

2010 Open Norwegian Champions in Melges 24

Practical information



Haugesund Yacht Club (HSF) wishes you welcome the championship and to the town of Haugesund.

The venue for the regatta is Rica Maritime Hotel in downtown in Haugesund. Their picturesque hotel right beside the water, will provide us with food, drinks and space for after-sail and various events. It's going to be crowded at the hotel and the stages, so be kind and thoughtful to the organizer's staff, the serving staff and your competitors.

The information in this document is subject to change and supplements, so please watch out for more information at the Official Notice Board at Lille Maritim.

This document does not replace any information given by the Race Committee and the Race Office, including Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, unless specified.



1. How to get there?

Driving instructions

The following map shows the main road from Oslo to Haugesund and is useful when driving to the venue. We recommend a good roadmap if you plan to come to Haugesund. Look for road signs Melges NM 2010 along the road when you get to Haugesund.



From Oslo to Haugesund

Driving from downtown Oslo to Smedasundet Haugesund is 456km and is calculated to be 5hrs 45min. Starting on Drammensveien (E18) out Oslo and connecting to E134. The route goes through Kongsberg, Notodden, over Haukeli, Rødal, Fjæra to Haugesund.

From Kristiansand to Haugesund

Driving from Kristiansand to Haugesund is 308km and is calculated to take 4hrs 11min. Drive west out of Kristiansand and take E39 towards Stavanger, drive to Rennesøy and take the ferry from Mortavika to Arsvågen (20min) and the drive to Haugesund.



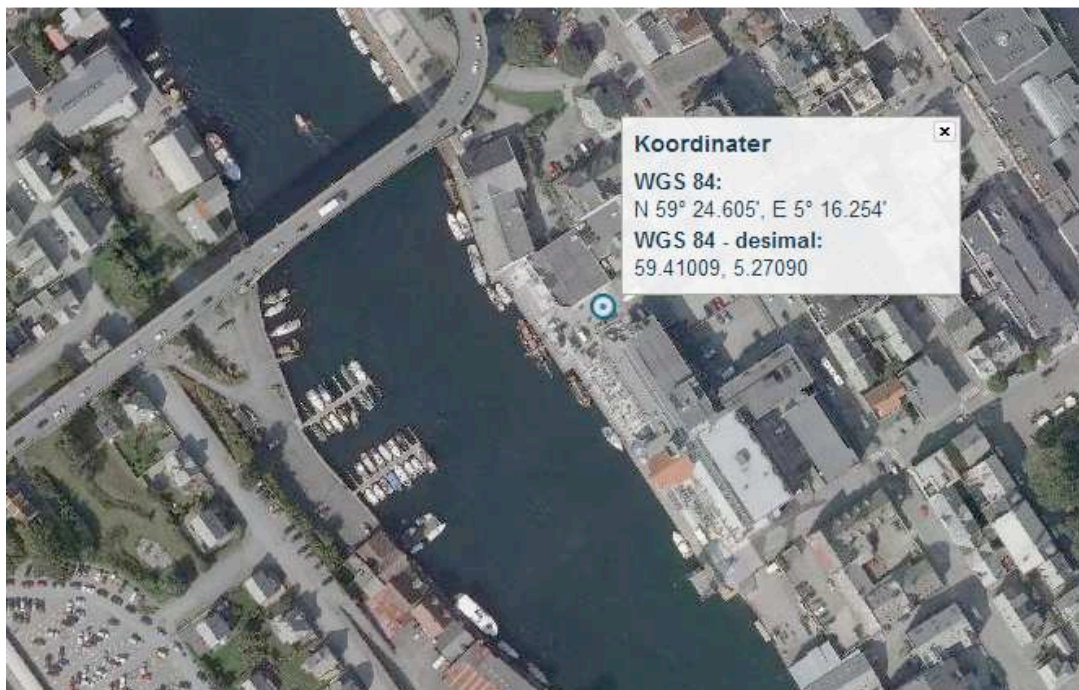
Rica Maritime (event hotel) to launch site – Garpaskjærskaien

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1. Start retning nord på Åsbygata, kjør 73 m
2. 0,3 km Sving til venstre inn på Strandgata, kjør 0,2 km
3. 0,6 km Sving til venstre inn på Skippergata, kjør 0,3 km
4. 0,8 km Sving inn på Jens Risøens gate, kjør 0,2
5. 1,0 km Sving inn på Vågsgata, kjør 0,2 km
6. 1,2 km Sving inn på Garpeskjærvegen, kjør 0,2 km
7. 1,4 km Hold høyre og fortsett på Garpeskjærvegen, kjør 0,2 km
8. 1,5 km Hold høyre og fortsett på Garpeskjærvegen, kjør 68 m



Race office and event hotel:



Communication to and from Haugalandet

Airlines

SAS

Haugesund – Oslo

Haugesund - Bergen

Tel: 054 00 – www.sas.no

Norwegian

Haugesund – Oslo

Tel: +47 815 21 815

www.norwegian.no

Ryan Air

Haugesund – London

Haugesund – Bremen

Haugesund - Alicante

And seasonal flights.

