



KONGELIG DANSK YACHTKLUB



ROYAL DANISH YACHT CLUB



Hellerup Sejlklub

# OK world championship 2026

*International OK Dinghy Association (OKDIA)*

By the Royal Danish Yachtclub (KDY)  
Together with Hellerup Sejlklub (HS)





Dear OK class,

The Royal Danish Yacht Club (KDY) together with Hellerup Sejlklub (HS) is proud to announce our bid for hosting the OK Worlds for the year 2026 in the location of Skovshoved, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Our clubs has a long tradition for keelboat racing, both in one-design and rating classes. We have regularly hosted both national and international championships for one-design classes, and during the past years we have been hosting for example J/80 Worlds, J/70 Europeans, Star Europeans, 5.5m Worlds, X35 Worlds, Farr40 Worlds, Farr30 Worlds, Dragon Gold Cup and ORCi Worlds in 2016, just to name a few of the largest.

We have both very experienced race management resources and expertise in the clubs, and we will be able to provide the OK class with a high-quality championship, as well as securing the best possible social environment for both sailors and partners in the wonderful region north of Copenhagen, Denmark.

We have a lot of OK sailors in the two clubs and will therefor look forward to invite fellow OK sailors .

KDY, HS and its members will do our outmost to secure a memorable championship in Copenhagen, Denmark and at Øresund, the water between Denmark and Sweden which provides a perfect and spacy racing area for every wind direction and virtually any weather conditions during the summer period.

We believe that or proposal meets your expectations in every respect but would welcome the opportunity to discuss your requirements in more detail to ensure that both parties fully understand what is to be achieved and our respective obligations, to secure both great racing and social events for all parties.

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**WONDERFUL  
COPENHAGEN**



## Fun & Facts about Denmark

- Sailing is the Olympic Sport in Denmark having **won most medals at the Olympic Games...**
- **Paul Elvstrøm** won 4 Olympic Gold medals, and 13 World Championships in 8 different classes...
- Danes love beer, which in Danish is called “**ØL**”, and Danish Sailors often end the race day with a “mole øl” – which means dock beer...
- In Denmark, we say “**SKÅL**” for cheers when we salute each other...
- The UN Happiness Report has rated Danes as the one of **happiest people on earth** more years in a row...
- Denmark has **11.771 km of coastline**, which is longer than the Great Wall of China. Denmark is made up of 406 islands...
- At Skovshoved Harbor, you will also see a lot of swimming facilities. Danes **love to do skinny-dipping** and are mad enough to go skinny-dipping all year around...
- Danes have a special word “**HYGGE**” for that cosy feeling of togetherness. It means relaxing in a good company...
- First acknowledged in 1219, the Danish flag remains the **oldest state flag in the world** still in use by an independent nation...
- Danes eat an average of 42 sausages a year, is the nation that eats the 3<sup>rd</sup> most ice-cream per person and drink 5,3 kg coffee per capita per year...
- 50% of Copenhageners commute to work **every day on bicycle...**
- The Danish Monarchy is the **oldest continuing monarchy in the world** and has existed for over 1.000 years...
- Danes are **liqourice lovers** and it is common that candy are served in a bowl as a treat after a grown-up dinner...
- Bang&Olufsen, Georg Jensen and Arne Jacobsen are all part of the **Danish Design tradition** based on ideas of simplicity and functionalism...
- Danes have a **strong sense of irony...**
- **Denmark and fairytales** – Hans Christian Andersen were a Dane. That’s the link to the little mermaid...

