# Hallberg-Rassy NEWSLETTER No 8 SUMMER 2002



#### Hallberg-Rassy support at ARC 2002

Hallberg-Rassy will provide support for the 16 Hallberg-Rassys that participate in the Atlantic Rally for Cruisers 2002.

The support team will be sales manager Roland Olsson together with the service engineer Per Arvidsson. Both Roland and Per have experience of ARC and transatlantic crossings.

This support will be free of charge and include a check and adjustments of the rig and other important systems.

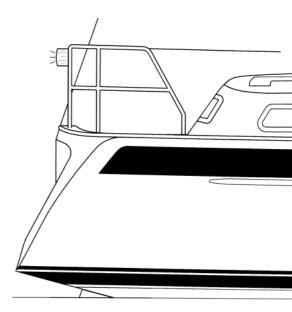
If you want to take advantage of this free of charge offer, please send an email to: roland.olsson@hallberg-rassy.se or call Roland at +46-304-54803.

#### **Spare parts for ARC:**

HR Parts and Accessories AB will be able to ship most of the spare parts freight free if ordered before 4 October, 2002. You can contact HR Parts on email: info@hr-parts.com or tel: +46-304-54990, fax: +46-304-54991.

First glance of the new HR 40 at the Open Days in Ellös 23-25 August 2002

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#### See us at the Boat Shows!

Dates	Show	Area	Exhibited boats
1-6 Aug 2002	Sydney	AU	HR 34
22-25 Aug		FI	HR 31
23-25 Aug		SE	31,34,36,40,43,46,53,62
29 Aug-1 Sept	Kolding	DK	HR 31, 34, 43
	Ijmuiden	NL	31,34,36,40,43,53,62
5-8 Sept 2002		NO	HR 36, 43
11-19 Sept 02		USA	Model not yet decided
12-15 Sept	Newport, RI	USA	HR 34, 36, 43
13-22 Sept 02	Southampton	UK	HR 34, 36 and 43
21-29 Sept 02	Friedrichshafen	DE	HR 34, 40 and 43
10-14 Oct 02	Annapolis, MD	USA	HR 36, HR 43
5-13 Oct 02	Rapallo	IT	HR 36, HR 43
26 Oct-3 Nov		DE	31,34,36,40,43,46,53
1-4 Nov 02	Nishinomiya	JP	HR 36
7-10 Nov 02	Stockholm	SE	HR 31, 34, 40
2-12 Jan 2003	London	UK	HR 40
17-29 Jan 03	Seattle, WA	USA	HR 40
18-26 Jan 03	Düsseldorf	DE	31,34,36,40,43,46,62
25 Feb-2 Ma	Amsterdam	NL	HR 34, HR 40
18-21 April	Bruinisse	NL	31,34,36,40,43,53
23-27 April 03	Oakland, CA	USA	HR 43
2-4 May 2003	Aker Brygge	NO	Models not yet decided
22-24 Aug '03		SE	All
Changes reserved. See www.hallberg-rassy.com for latest update			

#### **Detail improvements**

For 2003 there are a number of improvements implemented:

The cover over the engine on HR 31 and HR 34 has been additionally vibration damped, in order to lower noise level further.

With a ST 4000 autopilot on the HR 31 or HR 34, the display is now flush mounted with the coaming.

The HR 34 has a new design of bathing platform. The elegant style follows the new HR 40, with full steps from one side to the other and the ladder lowered into the lower step.

The HR 34 has now a teak step on the pulpit.

All stoves are now fitted with automatic push button lightning, matches are no longer needed.

The shower waste pump on HR 31 to HR 40 has been upgraded to the new type of membrane pump that needs no filter. This type of pump is already in use on HR 43 and bigger.

The HR 36 and HR 46 have a wider chart table opening, to allow better access to the charts.

When ordering an electric or hydraulic in mast furling, the push buttons are now backlighted for easier control in the dark.



### HR 43 wins Yacht of the Year award

In January 2002 the Hallberg-Rassy 43 won the prestigious Yacht of the Year award in the biggest category in the respected German magazine Yacht. Yacht is Europe's largest sailing magazine. Readers were asked to choose their favourite yacht for the title and the HR 43 received most votes.

This is the third win for Hallberg-Rassy. Ever since the award was introduced in 1996 every new Hallberg-Rassy model has won. First the HR 46, then the HR 62 and now the HR 43.

