

Hanseat - Team

WILL TAKE THE CHALLENGE ON LAUWERSMEER



DR. MUELLER:
„WE ARE FACING A GARGANTUAN TASK“



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HANNO GOENS:
„SEKT WILL KEEP OUR MORALE HIGH!“

REGATTASPORT



Erlkoenig sighted!

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Since Koos Winnips (Dokkum/Netherlands) proudly built a racing sailing canoe in the attic of his home, he threw the gauntlet down to small craft sailors in northwestern Europe. In a *Raid Extreme* held on the first weekend in September 2016 on Lauwersmeer (Netherlands) he will find out, whether his craft will win the laurels

Above: Sample of a gargantuan small sailing craft sighted on river Wuemme in Northwest Germany. Will that be the Hanseat's weapon of choice?

being the fastest sailing canoe whenever built. The Racing Equipe of Canoe Club Hanseat will take the challenge to frustrate Koos' bold ambitions.

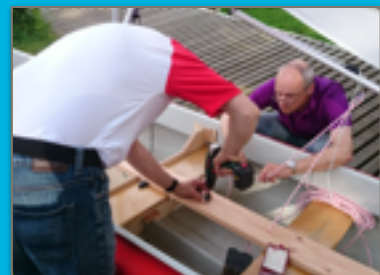
As some of the legs of the *Raid* are too narrow for a passage under sail the Hanseat's craft must combine the advantages of an oar propelled craft with those of a sailing boat. Inspired by the success of the galleasses during the battle of Lepanto in 1571, the Hanseat Racing team discussed the conversion of a big war-canoe into a sailing craft.

Following the principle that the length over all will determine the craft's speed, said war-canoe will take challenges under sail as under oar propulsion with ease. Instead of tacking up narrow backwaters and canals Hanseat's Racing team will do that what they can do best: Paddling! On the other side sailing in open waters requires a certain degree of seaworthiness. Naturally such requirements might be met best with a bigger craft. There is still accordance about the question whether the Hanseat's battle craft will bear two or more masts, a square rig or Marconi rig. The use of a spinnaker is matter of passionate discussions. Dr. Mueller rather prefers modern concepts of rigging, as there is a better possibility to sail against adverse winds.

Nonetheless sophisticated technical solutions do not necessarily determine the Hanseat's success. More important is the positive spirit and morales of the combatants. Beverage Manager Hanno Goens developed a number of Longdrinks which definitely might keep the Hanseat's spirit high. Whether these drinks will be based on Sekt will remain his personal secret.

Before the Hanseats will meet the challenge on Lauwersmeer in early September, there will be the „6th Internationales Segelcriterium“ on Unisee in Bremen. A good chance to take glimpse at the competitors. Sailing the fastest sailing canoe ever built, Koos' might have a realistic chance to take the „Hauptgewinn“ to the Netherlands!

Elusive Sightings of the Erkoenig



Similar to the sightings of the Ekranoplan on the Caspian Sea during the era of the Cold War, a huge floating monster could be observed on the river Wuemme. Debris of wrecked ships give evidence about the numerous trials to construct a suitable craft for the competition on Lauwersmeer.

The Starring

One of the major aspects to master the race as winner, are the undisputed skills of the Hanseat's crew and their unique way of captancy. Unlike other sport teams the Hanseat Racing Team follows an antiauthoritarian or rather anarchistic concept of captancy, which has it's roots in the ancient seafaring traditions of the vikings. There will be no captain ex officio, but rather a navigation committee, wich will be democratically elected at the beginning of the race by an election committee of the regatta seafarers trade union „ Red Shackle“. Due to an internal closed shop policy all combatants are member of said trade union and have Veto Rights. Nonetheless the sailors definitely will jocundly argue the race's course with the regatta management committee and discuss the question from where the wind will have to blow – be prepared!!!

By the way, here are the protagonists:

Juergen Schweichler, a tarzan-like appearance, who can easily replace a 10 hp outboard engine, will work as bowman. In his workaday life he works for the tax authority and harasses defaulting fighting dog owners to pay their duties!

At the helm Per Yuen: Legal Expert specialized in ancient and modern Chinese Law. Protest negotiations will be easily won, especially when the official race language is Mandarin!

Mastermind and tactictal Strategist: Dr. Stefan Müller whose sailing competence is enormous due to the sailing experiences won at the the „Segelcriterium“ races in the past years. He even sailed a leg at the Whitbread round the World Race in 1989/90, which according to his personal experience seemed to be more relaxing than the stormy 2015 Segelcriterium.

Beverage Manager Hanno Goens will create druidic drinks which will keep morale steadily high.

Arend Goens , IT-expert, will easily tap weather satellites and geographic positioning satellites of the NASA and ROSKOSMOS!

Others are spotters, snipers and professionals of martial arts.

See you at Lauwers in September!

See for further Informations: <http://kooswinnips.wix.com/raidextreme2016>