

# Eriksbergs Heritage Harbour

## Gothenburg / Sweden



## Heritage Harbour at Eriksberg

For many years the association Maritime in the West has worked to get a heritage harbour in Gothenburg/Sweden.

We had many meetings with the town council to get a decision about a heritage harbour.

We created a painting which we gave to the city of Gothenburg. It's showing that the traditional ships can not dock in Gothenburg.

And finally, 2016, there was a decision about a heritage harbour at Eriksberg!





## **Maritime in the West**

- The association Maritime in the West of Sweden was initiated 2010 by the Cultural Department of the West Region of Sweden.
- Our mission is to support and raise the interest of the maritime cultural heritage in the region.
- We were from the beginning involved in the new Heritage Harbour at Eriksberg.
- During all maritime activities that we have arranged, we have good experience that was useful when the harbour started.
- Our maritime activities have also increased the understanding among the traditional ships that by public arrangements the interest of the traditional ships will increase.



## **Maritime in the West experience – input to the Eriksbergs Heritage Harbour**

Based on our experience with maritime activities/events we have learned:

- The activity/event must be interesting for both ships, visitors and of course for the city/harbour.
- The event area must look inviting including program and marketing.
- There must be activities for the visitors including family and children. For example:  
Open ship, pirate ship, try sailing or sail just as a passenger, learn knots or try a rowingboat.
- Tell the story of the ship, why it was built, where they sailed and how they lived on board.
- Music – band/troubadours playing on the ships or on the piers.
- Food – visitors should feel the aroma of food and be able to eat on a restaurant.
- Create a cooperation with both maritime and non-maritime actors



Maritime Heritage Festival Björkö 2017

# Maritime Heritage Harbour Festival

## Lysekil 2017-08-19



## **Traditional ships to the Lake Vänern – 2018**

2018 we arranged a sailing with 15 traditional ships to the Lake Vänern.

We visited 4 harbours at the Lake Vänern.

In all harbours it was arranged a harbour festival with different actors.

The ships sailed a friendly "Old Ships Race" and after that it was open ship.

The crew from the ships was offered a dinner by each city.



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GÖTEBORG

The Ships lock up to Vänern



Arriving to Trollhättan at Vänern





Sailing to the North of Vänern





Maritime festival at Mariestad at Vänern

European Cultural Tourism Network

## Certificate of Award



**Heritage Interpretation 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:**

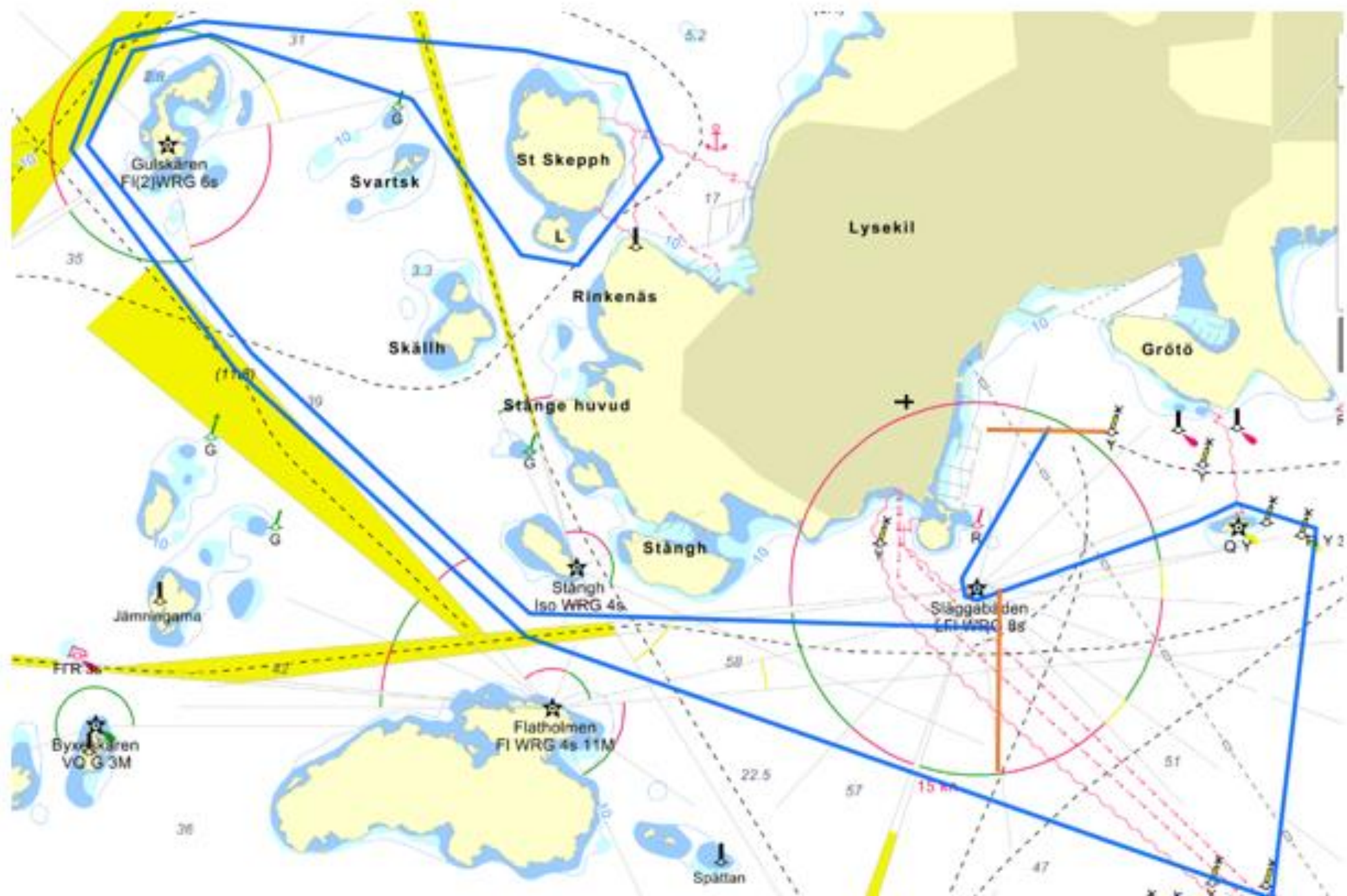
**Vänereskadern – Heritage Vessels to Lake Vänern**

