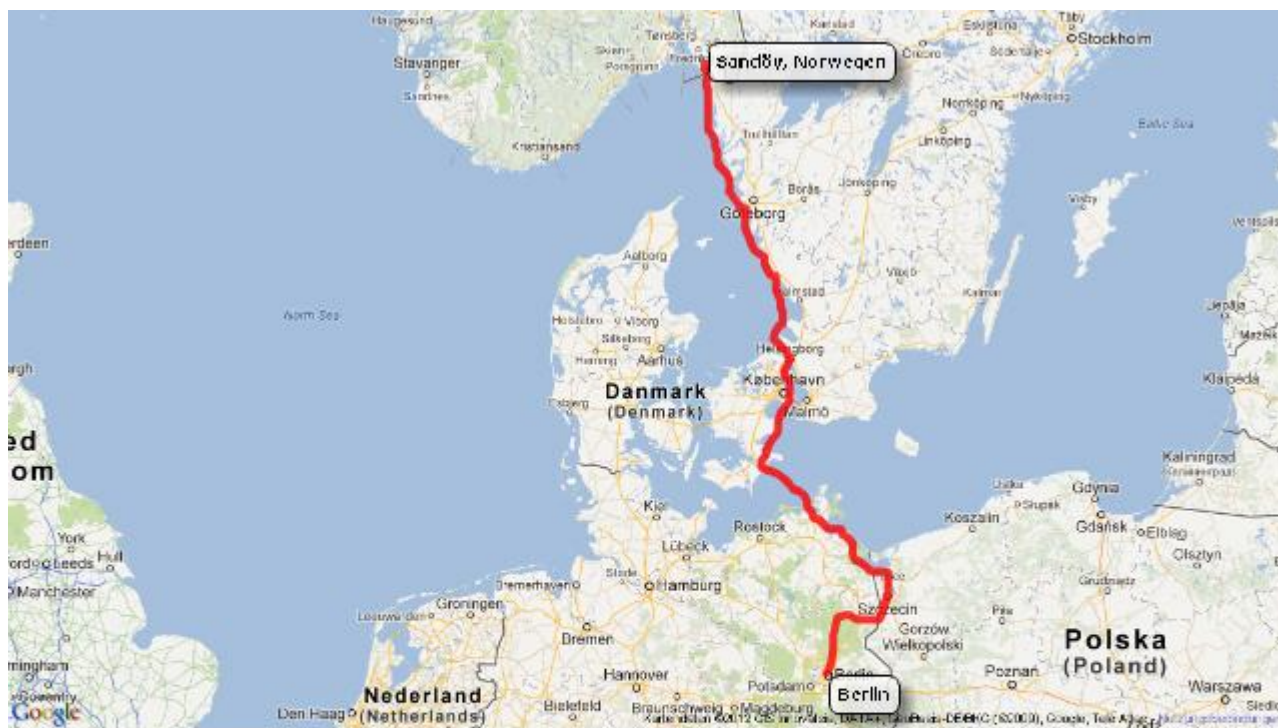


“Scandinavian Tour”:



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June 21st 2012 we started with a Seacamper 810 from Berlin on the “Seacamper Scandinavian Tour”.

The goal was to travel with the Seacamper from Berlin to Norway and back.

August 9th, 7 weeks later, we were back in Berlin after a thrilling, fantastic and satisfying voyage that once again proved:

The Seacamper 810 is the most comfortable boat in it’s class. A seaworthy and capable vessel, offering the best holiday quality available in a 27 feet planning motor boat. Fit for all waters similar to the Scandinavian. The Baltic Sea and the Adriatic, just to mention a few,

You can follow the tour below.

Welcome on board!

Start in Berlin: 21.06.2012 at 1600 hrs.



