

Skipper with Great Focus on Female Sailors

The first boat with complete crew – up to five participants –, which is signed up for Guldborgsund Baltic Race, has Line Willum Petersen as skipper. As such, there is now two female skippers in the race.

Line is the initiator of Sejlerskolen Sejlerhjerte, based on Bogø, and she has specific focus on getting more women to sail.

“I have a newly started sailing school, and publicity and visibility are the exact reasons why I chose to sign up the boat for the Guldborgsund Baltic Race”, says Line Willum Petersen. “Additionally, also because I was a bit provoked, when I read the article: “Annika is the only female skipper, who is signed up for Guldborgsund Baltic Race this year”.

The provocation led Line to the keyboard, and on the Facebook site of Sejlerhjerte, she underlined “the need to do something about that”.

“It is in fact a sad reminder, that women do not often appear as skippers”, explains Line Willum Petersen.

She has targeted her sailing school to female sailors and just recently completed a course in Yacht Skipper 3 with eight female participants.

“Some of my course participants have been sailing quite a bit, but often women have a need to feel that they are good enough. It is my goal to give them the competences and courage enough to handle the boat even as a part of a team, so even more women get on the water and get a good experience”, says Line Willum Petersen.

On the home page of Sejlerhjerte it is described like this:

Women should take the rudder with the same ease and inclination, as when they get behind the wheel in a car. We can do exactly the same as men, but of course we must learn how to.

Line and her crew participate in the race in a 29-foot Nordic family boat.