by Maritimt I Väst, Västra Götaland, Sweden

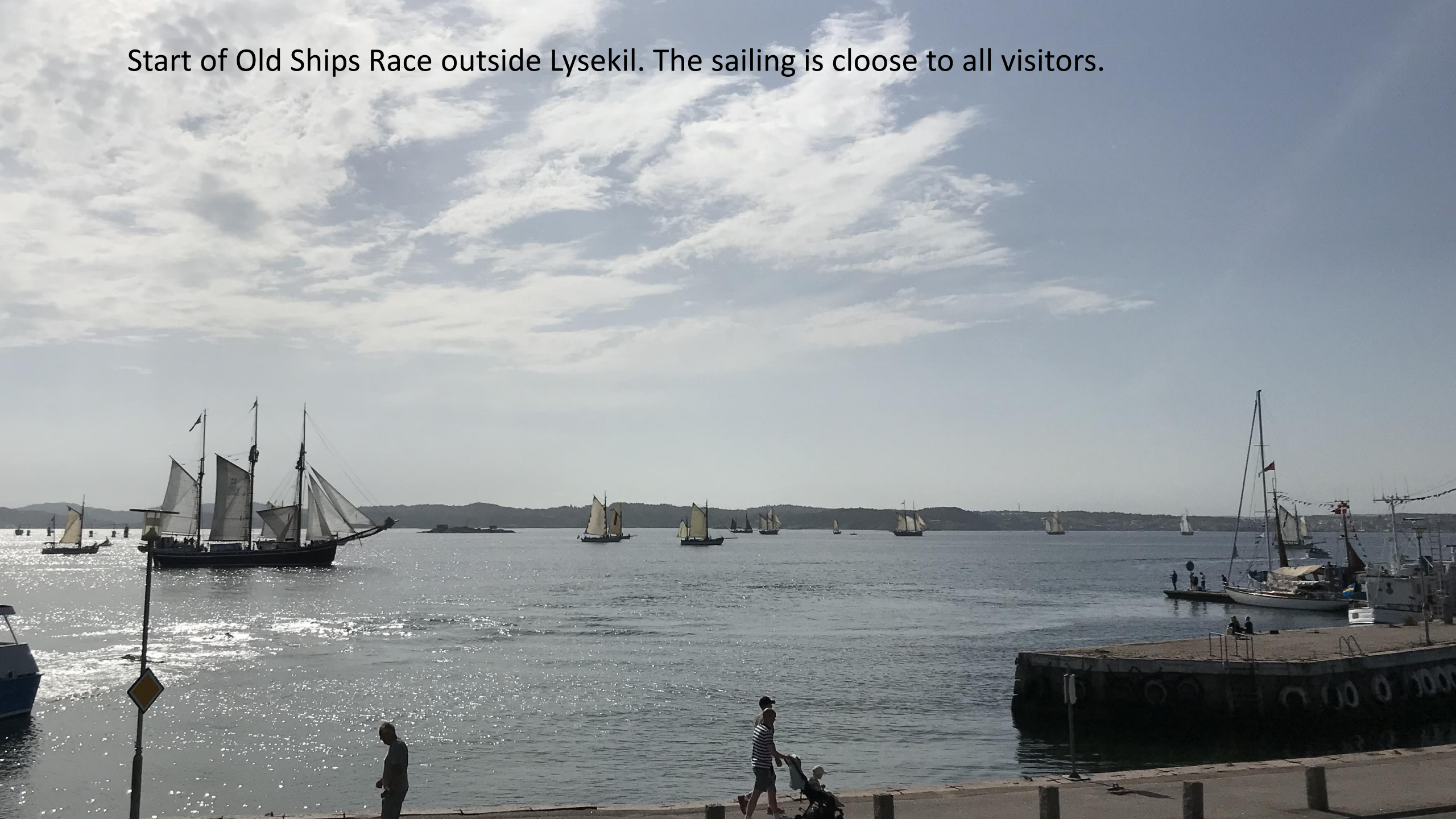