After a short stop over night in Marienwerder we continued eastward.
We were lifted 36 meters down in the “Niederfinow Hebewerk”





and after an hour or so were lifted up into the river “Odra”



- ending in Trzebiez north of Stettin, where we arrived in the evening the 22.06.2012 at 1930 hrs



Trzebiez

The next day, 23.06.2012 we set off to Stralsund.
A long leg with winds mostly against us varying from 3 - 6 bft and a cruising speed between 7 and 12 kts(in periods 16 kts).



Stettiner Haff at 14 kts



rough seas later in "Greifswalder Bodden"

In the evening, our young shipmate was at the helm up the "Strelasund" to the city of Stralsund where we arrived at 2300 hrs



Hannah at the wheel

24.06.2012 at 1000 hrs, we left Stralsund, after having cleaned all fuel filters and checked the oil.

The course was set for Haarbölle in Denmark and a crossing of the Baltic Sea. All went well. When we left the nature reserve south of Rügen and Hiddensee, we set a cruising speed of 18 kts at 3600 RPM and the whole trip took exactly 4 hrs.



The Baltic Sea

-arriving at Haarbölle, Denmark at 1400 hrs with south westerly wind 4 bft. and drizzle.



Haarbölle in the rain

Today, June 28th, the Seacamper 810 left Haarbölle at 1600 hrs,



Leaving Haarbölle

- now with only the skipper on board and set out for Kalvehave at the entrance to the beautiful and very charming waters “Bögestrømmen” to the south-east of Sealand.

After a break for anchor at the south-tip of “Tärö”



Tärö

I tapped my way through the shallow passage east of the island and ended up in Kalvehave at about 2000 hrs.

Tomorrow afternoon I go on to Sandvig and visit Nyord on the way.

June 29th:

After a rainy morning in Kalvehave



Kalvehave in the rain

the rain stopped at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and a bit of sunshine came through.

At 4 o'clock I had had a few visitors in the boat and the wind had calmed down:

Time to leave for Sandvig!

Half an hour later I drove up the narrow path to the small idyllic harbour.



Sandvig



Herring with fresh potatoes, butter!

I plan to be in Dragör, close to Copenhagen tomorrow at 1700 hrs

30/6: I left Sandvig at 1030



Goodbye Sandvig!

and sailed over to Nyord for a short visit to enjoy the beautiful view from the old pilots look out.



Old pilot look out on the island of Nyord.

Left Nyord shortly after noon and am now in Dragör/Copenhagen after a fine trip across the “Fakse Bugt” and “Köge Bugt”. 2,5 hrs with an average speed of 18 kts. Fine cruising!



Faxe Bugt.



Dragör

1st of July

Left Dragör at 1200 hrs in fine weather - sun, wind WSW 5 bft and went up the east side of Copenhagen harbour with all the cranes and cruising liners. Made a short visit to Marina "Tuborg Harbour" (Tuborg, the beer)



Tuborg marina.

- and went on to Rungsted marina 15 NM north of Copenhagen.

Tania Blixen, the famous author of “out of Africa”, and I have something in common:

We grew up here!

03.07.2012 Time flies!

Today bound for Helsingborg, Sweden and on to Torekov ETA 1800hrs!

Weather is perfect: Sun through light clouds, wind:0 , the sea like a mirror.

Whish you all a good day!



Evening in Torekov

04.07.2012

The Seacamper 810 is in Torekov.



Torekov harbour

Probably I will make a tour out to “Halland’s Väderö” today.



Kapelhamn, Halland's Väderö.

I am back in Torekov after a marvelous day in excellent company! !

Thank you!

Tomorrow: Varberg. ETA 1500 hrs.

05.07.2012

After a fine cruise and 42 NM with cruising speeds between 15 and 19 kts I arrived in Varberg at about 1230 hrs.

The old castle greeting at the entrance of the harbour



The castle and the old bath house in Varberg.

- I am now in Getteröns Bathamn on the west side of Varberg.

07.07.2012

After two lovely days in Varberg, I now proceed to the Göteborg area.
Probably "Laangedrag", the marina of the Royal Göteborg Yacht Club.

ETA 1630

-reached Laangedrag 1545 after exactly 2,5 hrs of cruising.