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## Presentation

Please find attached a presentation covering the main areas of interest regarding organizing the OK World Championship in Copenhagen, Denmark at Skovshoved Harbor:

- Large international regattas hosted by the clubs the last 10 years
- Location of Skovshoved Harbor north of Copenhagen
- Suggested dates for the event
- Sailing Area
- Race Management
- Robot sailing marks
- Sustainability
- Event Schedule proposal
- Accommodation
- Social events
- And for the family / fan crew
- Regatta contact

## Skovshoved Harbor & facilities

Skovshoved harbor is located north of Copenhagen and in short distance to the center with train. The harbor has recently been expanded and modernized and is today one of the best harbors in Denmark for large international event. The harbor has all facilities required to give a high level of service to the sailors during the regatta as well as all type of hotels and camping facilities in short distance to the harbor.



There are large parking areas for cars, storage and trailers and even place for a number of mobile homes.

We have sufficient place for 150+ dinghies in the harbor and arranged in the same part of the harbor, in order to secure a compact event where the sailors can enjoy networking before and after the races. In 2016, we facilitated the ORC Worlds with 140 larger keelboats and 1200 sailors in this harbor.

At the harbor, we have two possibilities for social events, respectively a large boat yard hall – which we used during the ORC Worlds – or a large tent just beside the clubhouse in the northern part of the harbor – which we also use during large events, latest the X-Yachts Gold Cup during summer 2017.

Both facilities will be used sail measurements etc.



Our club premises will also facilitate race office, rooms for measurement team, meeting room for Int. Jury and all other functions during an international event to secure a smooth and seamless regatta organization.



The harbor also houses two boatyards with technical repair services, including riggers, hull repair etc. Further, there is a boat equipment store and a sailmaker. In addition, there are two restaurants at the harbor, one of them in our clubhouse, and a new food hall, with different street food type of food huts.

## Proposed Dates & Schedule of event

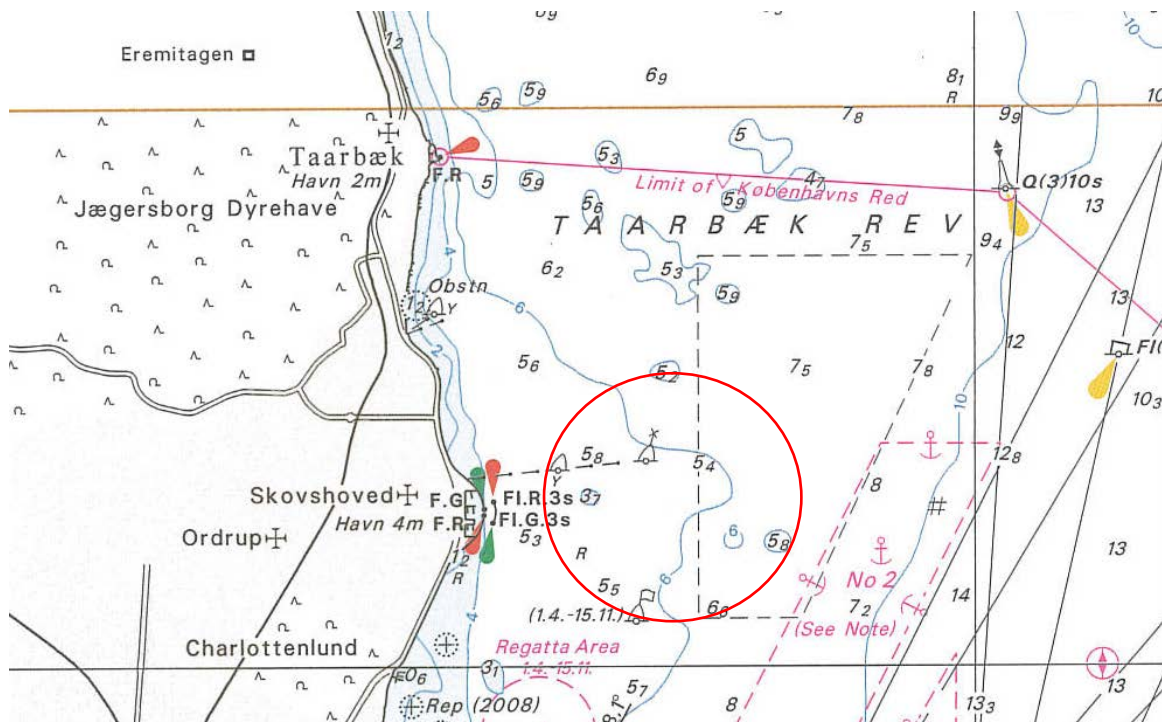
The club can be reasonable flexible regarding dates for the event but would propose June or August.

