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## **Sessan Cup 2022 - UK Nationals/Walcon Cup Preliminary Information**

### **Background**

The Sessan Cup is one of the oldest international Folkboat regattas. Together with the Gold Cup and the San Francisco Cup, it is one of the major international contests in the Folkboat class. The event goes back to 1952, when it was staged in Göteborg for the very first time.

The name derives from the Sessan ferry line between Sweden and Denmark, sponsors of the first event. All the ferries were named after princesses; "Sessan" in Swedish is short for "the Princess". The original owner of the Sessan Line, Ulf Trapp was a Folkboat enthusiast and had three Nordic Folkboats.

Recently, the venue has alternated between Scandinavia and Germany. The last Sessan Cup event was held at Berlin Wannsee in 2014. Jeremy Austin and Ado Jardine went to that event.

### **The British Bid**

2022 is the 80th anniversary of the Nordic Folkboat.

The UK Folkboat Association put forward a bid to hold the Sessan Cup in the UK to mark this anniversary. This would be the first time the event has left the Baltic States.

Simon Osgood made a presentation to the NFIA in late 2019 and the proposal was given approval by NFIA in early 2020.

In addition, there is an opportunity to combine the Sessan Cup with the 2022 UK Nationals and a re-invigorated Walcon Cup to give a truly memorable International Regatta for Nordic Folkboats in the UK.

This is a great opportunity to encourage international competitors and sponsorship. Already there is keen interest from many of our friends from Europe and Scandinavia who are willing to tow their boats here. With potential for sponsorship support, subsidized ferry tickets, and free berthing and launching, we aim to get a good turnout, not to mention a good party or two.

### **Sessan Cup Racing Format**

In 2014, the Berlin event comprised 4 races held over 2 days. The participants form teams each comprising two boats to represent their nation or fleet.

The Sessan Cup is awarded to the top 2 – boat team. The racing however is fleet racing and not team racing, and the rules around teaming-up seem very flexible.

The British team Jeremy and Ado ended up teamed with a crew from Estonia!

The racing is conducted under the NFIA rule of White Sails and whisker poles.

## **The UK 2022 Sessan Cup and Nationals/Walcon Cup Regatta Proposal**

To make this event more attractive to overseas entries, we intend to run the event over a period of 4 days to make it more of a regatta for the visitors.

In addition, the decision has been made to run the UK Nationals in 2022 immediately prior to the Sessan Cup. This will give up to 6 days of regatta sailing for the fleet.

The Royal Lymington will be the Organising Authority under RRS, with input and assistance from the Royal Solent. It is intended (weather permitting) that racing will be held in Christchurch Bay.

It would be unreasonable, and a big dis-incentive to expect boats from Europe to purchase and rig for spinnakers just for this event. The National Committee has therefore decided that the 2022 Nationals should also be run under the NFIA sail plan, / white sails only.

This is intended as a one-off decision to encourage overseas entries to this regatta.

**Dates:** UK Nordic Nationals/Walton Cup September 17th and 18th 2022, the Sessan Cup 19th to 22nd September 2022.