Meeting on the high seas.

It's a foggy day on the sea, but everything worked well and it was good to see the light house on Valö,



“Valö” light house

indicating that I have now reached the archipelago of Bohuslän with it's 1000 islands!



Laangedrag. Welcome on board!

08.07.2012

A sunny day! I will go slowly up through the islands and be in Marstrand around 1600 hrs.

Now securely moored in Marstrand. What a fantastic place!



The old fortress in Marstrand



09.07.2012

I left Marstrand in sunny and windy weather. 5 bft from south and good visibility. Marstrand light house in the north wished me good sailing leaving the harbour.



Marstrand light house.

What a beautiful day it was. How can one not be fascinated by the nature here!?



This clear, salty water - the open, brutal sea just a few miles away to the west and here we go through the calm waters, sheltered by those massive rocks that today are so beautiful, and on a stormy night can mean death and destruction?



TK

Finally I arrived in Stenungsund where I will stay till tomorrow at noon. Thereafter the tour goes westward between Tjörn and Orust. A short visit in Gullholmen - ending in Ellös tomorrow at 1700 hrs



Stenungsund at 1730.

10.07.2012

I left Stenungsund after some interesting talks with clients in the morning. The weather was less charming: Drizzle and westerly winds between 5 and 6 bft.



As the narrow waters widened further to the west, I realised, that there was too much wind for the dinghy. It had started a career as a kite, so I had to stop somewhere in the lee of an island and deflate it.



Having done so, I continued through Mollösund,



Entrance to Mollösund

- around Kraaksundsgap,



the light house at "Kraaksundsgap"

past Gullholmen, ending up in Ellös



Ellös

-after a fresh and wonderful ride across the waves. The boat is perfect!

11.07.2012

After refueling, I left Ellös and went out to the coast. There was still some seas from the fresh weather yesterday, but all went well and an hour later I was in Smögen. The place to be!



Smögen



Smögen

12.07.2012

Departure Smögen around 1000,



Haallö light house - Smögen

- had lunch in Fjällbacka after passing some narrow waters,



Fjällbacka

-visited Koster on the way



15 kts south of Koster

and have now reached the first goal of the journey: To sail the Seacamper 810 from Berlin to the Norwegian border at Strömstad!!!



Strömstad

It took 22 days and some fine cruising. Some in calm, some in more windy weather. The boat has coped well with the challenge and has again proved it's sea worthiness and it's functionality. What a pleasure!

In two days I turn the ship around and point it to the south.

Berlin: Here we come!

13.07.2012

I am doing laundry today. As I walk to and fro from the boat and the laundry room on the harbour, I suddenly jump into Charlotta who is distributing invitations to the "Strömstad Summer Opera" A great show, I'm sure, and in a wonderful setting! I haven't seen her for a lifetime - fantastic!

At 1515 I leave Strömstad for a short detour to Norway.



Crossing "Säcken" to Norway

7 NM to the north I make the trophy-photo



- and turn the bow to the south - down the Swedish west coast, to Denmark, Poland and finally Germany and Berlin. The wind is fresh, according to the observations from the Swedish meteorological institute between 10 and 14 m/s = 6-7 bft from SW, so I have to plan carefully how to get out in the open. I decide to go inside the first islands



Meeting between the islands

- and then the shortest distance over to the protecting Koster islands. At the south tip of the islands I can cross again to the east with a comfortable before the beam. Well comfortable is an exaggeration,



7 kts through the waves

- but I got over well and found my way into the skerries again, just north of Havstenssund.



“Svartskären”

And here I am, just half a mile to the north west, in the middle of God’s nature.



This must be paradise - Clear water, soft sand beach, wild strawberries all over the place



- and the seacamper, of course.



The depth here is only 60 cm, but with the drive trimmed up, that is no problem!