## Racing areas & sailing conditions

The location of the course areas will be close to the harbor, where Øresund – the Sound between Denmark and Sweden - provides a perfect and spacy racing area for every wind direction and weather conditions.

Predominant winds are westerly, with a wind speed average of around 8-15 knots. On warm days, a sea breeze can build around noon. Normally currents are below 1 knot in the racing area. In heavier conditions, the sailing area is relatively protected and therefor suitable for all type of dinghy racing on every level.

We have hosted events with 2-3 courses, all of them in reasonable distance from Skovshoved Harbor. In addition, there is no commercial traffic interfering with the race areas to secure fair racing for all.





## Basis of Event fee (regatta & social)

Our proposal is based upon experience of running similar events. The entry is set to include the following:

- Measuring, setup, launching & recovery, car parking and trailer storage
- Berthing for the duration of the event
- Opening ceremony reception
- 5-6 days of racing
- Daily prize giving
- Prize Giving Ceremony Dinner

The entry fee per dinghy to be decided, and include the facilities described above.

We also maintain an on-line event entry and payment system, Manage2Sail, which will enable competitors to enter from any country. Other solutions might be possible, but we have to agree on this beforehand.

## Race management

Our clubs have a very experienced race management team, which with regards to both all the staff on land and on water are volunteers drawn from our +2.200 members, and we have a number of internationally qualified race officers, very experienced course layers, security staff etc. The club has committee boats and many RIB's in order to facilitate large fleets and every type of courses, including the security aspect

As an example of our capacity in this field, we have held the following major event the last years.

- M32 Scandinavian Series
- M32 World Match Race Tour event
- ORC Pre-Worlds & ORC Worlds
- Match Race Europeans
- 29 Europeans
- 5.5m World Championship
- J/80 World Championship
- Star European Championship
- Dragon Gold Cup
- J/70 European Championship

The Race Management team will in every respect work closely together with the class using all the standard class documents and guidelines as well supporting in setting the measurement team and international jury.

## Robotic sailing mark

RDYC has since 2022 been using robotic sailing marks wherever possible throughout the season. As well for small local regattas to international championships with more courses. This is also our aim to use it in your championship. This aims us in reducing the costs and number of volunteers used but more importantly is supports our quest in arranging sustainable events, where we already have achieved multiple awards.



## Media and event reporting etc.

We will use its own photographers and our PR service together with OK class will ensure rapid publication of event reports and results. There will be a press office available for international media and photographers. A dedicated sub-site to be provided for general event news and information. Online entry, race documents, results and event notices will be provided through the Manage2Sail system.

## Sustainability

The Royal Danish Yacht Club is proud to organize regattas according to the guidelines defined by the Sailors for the Sea and is committed to work for more sustainability in sailing. In the period 2021 to 2023 KDY received recognition for its efforts during several events being awarded with Platinum certificate.

It is the club's objective to continue the efforts supporting sustainability in major events in 2024 and ongoing. Some of the activities we already have used at major regattas to achieve the awards are

- Eliminate Single-Use Water Bottles and Provide Water Refill Stations
- Eliminate Plastic Straws
- Serve Food with Plastic-Free Dinner-ware
- Special reusable wine glasses and cups for soda water and beer
- Use or Provide Reusable Bags
- Involve Local Organizations
- Post Educational and Reusable Signage
- Ensure Proper Waste Bin Placement and Signage
- Divert Food Waste from the Landfill
- Use Paperless Event Management