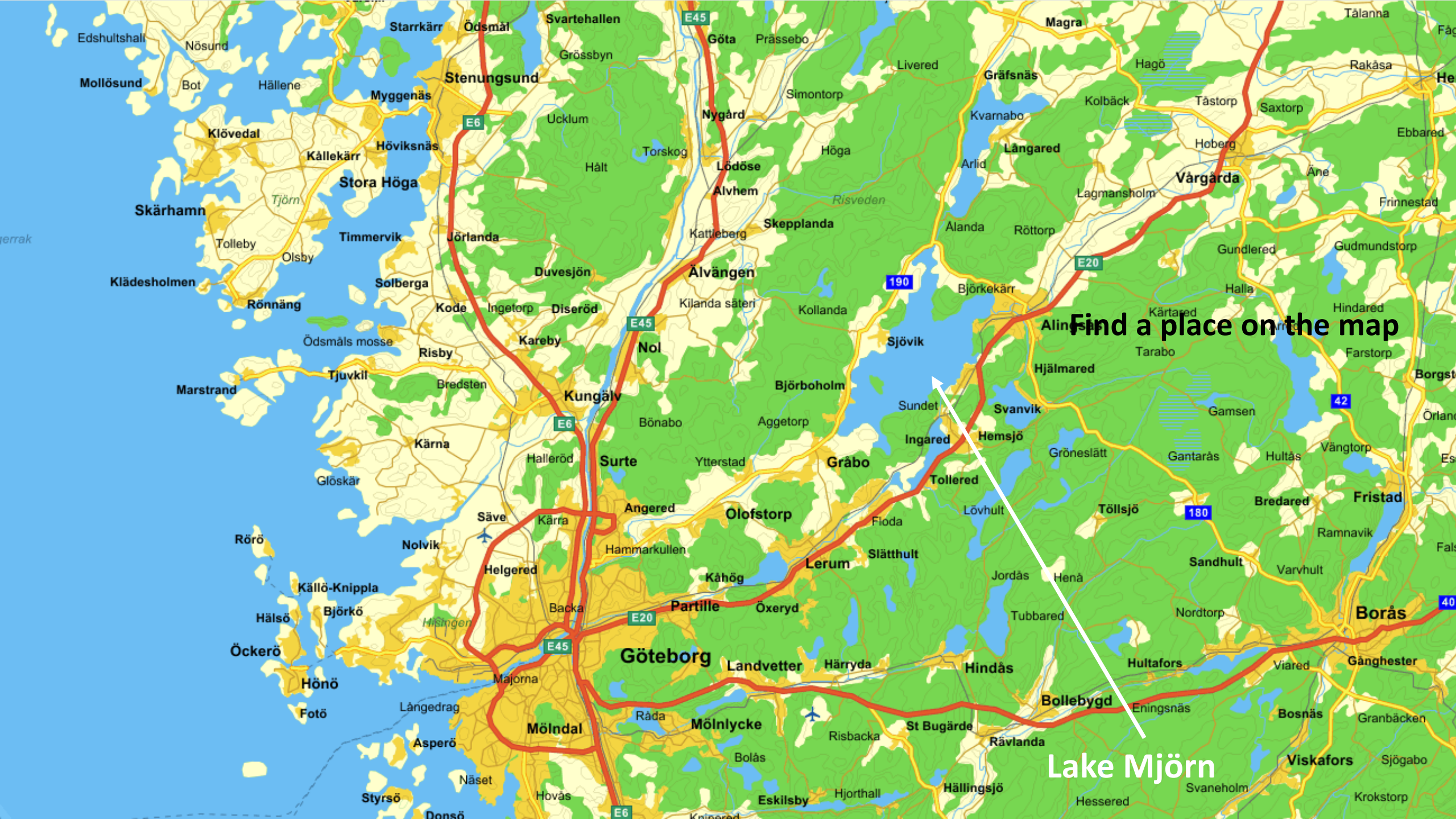
Nordic Meeting of Traditional Sailingships at Lysekil 2019



