

**The 25th International
Weser Tide Rally 2010
15th May 2010**



Official Invitation

www.weser-tidenrallye.de

A word of welcome from the town of Nordenham

Dear water sports enthusiasts, dear guests,
Water sports have a long tradition in Nordenham. The River Weser, Nordenham's main artery, has not only shaped the history of the town but also that of water sports. Nowadays water sports are extremely popular as an attractive leisure activity for the population.

One of the major events in water sports is the Weser Tide Rally which regularly takes place in Nordenham every two years. This event, which is taking place for the 25th time this year, is greatly appreciated by all water sports enthusiasts from far and near. So I was particularly pleased to be asked to take over the patronage of the anniversary event and readily accepted. In the name of the town of Nordenham I heartily welcome to our town all active participants, their families and friends, the organisers and all guests.

Many water sports enthusiasts will again come to Nordenham and set off from the marina in Großensiel after the starting signal on their way to Bremen, facing the challenges of the River Weser and competing with other sportsmen and -women. But this is not just about sporting challenges. Many participants utilise the event to make new contacts and cement existing friendships.

My thanks go to the Landes-Kanu-Verband Bremen (Bremen Canoe Association) and all the many volunteer helpers without whom this event would not be possible. I wish all participants the success they hope for, the organisers a smoothly run event and all guests an entertaining day in maritime atmosphere.

Warmest regards,
Hans Francksen, Mayor

Dear water sports enthusiasts,

On 15th May 2010 we meet for the 25th Weser Tide Rally at WSV in Nordenham. We will be travelling upriver with the tide to the Kanu-Club Rönnebeck (Silver Distance) or further up the River Lesum to the Bremer Schweiz and the TURA Bremen boathouse (Golden Distance).

Any water sport craft driven by muscle-power may take part. Those finishing the distance in the set time receive a sticker or - at extra charge - a medal with the motif of the event. Those who finish the Gold Distance receive an additional certificate.

Start: on Saturday, 15th May 2010, at 11:30 after the starting signal in Sportboothafen (Marina) Nordenham.

Distances: Silver: Kanu-Club Rönnebeck, 33 km. Finishing post closes at 15:30.

Gold: TURA Bremen, 44 km. Finishing post closes at 18:00. The ebb tide stream sets in at TURA at 17:30.

Entry fees:	DKV members	Non DKV members
Sticker	€ 5,00	€ 7,00
Sticker and medal	€ 10,00	€ 14,00
Sticker in the case of late registration	€ 8,00	€ 11,00

Registration deadline is 1st May 2010

To register please fill in the table below and send to

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Registration is valid after receipt of the entry fee. Entry fees are forfeit in the case of non-starting.

The entry fees should be paid into the account of the Landes-Kanu-Verband Bremen (Bremen Canoe Association), at the Sparkasse in Bremen IBAN: DE40290501010001068840, BIC: SBREDE22, reference „Tidenrallye“. Please include the name of your club and the name of the person responsible. Please do not enclose cash or cheques with the application form!

The organisation team looks forward to your participation: Norbert Köhler, Henry Kurth, Andreas Matzner, Ranghild Oetken, Hans-Jürgen Otten, Ronald Schnor, Peter-Josef Schüemann (Jan), Lutz Steenken, Volker Zimny.

Registration for the 25th Weser Tide Rally on 15.05.2010		
Club name		
Name of applicant		
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Persons without medal		
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Dear Tide Rally enthusiasts,

The 25th Weser Tide Rally starts on Saturday, 15.05.10, in Nordenham.

This event differs from many other rallies. We will be accompanied by motor boats from the Bremen Motor-Yachtclub, the DLRG (German Life Saving Association), the Landes-Kanu-Verband Bremen and the Water Police. The crews of these boats ensure that we reach our destination safely. Without their help the event would not be feasible.

Please follow the instructions of the boats' crews. The Lower Weser is a sea shipping lane and thus a challenging area for water sports. Waves are normal.

Possible east winds on the day of the event do not allow you to canoe in the lee along the left bank (facing upriver). Participants in such a sports rally must keep to the briefing instructions in the interests of their own safety. These are as follows:

Boats must travel between the right-hand river bank and the green fairway buoys.

We wish all participants a good run in the 24th Weser Tide Rally.

Patron: The Mayor of the town of Nordenham, Hans Francksen

Organisers: Landes-Kanu-Verband Bremen e.V. (Bremen Canoe Association)

Head of organisation: Norbert Köhler

The motif of the 25th Weser Tide Rally

The museum ship "Roland von Bremen" originated in the year 2000 as a faithful replica of a medieval Hanseatic cog on the BBV, Bremer Bootsbau Vegesack (Bremen Shipbuilders Vegesack). It now sails for the Hal över – Schreiber Shipping, Innovative Town Tourism Company GmbH. (www.hal-oever.de).

The Roland von Bremen is 23.89m long, 7.62m wide; the draft is 2m and the displacement 200t; it is powered by a diesel engine: 279 kw; or, of course, sailed under canvas.

Nautical crew: 5 max. number of persons; 75 The Hanseatic Cog often travels as a floating Bremen emblem.



As a special invitation all participants in the Tide Rally receive a voucher from the Hal över-Schreiber Shipping Company for a sight-seeing tour of the port of Bremen, worth € 9,-.

Conditions of participation:

As this event takes place in a sea shipping lane frequently used by sea-going vessels, the following precautions must be complied with in the interests of your own safety:

1. Every participant must be able to swim.
2. A buoyancy aid/life jacket must be worn in any weather.
3. The instructions of the attendant boat crews must be followed.
4. Participants in one-man boats and the responsible members of team boats must be at least 14 years old.
5. Participants who are unable to hear sound signals should please get in touch with the organisers.
6. Competition and whitewater craft are not suitable for these waters.
7. Buoyancy floats or bulk-heading, steering mechanism and tow ropes (better: perimeter deck lines) are regulation equipment. For rowing boats we advise covering bow and stern and carrying a bilge pump.
8. The organisers and their helpers are excluded from any liability for any damage to persons or property, except in the case of deliberate acts or gross negligence. The organisers are the Landes-Kanu-Verband Bremen e.V.

Miscellaneous:

The camping site of the WSV Nordenham can be used for a fee. The camping site is very large and suitable for caravans. Electricity, however, is not available.

We recommend taking a boat trolley for transport to the entry point in the Nordenham Yachthafen (Marina).

Priliminary trips and supporting programme

13.05. Trip to Brake for a meal in the fish restaurant.

Start and end: WSV Nordenham. Approx. 32 km.



14.5. Trip by ship to Bremerhaven. Tour of the Alfred-Wegener Institute for polar and marine research, www.awi.de. Return journey by ferry to Blexen and bus to Nordenham.

Evening: Multimedia talk by the Water Police Bremen "Safety in shipping lanes"

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