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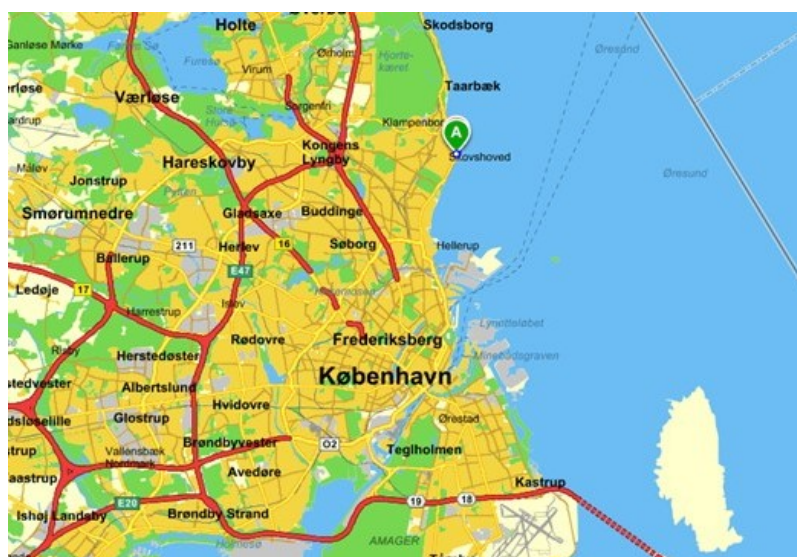


## Support Boats

Support boats will be required to register for an additional fee, this has to be agreed on before the event. This will include berthing during the event, which will be directed by the harbor captain of Skovshoved.

## Travel logistics

There is easy transport by motorways through Denmark, including ferry connections from Germany, Norway, Poland and Sweden. Skovshoved Harbor is only 3 km away from the motorway in both directions.



The Kastrup International Airport is only 18 km from Skovshoved, and there is quick train connections to two stations, nearby Skovshoved Harbor, both in cycling or even walking distance to Skovshoved Harbour

## Accommodation

There is a wide range of hotels, both in a short distance from Skovshoved, as well as in the central part of Copenhagen, less than 10 km. from the harbor. Closest hotels are:

- Skovshoved Hotel
- Hotel Schæffergården
- Hellerup Park Hotel
- Gentofte Hotel
- Scandic Eremitage
- Vilvorde Kursuscenter (Conference Center)

The club will seek to negotiate special rates for the competitors in the Championship.

Further, there is wide range of hotels in Copenhagen, at many price levels, see for example

[www.hotel.com](http://www.hotel.com)

[www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com)

[www.trivago.dk](http://www.trivago.dk)

Camping with mobile homes is possible in an area at the southern part of Skovshoved Harbor. There is a very nice camping site at an old fortress only 1 km. south of the harbor.

Rental of houses and apartments is also an attractive opportunity in area nearby the harbor .

## Sponsorship opportunities

currently has a number of sponsors – Club Royal Partners – supporting the club continuously, and where one or more of those partners often also support specific events. We will be looking to set a target around 100.000 DDK in sponsorship income, plus contributions in kind for the prices.

Among our partners are:



The club normally also has the possibility to seek funding at *Sport Event Denmark*, a national governmental organization financially supporting major international sport event in Denmark or within the municipality.

With support from partners, Sport Event Denmark and others, we will secure the event financially, including attractive social events for the sailors so that the participating fee can be held to a minimum.

## Top Attractions – places to visit in Wonderful Copenhagen

### *Copenhagen with truly innovative restaurants*

Whether you are to bistros or Michelin-starred restaurants, you will find it in Copenhagen. The restaurant scene is among the world's most distinct and innovative, and it caters to all budgets. When dining out try the much-appraised Nordic kitchen at least once. It is known for being of high quality and with a focus on using local and seasonal produce. We also recommend our guides to nightlife in Copenhagen and satisfying your sweet tooth at the city's bakeries, coffee chops and patisseries. Among the great variety of restaurants, you can find the 15 Michelin-starred restaurants around the city center. Copenhagen has it all.