# Hallberg-Rassy most prolific brand in Blue Water rally

In the latest Blue Water Rally, cruising round the world, the most prolific brand of all is Swedish Hallberg-Rassy. Eighteen per cent of the 23 yachts from nine countries are Hallberg-Rassys.

The Blue Water rally left Gibraltar in October 2001 for a tradewind circumnavigation and estimated time of re-arrival in Gibraltar is June 2003. The next Blue Water Rally will start October 2003. For further details please visit www.yachtrallies.co.uk



## Hallberg-Rassy fastest keelboat in ARC

The HR 39 Kaskelot with Gerald Metz from the Netherlands was the first keel boat on corrected time in ARC 2001. Only a catamaran was faster than Kaskelot. Gerald finished first in class H, 24 hours before the second boat.

We congratulate the crew of Kaskelot; Gerald, Bianca and Tristan, only 3 years old. Bianca and Tristan made their first ocean crossing. The victory is a fantastic achievement from a family crew.

#### ARC biggest in the world

ARC is the world's biggest transocean event with 225 boats participating. No less than 16 of these were Hallberg-Rassys and many did well. As well as Kakelot's victory we can mention:

HR 53 Mi Lady with Andre de Smet + crew finished second in class B.

HR 46 Sophia Rose, with skipper Avi Mairowitz finished third in class E.

#### ARC veteran

Gerald Metz, who is an ARC veteran, sailed his first ARC in 1993 when he sailed his 34 foot Kaskelot single-handed, finishing twelfth. In the ARC 2001 Gerald and his family crew did a fantastic job onboard their winning Hallberg-Rassy 39 Kaskelot. They crossed in 16 days 5 hours and 44 minutes, with no engine hours and choosing the southern route. No doubt he was

able to take advantage of his earlier experience. Kaskelot averaged 7 knots over the 2 700 nautical miles. A high and steady speed and a reliable boat resulted in victory.

#### Gerald is a HR ambassador since 1999

The decision to buy a Hallberg-Rassy was made in 1999 after crossing from the Caribbean to the Azores which proved to be a very rough passage. His boat had some leaks that were irritating. When he arrived in the Azores he saw a Hallberg-Rassy 34 that made the crossing as fast but was much more comfortable and without the problems he had experienced. This was an eye-opener for Gerald. He contacted the Hallberg-Rassy dealer in Holland, Nova Yachting. After a trail sail he signed up for his new Hallberg-Rassy 39.

He was convinced about the performance. Another important issue for Gerald, was the fact that Hallberg-Rassy build a production boat which guarantees good quality. This was the concept Gerald used when building his own successful business. Only by repetition you can minimise the risk of mistakes.

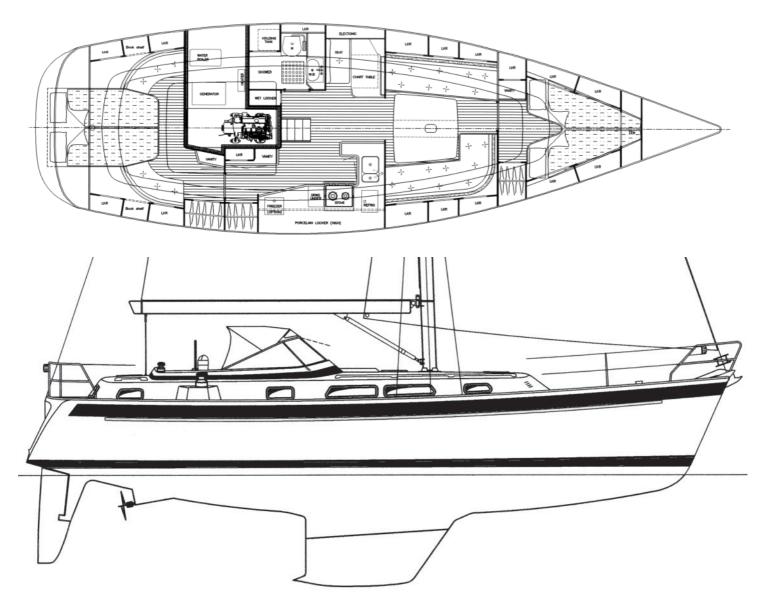
Gerald is impressed how easy it is to maintain and make small repairs on his HR 39. Gerald is very happy with the service he gets from Nova Yachting and Paul Hameeteman. "-Service is a very important issue when choosing a new boat".

Bianca who was responsible for cooking was amazed how easy it was to work in the seagoing galley, everything within arms length.

