



# OK Dinghy European Championship Application

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Råå Jolleklubb (RJK), Sweden

Proposed dates: 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2027

## CHAMPIONSHIPS BY RJK

Råå Jolleklubb (RJK) has a long tradition of dinghy sailing and a strong reputation for delivering high-quality regattas.

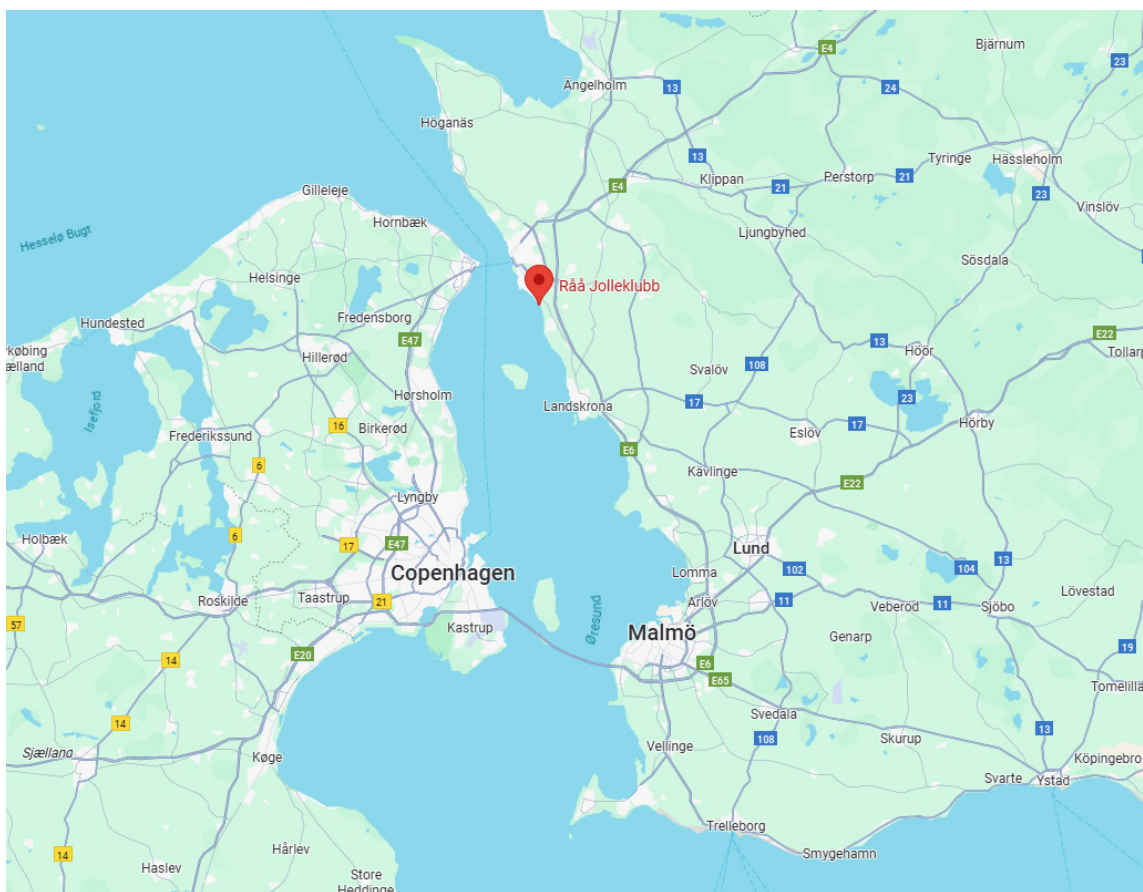
The club has successfully hosted World Championships – the latest was in 2021 for the Europe Class with 150 competing boats, Nordic, and Swedish Championships for the OK Class, as well as many other Swedish Championships in multiple dinghy classes often with international participation.

In close collaboration with Råå-Helsingborg's Segelsällskap (RHSS) and Danish clubs, RJK has the resources and experience to host a world-class European Championship.

RJK has received the Swedish Sailing Association's "Organizer of the Year" award twice in the last ten years, in 2017 and 2021.

## LOCATION

- Situated in Helsingborg, on Sweden's west coast, directly on the Oresund strait.
- Only 45 minutes from Copenhagen International Airport (CPH) via the Oresund Bridge and ferry connections.
- Frequent ferry traffic and trains with several departures every hour provides easy, affordable access for all European sailors.
- Race area located just minutes from Råå harbor, making logistics simple for sailors and race officials (see Attachment 1).



*Map of Oresund region showing Råå and Copenhagen*

## WEATHER

- Reliable summer winds in August: 8–18 knots typical, occasionally stronger days.
- Air temperature: 20–25°C, Water temperature: 18–21°C.
- Long Scandinavian daylight hours allow maximum flexibility for race management.
- Minimal tides, steady wind patterns from the west ensure fair and exciting racing.

## CAPACITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The 2027 European Championship is expected to host up to 150 OK Dinghies.

The harbor and RJK club area can provide sufficient space for launching, trailer parking, and boat storage, ensuring efficient and safe logistics.