## ***Louisiana Museum of Modern Art***

An international museum located outside Copenhagen that strikes the rarest of balances between art, architecture and nature. The art museum is located on the shore of the Øresund Sound in Humlebæk, 35 km north of Copenhagen, Denmark. The most visited art museum in Denmark, it has an extensive permanent collection of modern and contemporary art, dating from World War II to the present day; in addition, it has a comprehensive program of special exhibitions. The museum is also acknowledged as a milestone in modern Danish architecture, and is noted for its synthesis of art, architecture, and landscape. The museum is included in the Patricia Schultz book *1,000 Places to See Before You Die* and ranks 85th on a list of the most visited art museums in the world (2011).



## ***Kronborg Castle – World Heritage***

Kronborg is a castle and stronghold in the town of Helsingør, Denmark. Immortalized as Elsinore in William Shakespeare's play *Hamlet*, Kronborg is one of the most important Renaissance castles in Northern Europe



and has been added to UNESCO's World Heritage Sites list (2000). The castle is situated on the extreme northeastern tip of the island of Zealand at the narrowest point of the Øresund; the sound between present Denmark and the provinces of present Sweden that were also Danish at the time the castle was built. In this part, the sound is only 4 kilometers (2.5 mi) wide, hence the strategic importance of maintaining a coastal fortification at this location commanding one of the few outlets of the Baltic Sea.



### ***Frederiksborg Castle***

Frederiksborg Castle (Danish: *Frederiksborg Slot*) is a palatial complex in Hillerød, Denmark. It was built as a royal residence for King Christian IV of Denmark-Norway in the early 17th century, replacing an older castle acquired by Frederick II and becoming the largest Renaissance residence in Scandinavia. Situated on three islets in the *Slotssøen* (castle lake), it is adjoined by a large formal garden in the Baroque style.





## **Amalienborg, the royal castle**

Amalienborg offers two royal experiences that let you get close to royal history through the last 250 years. In Christian VIII's Palace the museum offers an insight into royal life past and present. You can see the private chambers of former kings and queens and, on most days, there is also admittance to the royal reception rooms (check periods at our website) from the museum. In Christian VII's Palace you can walk in the footsteps of the royal guests, and be shown round the magnificent rooms where grand festivities are held. You can book a guided tour of Christian VII's Palace in the ticket office of Christian VIII's Palace or on our website. Remember that every day at noon you can watch the changing of the The Royal Danish Life Guards.



## ***Tivoli Gardens***

Tivoli Gardens (or simply Tivoli) is an amusement park and pleasure garden in Copenhagen, Denmark. The park opened on 15 August 1843 and is the second-oldest operating amusement park in the world,<sup>[2]</sup> after Dyrehavsbakken in nearby Klampenborg, also in Denmark. With 4.6 million visitors in 2016, Tivoli is the second-most popular seasonal amusement park in the world after Europa-Park. Tivoli is the most-visited theme park in Scandinavia, and the fifth most-visited theme park in Europe, only behind Disneyland Park (Paris), Europa-Park, Walt Disney Studios Park and Efteling.



## Bakken - the world's oldest amusement park

Founded in 1583, Bakken, or Dyrehavsbakken as it is officially named, has been a firm favorite with the people of Copenhagen for centuries. During summertime families, young couples and seniors alike flock to the amusement park and the surrounding woodland to indulge in a day of fun. With a unique position in the middle of one of Denmark's most beautiful woods, it is like encountering a surprise in the middle of the greenery. The park offers a perfect blend of children's amusements, restaurants, pubs and bars with entertainment and live music. It's not just a small children's amusement park but a place of leisure for the whole family. Because of its historic value and unique location, no big brands are allowed to set up stands at Bakken and neon signs are banned. Instead, a jumble of colorful wooden structures, small independent shop owners and quirky stalls meets visitors.