#### Another HR on order

Before Gerald started the ARC he placed an order for his next HR. In 2004 he will take delivery of his new Hallberg-Rassy 53. This boat will be equipped with state of the art equipment for communication. With this he is aiming for another ARC win. "-I'm sure the plan will be to go south and fly as much sail as possible." This has been Gerald's winning formula over the years.

Again we want to congratulate Gerald, Bianca and little Tristan for their fantastic crossing.



The new Hallberg-Rassy 40

### Open Days at HR Germany in May 2003

The traditional Open House weekend at our German sales office will be held 23-25 May 2003. Many new HR yachts, including the new HR 40, will be on display in Ancora Marina in Neustadt, 30 km north of Travemünde in northern Germany, where the German HR office is located. Other boat manufacturers and different suppliers of boat equipment also participate.

### HR 34 makes her Australian debut

1-6 August 2002 the HR 34 will make her Australian boat show debut at the Sydney International Boatshow in Darling Harbour. The lucky owner Bob Hogarth is happy to loan his boat for the show. HR is presented down under by Windcraft Australia Pty Ltd. Tel +612-99 79 17 09.

## New HR Model: Hallberg-Rassy 40

After great success with the HR 43 Hallberg-Rassy present a further new model, the HR 40. World premiere will be at the Open House Weekend at Hallberg-Rassy in Ellös, Sweden, 23-25 August 2002.

The new 40 is of course designed by Germán Frers from Argentina. The Hallberg-Rassy 40 combines the experience of his designs for the Volvo Ocean Race and the America´s Cup. The HR 40 is refreshingly new in her detail and at the same time she adheres to the tradition Hallberg-Rassy stands for.

In comparison to her predecessor the Hallberg-Rassy 39 that means:

Frers latest know how in for example hull, rudder and keel design, with considerable longer waterline.

A touch lower freeboard and just a bit higher superstructure, to get greater window area thus a better view.

Flush mounted skylights in forward and aft cabins.

New contemporary interior design, as in the Hallberg-Rassy 43, with flat mahogany locker doors with elegantly milled edges and ventilation on top.

22 cm / 9" better headroom in the walk through to the aft cabin.

The aft section has considerably more volume, which means a more airy aft cabin and, for those

who like, the possibility to fit a centre island berth, with seats on either side.

Separate shower stall with plexi glass doors. Wash basin in Corian.

Bigger V-cabin with a lot more elbow space, 12 cm / 5 inch longer berths.

The galley is remarkably bigger, and as always at HR seagoing, with full headroom throughout.

5 cm / 2 inch longer saloon.

Better seating comfort in the cockpit, thanks to anatomical angling of the backrest.

Easier step in to the cockpit due to a step that is also the base for the genoa sheet winches. This eliminates the footblocks and thus gives less friction when sheeting the genoa in.

Raymarine ST 60 Speed, Depth and Wind is now standard equipment.

Holding tank, to be emptied from deck or out to sea, is included as standard.

As an option, it is possible to fly a so called "Code Zero" sail, a gennaker from the mast head, to a removable bow sprit.

The new Hallberg-Rassy 40 contains all the ingredient for another success from Hallberg-Rassy.

As soon as pictures are available these will be found at our very extensive web site www.hallberg-rassy.com



Mats Olsson has been in the company for 47 years and 8 months

#### 48 years at Hallberg-Rassy

The employees at Hallberg-Rassy are skilled and faithful to the company. Out of 265 employees there are no less than 25 who have worked for more than 30 years at the yard and 50 who have worked more than 25 years at HR. The longest serving employee is Mr Mats Olsson, who has worked 47 years and 8 months. "-Loyality is an important asset to the yard, and at the same time we can observe that the younger generation is becoming established", says Pehr Edström, managing director at Hallberg-Rassy.

- 1 Mats Olsson 47 years 8 months 2 Rune Rutgersson 46 years 4 months 3 Bo Karlsson 44 years 11 months
- 4 Hugo Gunnarsson 43 years 11 months 5 Sune Abrahamsson 41 years 7 months
- 6 K-Å "Salle" Höglind 38 years 9 months
- 7 Thomas Martinsson 35 years 11 months 8 Sten Olsson 35 years 4 months
- 9 Willy Halvardsson 34 years 4 months
- 10 Nils-Göran Erixon 34 years 3 months
- 11 Bengt-Arne Fondén 33 years 8 month
- 12 Lars Simonsson 33 years 7 months
- 13 RoIf Nilsson 32 years 10 months 14 Uno Rössberg 32 years 9 months
- 15 Kjell Hällsjö 32 years 8 months
- 16 Göran Gustafsson 32 years 7 months
- 17 Roland Gunnarsson 31 years 10 months
- 18 Christer Martinsson 31 years 6 months
- 19 Kurt-Erik Andersson 31 years 1 month