Weekly departures.

Tel: +47 820 00 720

www.ryanair.com

Airport express bus

Haugesund Bus Station – Rica Maritim Hotel – Radisson BLU Hotel – Haugesund Lufthavn, Karmøy. Corresponds with a few SAS departures and arrivals to and from Oslo. Journey time: 30 mins. See link for more information: www.flybussen.no/Haugesund

Haukeliekspressen

Bus Service Haugesund – Oslo Daily departures from Haugesund Bus station. Journey time: 8 hrs and 30 mins. Tel: +47 815 44 444 www.haukeliekspressen.no

Kystbussen Intersity Bus Service

Stavanger – Haugesund – Leirvik – Bergen Daily departures from Haugesund Bus Station.

Journey time: Haugesund – Bergen: 3 hours and 20 mins. Haugesund – Stavanger: 2 hrs. Tel:

+ 47 177 / +47 815 00 182. Info: +47 177

www.kystbussen.no

Ryanair Correspondance

Haugesund Bus Station – Haugesund Airport, Karmøy Corresponds with Kystbussen Intercity bus service to and from Bergen and Stavanger. Journey time: 25 min. Tel: +47 055 05

www.kystbussen.no/ryanair.aspx

Fjord 1

(Boknafjorden) Arsvågen – Mortavika Daily departures. Journes time: ca. 25 mins. Tel: +47 57 75 70 00 / Info: +47 177 www.fjord1.no

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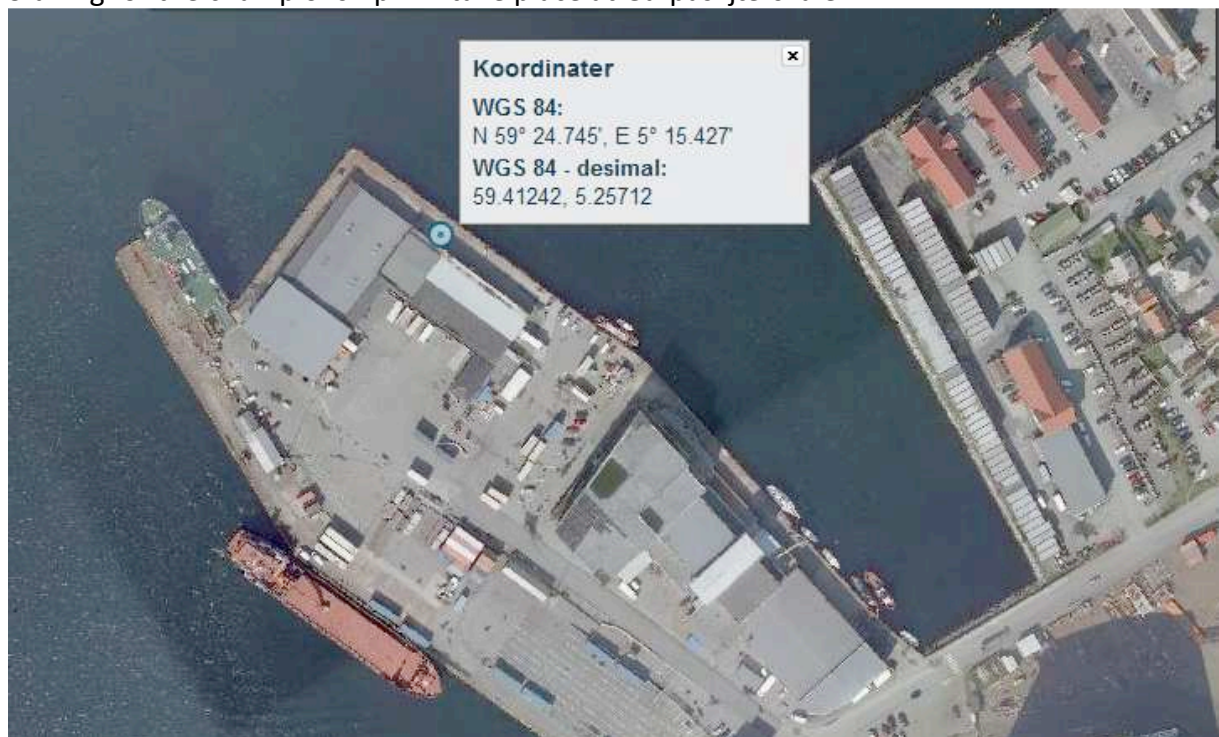
High Speed Ferry Stavanger – Haugesund – Bergen Daily departures. Departs from Indre Kai, Haugesund Town Centre. Journey times: Haugesund – Stavanger 1hr and 20 mins., Haugesund – Bergen 2 hrs and 45 mins. Tel: +47 05 505