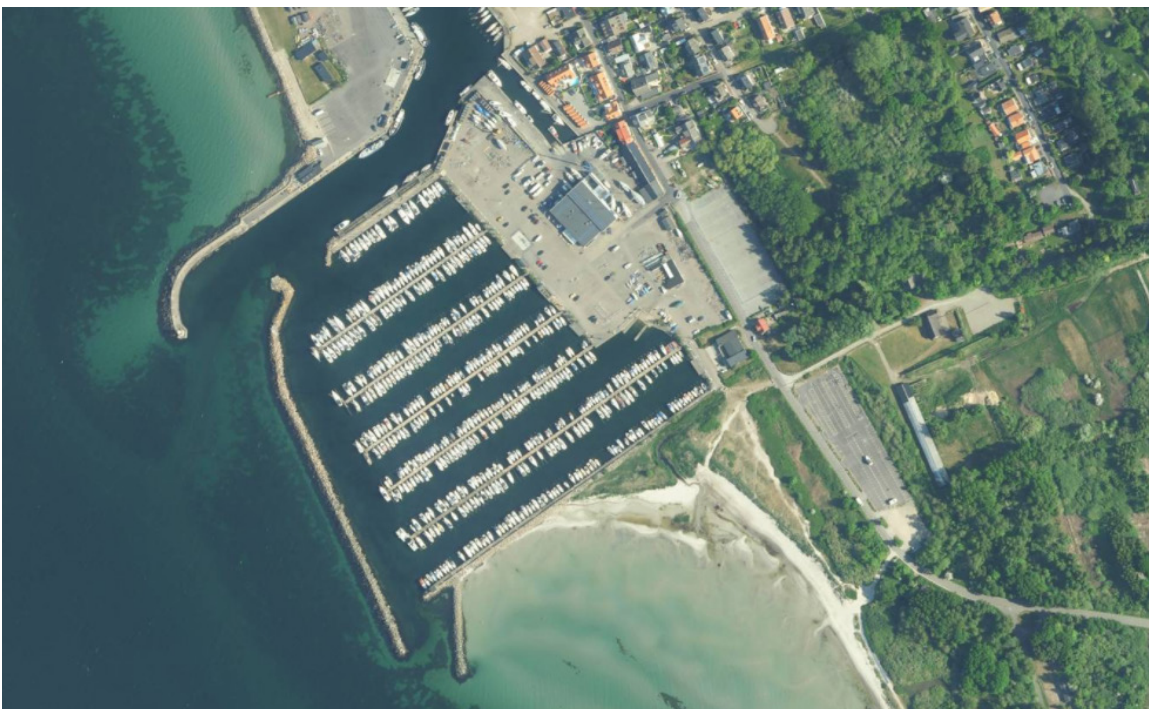
Launching ramps and harbor access allow for smooth movement of a large fleet.



*OK dinghies racing in the waters outside Råå*

## FACILITIES

- Spacious boat park adjacent to the launching ramps.
- Parking for mobile homes in the harbor.
- Clubhouse with meeting rooms, catering facilities, and social gathering spaces.
- Experienced race committee and volunteer base, supported by RHSS and Danish partners.
- Ample toilets, showers, and rigging areas.







*Råå harbor and boat park area*

## ACCOMMODATION

RJK can offer a wide range of accommodation options for sailors and supporters:

- Råå Vallar Camping (2 km from the club) with cabins, mobile homes, and tent/caravan spaces.
- Sundsgårdens Folkhögskola, within walking distance, offering comfortable hotel-standard rooms in a quiet setting.
- Hotels and AirBnB options in Helsingborg (10 minutes from Råå).
- Options for every budget, from hostels to 4-star hotels.



*Sundsgården hotel in the forefront with Råå harbor in the center and Elsinore with the famous castle Kronborg in the background*



## FOOD & SOCIAL PROGRAM

Meals will be integrated into the event to create a social and enjoyable championship:

- Breakfast and possibility to prepare packed lunches for sailors.
- Daily aftersail with snacks (e.g., pasta or hamburgers) and drinks.
- A formal regatta dinner.

This structure ensures social cohesion, quality, and memorable evenings for all participants.



*Social gathering after sailing at RJK*

## RACING FORMAT

- At least four racing days are planned, with two races per day as the base schedule.
- Additional races may be scheduled depending on weather conditions.
- Race management is prepared for large fleets, with the possibility of qualification/final series (e.g., gold/blue fleets).
- Courses will use inner and outer loops to ensure fair and efficient racing regardless of fleet size.

## TIMING

With the OK Dinghy World Championship planned in Thailand in February 2027, mid to late August 2027 is the optimal time for the European Championship.

This timing allows sailors to plan their season well and ensures stable summer conditions in the Oresund region.



*Race committee on the water with Råå in the background*

### **ADD ON A HOLIDAY?**

The Oresund region offers sailors and families unique cultural and holiday opportunities:

- Helsingborg city with Sofiero Castle and beach promenades.
- 20-minute ferry ride to Elsinore, Denmark, and Kronborg Castle (Hamlet's Castle).
- Copenhagen (1 hour away) – a world-class cultural city with direct international connections.
- Swedish nature: forests and beaches within short distance.



*Helsingborg city center with the 700-year-old defense tower Kärnan in the foreground*



## LAST WORDS

The OK Dinghy has some of its strongest fleets in Sweden and Denmark, ensuring excellent participation and competition.

Hosting the 2027 European Championship in Råå will bring the class back to its Scandinavian roots, while offering professional race management, outstanding facilities, and memorable hospitality.

We warmly welcome the OK Dinghy community to Råå Jolleklubb in August 2027.

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