- 20 KarI-Erik Karlsson 30 years 10 months
- 21 Göran Abrahamsson 30 years 8 months
- 22 Ulla Höglind 30 years 7 months
- 23 Bo Strömberg 30 years 6 months
- 24 Christer Svensson 30 years 5 months
- 25 Anna Johansson 29 years 11 months
- 26 Arne Johansson 29 years 10 months
- 27 Per Andersson 29 years 8 months
- 28 Thomas Kaivola 29 years 8 months
- 29 Bengt Knutsson 29 years 7 months
- 30 Lars Alexandersson 29 years 6 months
- 31 Stefan Dahlquist 28 years 11 months
- 32 Jerker Nyström 28 years 11 months
- 33 Lars Jacobsson 28 years 9 months
- 34 Lars Skoglund 28 years 6 months
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- 36 Stig Classon 28 years 1 month
- 37 Bo Hansson 28 years 1 month
- 38 Per-Arne Andersson 27 years 10 months
- 39 Sven Johansson 27 years 8 months
- 40 Benny Hansson 27 years 2 months
- 41 Tore Karlsson 27 years 1 month
- 42 Astrid Johansson 26 years 11 months
- 43 Roger Andersson 26 years 11 months
- 44 Leif Stenberg 26 years 9 months
- 45 Lisbeth Andersson 26 years 8 months
- 46 Michael Gunnarsson 26 years 1 month
- 47 Jan Backman 25 years 7 months
- 48 Krister Körner 25 years 6 months
- 49 Roger Hansson 25 years 4 months
- 50 Göran Löwbeer 25 years 3 months

## 4<sup>th</sup> HR rendezvous regatta in Seattle

The 4th West Coast Yachts Hallberg-Rassy Rendezvous held in Seattle, USA, April 6th and 7th on Elliott Bay. Eleven Hallberg-Rassys participated in a rally around the bouys on Saturday afternoon. It was a perfect day for sailing with a fresh spring breeze blowing 25 knots and gusting up to 30 knots. The first mark had solid poles, so one needed to be careful not going too close and at the same time not loosing boatlengths going too far away. Downwind the boats met a container freight ship.

After the race, there was a dinner and slide show presentation. John Neal, and Amanda Swan-Neal presented a program with slides from Sweden to the Canary Islands. Todd Rickart then presented his slide show of the ARC race from the Canary islands to the Caribbean, then Mike and Janice Moore presented a very informative slide show on their trip to the Caribbean, as well as a lot of great tips on do's and don'ts for cruising.

Sunday morning everyone gathered for a brunch, then sailed home. Final results of the race were

First Place: Eric Lockard Hallberg-Rassy 53 Second Place: Robert Briggs Hallberg-Rassy 46 Third Place: Ed Bulgis Hallberg-Rassy 42

## Change from shed to modern work shop

The oldest shed at Hallberg-Rassy, built in the early 60s, has been removed and replaced by a contemporary building, to match the other three work shops at HR. -The area of build of the new work shop is the same as the old shed, but everything is more modern and efficient, says Stellan Beckman, new production manager at Hallberg-Rassy. Others agree: —It is a lot easier to move around the boat and more efficient to work in this new work shop says Sven-Erik Nevala and Per Larsson. Sven-Erik and Per forms a team that lays teak deck on the HR 43. Sven-Erik has been at HR for 2 years and 7 months, Per for twelve years.



The new work shop



## Hallberg-Rassy sailor challenges in America's Cup

In December 1994 his Hallberg-Rassy 53 "Russe Noir" won her class in the ARC over the Atlantic. Today Peter Harrison is leading the British America's Cup Challenge. With the GBR Challenge, Mr Harrison put Great Britain back into the America's Cup competition again after a 14 year absence.