Start of Old Ships Race outside Lysekil. The sailing is close to all visitors.







Find a place on the map

Lake Mjörn



Welcome to the Maritime  
Heritage Festival at the lake Mjörn  
20-21 augusti 2022  
**Program**



**Aktörer som medverkade:**

- Alingsås Segelsällskap
- Repslageriet i Älvängen
- 10 huggare, Henåns roddklubb
- Maritimt i Väst
- Mjörns Ångbåtsförening - Ångbåten Herbert/ungdomsprojektet Slupen
- Alingsås sjöscoutkår
- ADK Alingsås dykarklubb
- Alingsås friluftsförmedling (kanoter)
- Alingsås Surfzone, Kitesurfing/vindsurfing
- Mjörns Motorbåtsklubb (ställde ut Mjörns äldsta motorbåt)
- Mjörns Sjökortsförening
- Alingsås Musikkår Kamraterna
- Bevakningsgruppen för fisketillsyn
- Republiken Risö
- Band som spelar (18.30 paus 10 min. sen till 2030)
- Sällskapet Ångbåten (berättade om Färjan 4)
- Isolda Ekonomisk förening (berättade om skonaren Isolda)
- Prisma Västra Götalandsregionen (informerade om verksamheten)

**Mjörn Steamship Association runs the 100 year old steam tugboat Herbert**



Races with old sailing yachts on the Lake Mjörn



**A rowing club showing visitors how to row this old boat from the Swedish navy**



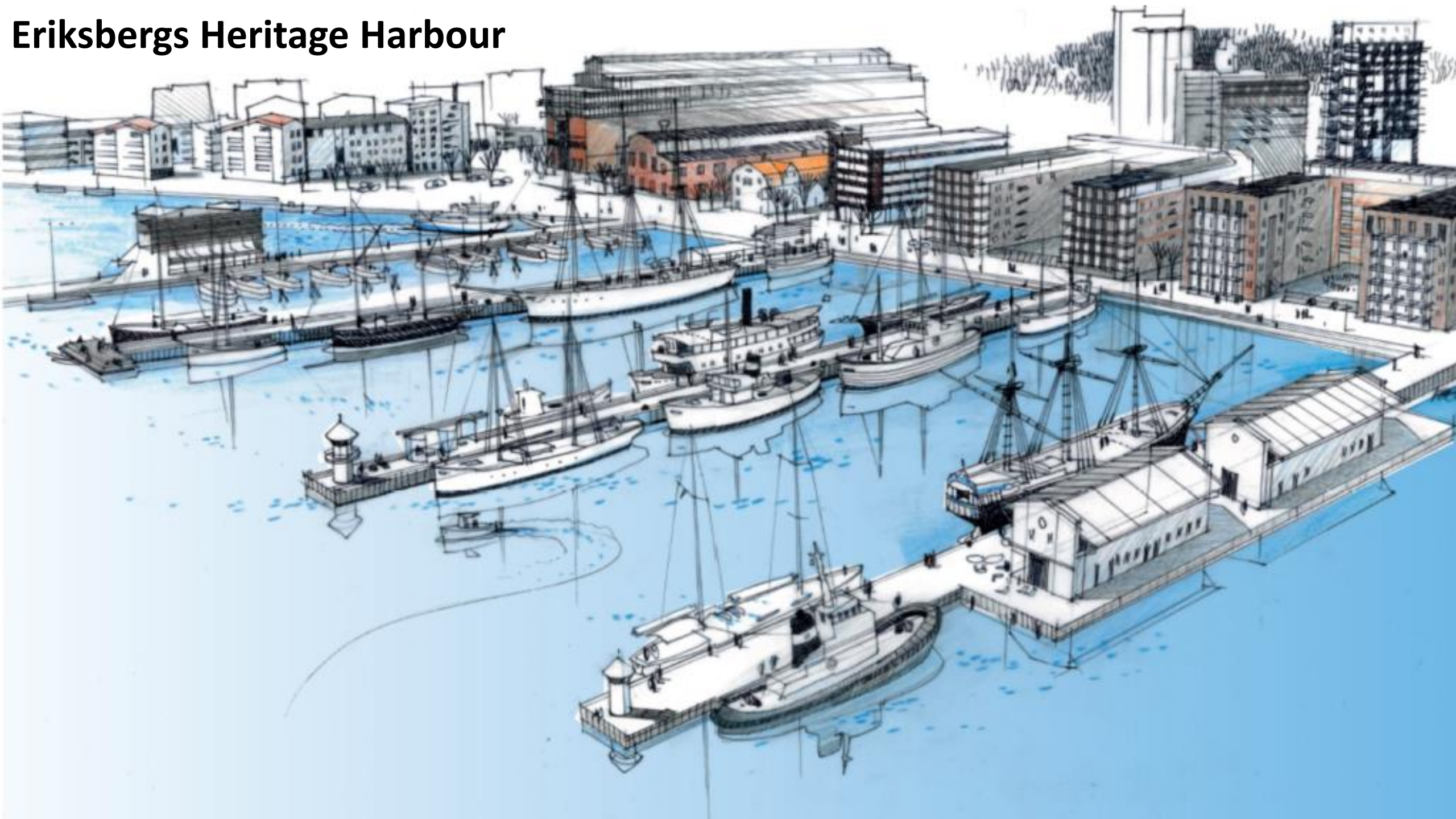
**The Ropemaker Museum shows visitors how to make rope and knots**



## The Lake Mjörn



# Eriksbergs Heritage Harbour



**Eriksbergs old shipyard 1967 – the piers were used for maintenance of ships.**



# Eriksbergs Heritage Harbour

- has developed into a functional harbour for traditional ships.
- has two masters who manage the daily operations.
- has developed into an attractive destination for both Gothenburg citizens and other visitors.
- 2022 and 2023 the harbour arranged Heritage Harbour Festivals.
- 2023 the harbour festival was a part of Gothenburg's 400 years celebration.
