

Square Metre Rule Jubilee 2008



Skärgårdskryssareregeln - Square Metre Rule

1908 - 2008

A Jubilee book about Skerry Cruisers

A Jubilee book about the development of the skerry cruisers and their impact on the world of sailing during the century from 1908 to 2008. The book will be a luxurious and elegant volume with an abundance of illustrations and text in English. All countries which have or have had skerry cruisers will contribute with their own chapter, describing developments in their particular country. Thus the book will receive a wide international distribution. The book will be ready for Christmas 2007.

The Boat Show "Allt för Sjön"

3-11 March 2007, Stockholm

SSKF will spread information about the various ways available to enjoy skerry cruisers during the course of the Jubilee Year 2008. There will be a variety of activities to enter in the diary of coming events. Information about these activities and the opportunity to sign up to take part will be available at the SSKF stand.

The Boat Show "Allt för sjön"

1-9 March 2008, Stockholm

The theme of the Classic Boat Show section at Älvsjö is the 100th anniversary of the Square Metre Rule. The aim is that each size category should be represented by one boat. In addition the 30 sq m class will have three boats on display, one from 1908, one from the twenties and one new boat, so that one can follow the development of the rule up to the present day. The large boats provide examples of the uncompromising style of boatbuilding in Sweden, as well as the amount of dedication needed to keep a cultural tradition alive.

The Square Metre Rule is a construction rule where hitherto no new boats have been able to outclass the older ones. The old boats and the new can compete on equal terms.

Jubilee Dinner

February 2008

Official celebration of the advent of the rule one hundred years ago. Gala dinner with entertainments and dancing.

On the way to the Jubilee Regatta

20-30 July 2008

Karlskrona-Sandhamn/Saltsjöbaden

There will be a boat rally prior to the Sandhamn regatta. The rally is estimated to take ten days, starting at Karlskrona and ending up at Sandhamn. The majority of foreign yachts will arrive at Karlskrona. On the way up many of the Swedish skerry cruisers whose home ports are on the route will join the rally.

The stretch includes some of the most beautiful island landscape in the Baltic. The rally will stopover at ten or so ports where various activities will be organized.

It is possible to sail the whole distance, or join up somewhere on the route.

Hangö-Sandhamn/Saltsjöbaden

The Finnish yachts will meet up at Hangö and sail together to Sandhamn/Saltsjöbaden.



Sandhamn Regatta

31 July-2 August 2008

The Jubilee sailing events open with the Sandhamn regatta and racing on an open sea course outside Sandhamn.

Organizer: Royal Swedish Yacht Club (KSSS)

Race from Sandhamn to Saltsjöbaden

August 2008

Yacht race from Sandhamn through the archipelago to Saltsjöbaden.

Jubilee races at Saltsjöbaden

5-10 August 2008

Jubilee festivities with a number of international guests.

Racing round the buoys on Baggensfjärden conveniently close to the spectators.

A longer race for the larger classes through the delightful island world in the vicinity of Saltsjöbaden.

- Swedish championships for SK22
- Europe Cup for SK30
- International championships for SK40, SK55, SK75, SK95
- The Lidingö Yardstick (LYS) handicap rule will be used

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Swedish Skerry Cruiser Assoc (SSKF)



Archipelago Rally

August 2008

The jubilee year is brought to a close with a rally in the Stockholm archipelago.

SQUARE METRE RULE



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The Skerry Cruiser is Sweden's contribution to the world of sailing. It is a fast and elegant boat of which over 1200 have been built since the advent of the rule in 1908. Most of the yachts are still sailing today despite the fact that they have long ago passed retirement age.

A short summary of the Square Metre Rule

The square metre rule, which was accepted in 1908 and revised in (1916, 1920 and) 1925, comprises the following nine classes: 15, 22, 30, 40, 55, 75, 95, 120 and 150 sq m. The figures stand for the maximum measured sail area, the principle being that while sail area is limited the hull dimensions are free within certain parameters.

The rules for the hull govern four of the important dimensions which determine boatspeed; i.e. displacement, keel length, width and freeboard height. These dimensions are set in relation to waterline length, which is measured a few cm. above the real waterline. Waterline length determines a boat's hullspeed, and an increase here will result in a faster boat. The idea is that you may increase the waterline and thus produce a faster boat, but then you must increase the speed-reducing dimensions in proportion. In each class these minimum dimensions are clearly set out. If you design a yacht with a waterline longer than the minimum then you must also increase the other four dimensions. A case of swings and roundabouts.