Having sold his business, Chernikeeff Networks, for 300 million GBP, he decided to invest a considerable amount of his time and personal finance to create GBR Challenge. The Nippon Challenge syndicate has been bought and the new America's Cup Class boat GBR 70 has been launched. Another identical boat is being built. Peter has always made clear that the GBR Challenge is being set up with future campaigns in mind. For further details, please visit www.gbrchallenge.com

### New, bigger location for HR Parts

After continuously increasing demand, HR Parts and Accessories have now moved into bigger premises. In the new building, also in Ellös, there is a shop and a showroom where for example Hallberg-Rassy clothes can be viewed and bought. There is also an increased range of parts available such as charts, pilot books and emergency flares. As usual, there is a broad range of spare parts available with over 2000 parts with photo and price online at www.hr-parts.com . The postal address and telephone number remains unchanged, Box 33, SE-474 21 Ellös, Sweden. Tel +46 304 54 990.



HR Parts new location in Ellös









### Hallberg-Rassy Cup 15-17 August 2002

On 15-17 August 2002 the third Hallberg-Rassy Cup will be held in Neustadt, German Baltic Sea. The German Hallberg-Rassy sales office is also located in Neustadt. The base is Ancora Marina, a full service marina, ideal for the event.

Many sailors come to take part in the Hallberg-Rassy Cup: the boats participating are from several different countries and a broad variety of size and age. Last time boats between 31 and 62 feet sailed the Cup, from old-timers to brand new boats.

The Cup is held for three days and it is a pleasant atmosphere, both day sailing and in the beer tent at night.

More information and application:

Hallberg-Rassy Deutschland GmbH Horst von Hörsten An der Wiek 7-15 DE-23730 Neustadt Germany Tel +49 4561 55 86 48



The 8000th Hallberg-Rassy owners: Mr Hideaki Ogawa, Mrs Misako Ogawa, daughter Ayako Ogawa, son Hideyuki Ogawa

### The 8000th Hallberg-Rassy delivered

Eight thousand Hallberg-Rassys have now been delivered. On the 22nd of May 2002, the happy customer, Mr Hideaki Ogawa from Tokyo, Japan, with family, happened to be the boat owner to receive his HR 36 No 561 as Hallberg-Rassy celebrated another record breaking number of boats delivered.

The delivery was the start of a 10 year long journey around the world for Mr Ogawa who has only brief experience of sailing boats of this size. His experience comes mostly from light catamarans which he has sailed for a few years. The trip has been planned for a long time. The boat was originally ordered November 2000 through HR's Japanese dealer, Global Marine Inc.

Mr Ogawa is retired after having been employed by the well known computer company IBM.

When asked how he came to know of Hallberg-Rassy he says he was told by a sailor friend that the HR would be the right boat for his trip around the world. He thereafter saw the boat at a boat show in Japan, read about it in Kazi, the well known Japanese sailing magazine, and also saw the boat at the London Boat Show before ordering it. He feels that Swedish products

in general have an "air of quality and safety" around them and Hallberg-Rassy in specific. Before deciding, he compared the HR with many similar size boats but found the HR perfect for his purpose.

On delivery day the whole family was represented but on the first part of the journey only Mr Ogawa and his wife Misako and their son, Hideyuki, will be on board. Their daughter Ayako will go back home to start a new job. The plan is to go through Göta canal to Stockholm and from there to go slowly down to Jersey to over winter the boat. In the wintertime the crew will return to Japan to be ready to cruise Mediterranean waters the summer of 2003. Another winter brake will take place when back in Gibraltar. The year after, the Atlantic will be crossed in order to get to the Caribbean islands for the summer. After two years there the journey will continue on to the Indian Ocean where the Ogawa's will stay for three years. Thereafter the plan is not continued, but Mr Ogawa has his mind set to continue the cruise for another three vears.

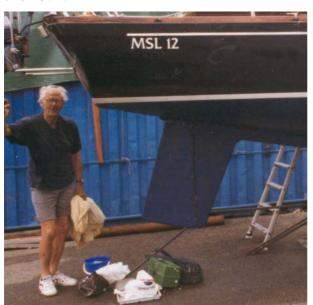
We wish them all luck on their around the world trip!

## 36 year old HR, one owner only

This Misil I was built for Mr Gunnar Laring from Sweden and was delivered July 6th 1966. Gunnar is now 79 years old and still has a lot of fun with his boat. Harry Hallberg personally handed over the boat in the yard's harbour 36 years ago. At that time home build boats were sold. Gunnar installed the interior in his boat himself. During three weeks of diligent work he built his boat from seven o'clock in the mornings until 10 o'clock in the evenings when Harry Hallberg came and turned the light off and locked the door. At that time there were only 30 employees at the yard.

During 36 years Gunnar has sailed the Swedish west coast, to Denmark and southern Norway. In the last few years Gunnar has invested in a teak deck, a furling headsail system and he has had the beautiful mahogany superstructure stripped and revarnished.