- During the summer, ships offers sailings for visitors and evening tours and are arranging "Maritime Adventure Sailings" for youngsters (age 15-20).
- The old steam ferry making guided tours from Eriksberg.
- Guided tours on the East Indiasailer Götheborg of Sweden.
- During the weekends you can listen and dance to live music at one of the restaurants.



# Eriksbergs Heritage Harbour Festival

## 26-27 August 2023



Ships Parade starts in heavy rain



Göteborg Artillery started the festival by firing a salute



Band playing on the schooner Mathilda







A tent with three different actors – cooperation!

Open ship for visitors



Tent with local community association



The Ropemaker Museum

# Repslagarmuseet

www.repslagarmuseet.se





The Ropemaker's Museum  
showing how to do macrame



Rowing boat for visitors



Schooner Mathilda

7 guided tours on the river – a total of 571 passengers



**The Swedish Airforce honered the festival with an overflight**



At the end of the festival the ship Götheborg  
Leaving with a salute



Eye of the Wind visiting the harbour





## **How does the future look for the harbour?**

- At the moment the financial situation is good. Our income is mainly the port dues.
- We rent the harbour area from the city of Gothenburg for a symbolic sum.
- The number of ships in the harbour, including visiting ships, is increasing.
- Gothenburg & Co (responsible for tourism/events in the city) realizes the importance of a heritage harbour. They support our activities through grants and marketing.
- The harbour festival 2024 will be arranged in cooperation with the Nordic meeting of traditional sailingships. At the moment 20 ships have confirmed participation.

Right now the schooner Isolda is under restoration, the plan is to dock her to our piers as a story telling ship.