### ***Nyhavn – 17<sup>th</sup> century waterfront***

Nyhavn (New Harbor) is a 17th-century waterfront, canal and entertainment district in Copenhagen, Denmark. Stretching from Kongens Nytorv to the harbor front just south of the Royal Playhouse, it is lined by brightly colored 17th and early 18th century townhouses and bars, cafes and restaurants. The canal harbors many historical wooden ships.



### ***Strøget – Europe’s longest pedestrian shopping street***

Strøget is a pedestrian, car free shopping area in Copenhagen, Denmark. This popular tourist attraction in the center of town is one of the longest pedestrian shopping streets in Europe at 1.1 km. Located at the center of the old city of Copenhagen; it has long been one of the most high-profile streets in the city. The pedestrianisation of Strøget in 1962 marked the beginning a major change in the approach of Copenhagen to urban life; following the success of the initiative the city moved to place a much greater emphasis on pedestrian and bicycle access to the city at the expense of cars. This approach has in turn become internationally influential.





### ***The Viking Ship Museum***

The Viking Ship Museum (Danish: *Vikingskibsmuseet*) in Roskilde is Denmark's national museum for ships, seafaring and boatbuilding in the prehistoric and medieval period. The main focus of the museum is a permanent exhibition of five original Viking ships excavated nearby in 1962. The Viking Ship Museum also conducts research and educates researchers in the fields of maritime history, marine archaeology and experimental archaeology.



### ***Canal Tours' Grand Tour of Copenhagen***

Canal Tours Copenhagen is a wonderful way of seeing Copenhagen. Many Copenhageners take the tour to get an opportunity to see their capital from a different perspective.

Experience the idyllic harbors and canals of Copenhagen with a canal tour. The tour is guided in both Danish and English, and some departures have a third language, varying between German, Italian, French, Portuguese and Spanish. The tour takes approximately an hour.

During the tour, you will see: The Copenhagen Opera House, Amalienborg Palace, Christiansborg Palace, the impressive Black Diamond Library, and, of course, the Little Mermaid.



### ***The Little Mermaid***

*The Little Mermaid* (Danish: *Den Lille Havfrue*) is a bronze statue by Edvard Eriksen, depicting a mermaid. The sculpture is displayed on a rock by the waterside at the Langelinie promenade in Copenhagen, Denmark. It is 1.25 meters (4.1 ft) tall and weighs 175 kilograms (385 lb). Based on the fairy tale of the same name by Danish author Hans Christian Andersen, the small and unimposing statue is a Copenhagen icon and has been a major tourist attraction since its unveiling in 1913. In recent decades, it has become a popular target for defacement by vandals and political activists. *Mermaid* is among iconic statues that symbolize cities; others include *Manneken Pis* in Brussels, the Statue of Liberty in New York and *Christ the Redeemer* in Rio de Janeiro. In several cases, cities have commissioned statues for such a purpose, such as with Singapore's *Merlion*.





### ***The world's first Bike city***

It is no wonder that The International Cycling Union, UCI, appointed Copenhagen the first official Bike City in the world from 2008-2011. In addition, that other cities, such as New York, look to Copenhagen for inspiration. Danish architect and urban planner Jan Gehl is famous for teaching other cities around the world how to plan for a bike culture. It even has its own term: "copenhagenization" or "to copenhagenize".





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## Lonely Planet on Copenhagen

*"Copenhagen is not only the coolest kid on the Nordic block, but also gets constantly ranked as the happiest city in the world."*

*"The city's good looks are also intrinsically linked to the famed Danish flair for design..."*



*"... it is this laidback contentment that helps give the Danish capital the X factor."*

*"... hygge which generally means coziness, but encompasses far more..."*

*"...it is possibly Europe's most seamless experience."*

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**See you in Copenhagen for superb OK dinghy Racing,  
nice social events and many good experiences  
among sailing friends!**

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