The name Laring actually is a nautical term. It is an old Swedish word that means breath of air. When Gunnar is not able to sail his Misil I himself any more, his daughter, Karin Seidal, will continue to sail the boat. That means that the boat will belong to the Laring family for many more years. The name of the boat is Felicia, which means the happy one. The Misil I is 24 feet and she was built in 120 units between 1966 and 1972.



Gunnar Laring has had his HR 24 Misil I for 36 years!



Anders Ljungkvist, meteorologist

#### Meteorologist holds lecture at HR Open House

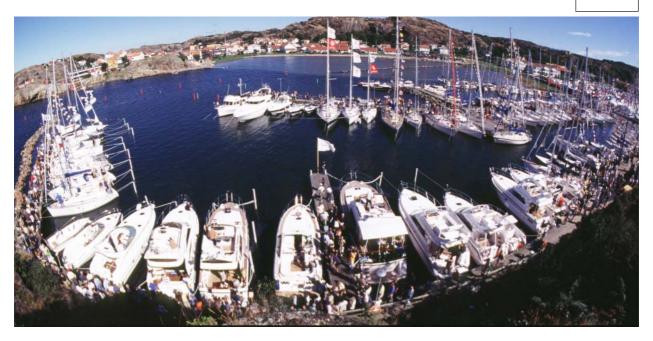
Anders Ljungkvist is a well know Swedish meteorologist. He's also a keen sailor and now an enthusiastic Hallberg-Rassy 43 sailor as well. At the Hallberg-Rassy Open House Weekend he will hold an interesting lecture on weather at sea. The lecture will be held in English. On the last page you will find out how to apply to attend.

## Elvström and Sobstad merge

Hallberg-Rassy's sailmaker, Elvström Sails in Åbenra, Denmark, has bought the sharehold majority in the US sailmaker Sobstad. Sobstad is widely known for their successful Genesis racing sails.

This means that Hallberg-Rassy owners will have even more service lofts available for their sails. From next year, it will also be possible to upgrade to advanced racing sails, for those who wish to do so.

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## Open House Weekend at Hallberg-Rassy 23-25 August 2002

As a tradition, each year Hallberg-Rassy has hosted an Open House for sailing enthusiasts from all over the world. This year the event will be held on the weekend of August 23rd through 25th. The Open House Weekend in 2001 was a huge success, 24 000 people came to the yard to see the boats and the yard. We believe that the Open House Weekend 2002 will be at least as successful.

Daytime activities

World premiere for the new Hallberg-Rassy 40. Between 1000 and 1800 Friday to Sunday the Hallberg-Rassy 31, 34, 36, 40, 43, 46, 53 and 62 will be shown on the water, as well as 49 Hallberg-Rassys under construction. We have also invited our competitors and suppliers to join us so there will be 91 new boats and 75 suppliers. There will be both power and sailboats up to 62 ft from ten different countries. There is no other on water boat show in Scandinavia where you will find so many new boats in this size range and so much equipment to look at. You are all invited to join us for an interesting weekend.

**Evening activities** 

Saturday evening at 7 o'clock we will serve an informal dinner followed by a lecture by the Swedish meteorologist and HR 43 sailor Anders Ljungkvist. Anders will hold an interesting lecture

on weather at sea. The lecture will be in English. Since there are only a limited number of seats, we would ask you to make your reservations in writing together with the participation fee at your earliest convenience. In previous years this event has been fully booked. The fee for the dinner and the lecture is 120 SEK per person, which can be paid by Visa or Eurocard. Please give us your card number, expiry date, postal address and your OK to charge the above amount. The entrance to see the boats and the yard is free of charge.

#### Accommodation

Last year the hotels around were fully booked early, so again we must stress the importance of early reservations. Please, make your reservations direct to the Hotels. We suggest one of the following hotels: Hotel Ellös Brygga, tel +46 304 50993. Mollösunds Wärdshus +46 304 21108. Nösunds Wärdshus +46 304 209 25. Hotel Sjögården Tel +46 304 51030. Quality Hotel Stenungsbaden +46 303 83100. Hotel Carlia, Uddevalla +46 522 14140. Hotel Reis, Stenungsund +46 303 77 00 11. Fars Hatt, Kungälv, +46 303 109 70. Lökeberga, near Marstrand, +46-30322 71 90, Ljungskile Turisthotell, +46 522 20 039, Bergabo, Rönnäng, +46 304 677 080.

Welcome to the HR Open House Weekend