15.07.2012

Yesterday the trip started with refueling in Havstenssund, then southward past Grebbestad, through Sotenkanalen, past Kungshamn to Lysekil and then into the idyllic “Nordströmmarne”. A very narrow shortcut between beautiful countryside and hazardous rocks.



Nordströmmarne

I stayed for anchor here over night and am now in Ellös.

16.07.2012

Ellös - Marstrand in rough weather. Between 6 and 7 bft. from time to time in open water. The boat is doing well - very well!





17.07.2012

The days fly! A few days ago at the Norwegian border and today I'm at the southern tip of the west Swedish skerries at Donsö. Left Marstrand around noon after refueling.



Marstrand

There was much traffic in the Albrechtsundskanalen



and it was nice to get past it and open the throttle, the course set for the city center of Göteborg. After some business there, I went down the river again, wind ahead 7 bft, past Laangedrag and out to the outer island Donsö. From here I will leave tomorrow and head for Varberg.

19.07.2012



View to the south

Yesterday around noon I left Donsö in fine weather.



Leaving Donsö

4/8 clouds and wind from west, in the beginning hardly any at all, later 3 - 4 bft. Exactly 3 hours later the boat was lying at the pier in Varberg/Getterön. There was quite some swell after the strong wind the night before so I couldn't make more than 13 - 15 kts.

After a nice Thursday in Varberg and a short visit by an old friend in his elegant Swedish motor yacht,



I take the high road and you take the low road...

I left for Torekov. 45 NM on smooth water, cruising at 18 kts.



Torekov

Now Hallands Väderö is only ½ a mile away!



Sunset over Hallands Väderö

On July 22nd my family joined me in Torekov and today, the 24th we left early in the morning to go out to Hallands Väderö and make a much needed break for some days in this fabulous place.



The Seacamper in Hallands Väderö

27.07.2012

The latest couple of days it has been difficult to get connected to the internet. We will probably not have internet before August 2nd again. Until then we shall try to cope with the rough conditions here on Hallands Väderö.



Hallands Väderö











30.07.2012

The last two days on Hallands Väderö were somewhat mixed weather wise, but that also meant that there were hardly any people and therefore heavenly quiet. But the sunny days were wonderful - simply summer!



At 1000 hrs we left Hallands Väderö and set the course for the peninsula "Kullen". We passed Kullen at 1100 and



Kullen

arrived in Hornbæk, Denmark today at 1200 after two hrs. cruising.
We shall stay here till the 2nd and then leave for Helsingborg, Helsingör and finally Rungsted.



Kids visiting in Hornbäk.



Hornbäk.

02.08.2012

After Hornbäk, Helsingör and Helsingborg, we arrived safely in Rungsted - my home town.

The crew was sent to Berlin the 4th, the ship was refuelled and a new crew installed. Both new-comers over 80 of age and experienced sailors. In the afternoon the 5th, the course was set towards the south, heading for Kalvehave.



Leaving Copenhagen behind at 15 kts.



Two elderly mariners at the helm.

From here we set over the Baltic Sea the 6th and arrived after a fine cruise in middle winds at Stralsund in Germany at 1430hrs.



Stralsund

We visited the impressive cathedral and then carried on for another 35NM to the marina of Kröslin further to the east.



Strelasund



Sunset at Kröslin.

Here we enjoyed a quiet evening and after refuelling in the morning the 7th, continued the journey towards the city of Stettin in Poland.



Peenestrom



Cruising at 12 kts. against crisp winds in Peenestrom.

The 8th of August another 9 hours of sailing took us up the beautiful river Odra



and into the large system of canals leading to Berlin and further down through Europe.



The lock at Hohensaaten lifting us down into German waters.

We stopped over night in Marien Werder



Evening in Marien Werder.

and continued next morning for Berlin



Entering into "Untere Havel"





Final destination: Marina Lanke Berlin.

- where we arrived safe and sound on August 9th in the afternoon, after 7 weeks of challenging, thrilling, wonderful cruising from Berlin through Poland, Denmark and Sweden to Norway and back with our capable and comfortable Seacamper 810.