www.tide.no

3. Craning, mooring and safety measures

Craning

Craning for the championship will take place at Garpaskjærskaien



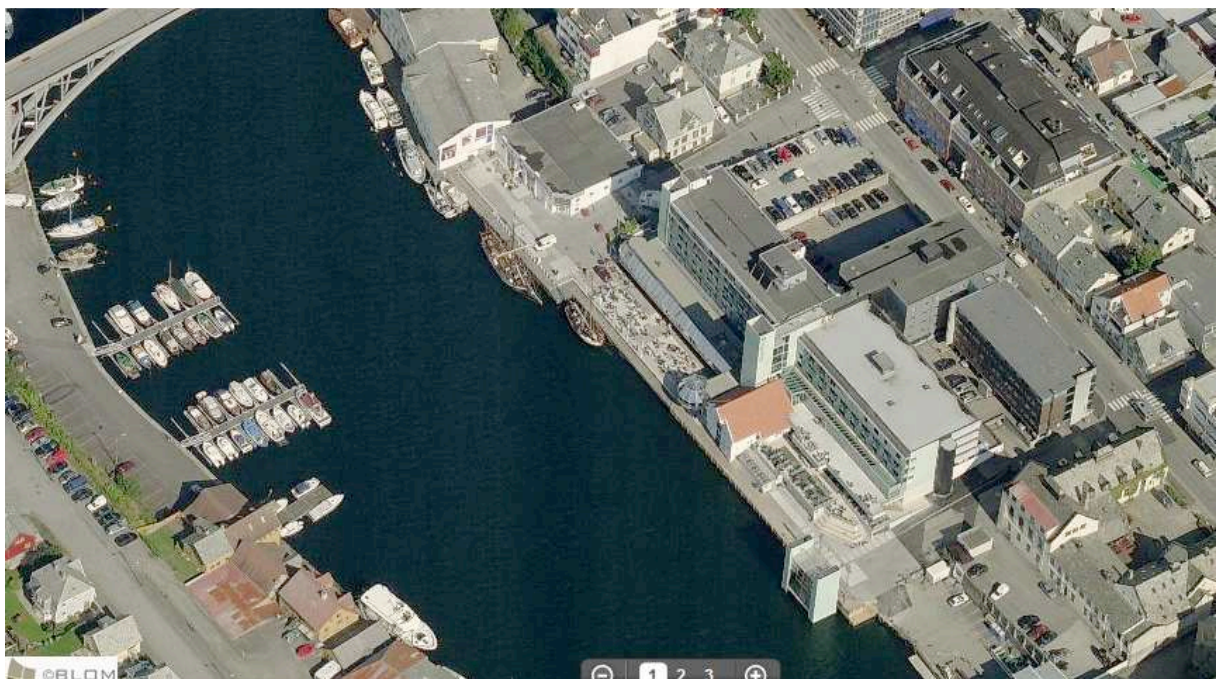
Trailer park:



Launching on Thursday 2nd of September (19-22) and Friday 3rd (9-11) of September, hauling after the last race on Sunday 5th of September. This service is not included in the entry fee; price is NOK 250,- each way, i.e. NOK 500,- for one launch and one haul. Cash payment only.

Mooring

This will be done at the front of Rica Maritim Hotel.



The championships harbor master will be Kjell Bjarne Eide (phone +47 934 47 929) will be in charge of organizing the harbor.

As most of the boats are moored long side or between stage and buoy, please bring at least four (4) large fenders to provide sufficient protection. Each boat should also bring four (4) mooring ropes. Please observe that the boats along the outside of the stage at Rica Maritime Hotel should be moored with an offset to avoid rig collisions caused by waves.

Safety measures

You are advised to have a long towing rope easily available in the boat on the racing course, as weather conditions can be rough and towing may be necessary in an emergency.

Personal floating equipment approved under standard CE EN393 or higher (i.e. a minimum of 50N buoyancy) is mandatory for each crew member under Norwegian maritime laws, disregarding racing rules and class regulations. If the yacht has an inboard engine, fire extinguishing equipment is mandatory. You are hereby informed that the skipper and crew of the yacht are responsible against the Norwegian maritime authorities.

5. Weather, wind and currents

We expect that most of you have not been racing at Haugesund and Sletta before, and therefore are interested in the weather, wind and current conditions at the venue.

Sletta is an area in direct contact with the Northsea north west of Haugesund. The depths vary and range for a few meters down to 250 m. The dominant direction of the waves are south west and north west.

At Sletta the first half of September often has maximum temperatures of 15-25°C, weather everything from clear skies to heavy raining, although a typical day is like this: partly cloudy, very light and shifty winds in the morning, picking up to 12-20 knots in the afternoon when the land is heated and the sea breeze fills in. As parts of the racing area are quite shallow, you might experience some quite short and steep waves.

Here are some web links to useful services:

http://retro.met.no/kyst_og_hav/observasjoner/sletta/index.html

<http://www.yr.no/sted/Norge/Rogaland/Haugesund/Røværsholmen/>