there will be many sailors with very special memories of this event."

### Simon Wergan, Youth Racing Manager Royal Yachting Association

"The race Management and event organization were second to none and the support staff were incredibly supportive. It is important that events like this of such high calibre continue to be of such a high standard to ensure the sailors perform at their highlest level possible"





### Contact information

For further information please contact:

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The International A-division Catamaran Association

Den 22. September 2008	Aarhus
Dear Sirs,	Nicolai Mayor
We, the Mayor and Alderman of Cultural Affairs in Aarhus, Denmark, are delighted by the fact that Sailing Aarhus and the Danish A-Cat class Association is in a position to bid for hosting the 2011 A – Class World Championship.	Flemm Alderm
We would regard it as a great honor indeed for the city of Aarhus to par- ticipate in carrying out this championship.	
Aarhus has many years of experience in hosting sports events, confer- ences, and many other events at both national and international level, and there are many excellent reasons why organizers of such diverse events have chosen Aarhus as the location for their events.	City Hall DK-8100
Aarhus boasts many facilities, tourist attractions and sights, which will of course be at the disposal of the sailors and guests at the championship, and we will naturally strive to maintain our reputation for excellence in meeting the wishes of the organizers in order to carry out the event successfully.	Telefon 89 www.aarh

Aarhus is situated ideally and is easily accessible. The international airports of Aarhus and Billund have daily flight connections to cities throughout Europe and the rest of the world.

We can assure you that we will make every possible effort to provide the perfect setting and atmosphere for the championship.

It is our sincere hope that Aarhus and the Danish organizers will be elected host of the 2011 A-Class Worlds.

Yours sincerely 31 Nicolai Flemming Knudsen Mayor of Aarhus Alderman

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To Whom It May Concern

#### LETTER OF SUPPORT

#### Re: A-Cat Class World Championship 2011

Dear Sirs/Madams,

Sport Event Denmark hereby wishes to express its support for the candidature of Sailing Aarhus and the Danish Sailing Association to host the A-Cat Class World Championship 2011.

Sport Event Denmark coordinates and supports the various international sports events which are organised in Denmark. We therefore would be very honoured if Denmark is awarded the opportunity to host this important event, the management of which will be in good hands with Sailing Aarhus and the Danish Sailing Association.

Sport Event Denmark was established in 1994 - by among others the National Olympic Committee and Sports Confederation of Denmark, The Ministry of Culture and Sports, The Ministry of Economic and Business Affairs and the Danish Tourist Board - with the overall purpose of attracting more major international sports events to Denmark.

We have previously supported Sailing Aarhus and the Danish Sailing Association and their professionalism and experience in organising events has impressed us.

We give the Danish bid our best recommendation and can confidently ensure you that it will undoubtedly be a well-organised and successful event.

Yours sincerely,

Lars Lundov

Chief Executive Officer





The President September 13, 2008





To Whom It May Concern

#### LETTER OF SUPPORT

#### Re: A-Cat Class World Championship 2011

Dear Sirs,

I am contacting you with regard to something very important to me, the bid from Sailing Aarhus and the Danish Sailing Association to host the A-Cat Class World Championship 2011.

If Denmark is entrusted with the A-Cat Class World Championship 2011, it will undoubtedly be a well-organized and successful event, as the City of Aarhus and Sport Event Denmark fully support the Danish candidature.

Further, The National Olympic Committee and Sports Confederation of Denmark was one of the founders of Sport Event Denmark in 1994, the main purpose of which is to attract more major international sports events and international congresses to Denmark such as the above.

On behalf of the National Olympic Committee and Sports Confederation of Denmark, I hereby express our support for the candidature of the A-Cat Class World Championship 2011 and wish to thank you in advance for entrusting the Danish organisers with this major event.

Yours sincerel Niels Nygard

Niels Nygaar President

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Patron Her Majesty The Queen



#### TEAM DANMARK



To Whom It May Concern

13.9.2008

Re: A-Cat Class World Championship 2011

#### LETTER OF SUPPORT

With this letter, I wish to confirm Team Danmark's support for the Sailing Aarhus and the Danish Sailing Association's candidature for hosting the above mentioned major event.

Team Danmark has worked closely with the Danish Sailing Association, their clubs and athletes in the past years and we greatly appreciate the Danish initiative.

Since 1984, Team Danmark has been Denmark's top national sports institution with the primary aim of providing optimal conditions for the elite athletes. We have seen the strong level of expertise of the Danish Sailing Association and all of their events held in Denmark have been very successful and organised at a high professional level.

Should the Danish bid be awarded this event, we can ensure you that the organisation of the event will allow the athletes to focus completely on the important competition at hand.

We are pleased to give the Danish bid our best recommendation and hope that you will entrust the Danish organisers with the A-Cat Class World Championship 2011.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Andersen

Executive Director

