“The Sunshine Island” is the nickname for the geographical eastern outpost of Denmark; Bornholm. Along with its many white sandy beaches, rocky north coast and huge forests, the island is also famous for its local foodculture, breweries, golfcourses, handcraft (glass, ceramics, painters, etc.) and many amusement gardens for children.

The population of 42,000 inhabitants has always been known for their hospitality and openness towards the approximately 2 mill. tourists who visit the island each year and since 2006 they have proudly hosted many international top sailing events, i.e. the Worlds for 11 M OD, the World Matchracing Tour arranged by Bornholm Baltic Race Week/Sailingteam Bornholm (Gallery) in co-operation with the Royal Danish Yachtclub and the and with already proven results the arranging duo along with the Bornholm community are looking forward to host the biennial Royal Ocean Cup in 2013.
ROYAL OCEAN CUP
- an ORCi Race among countries in the Baltic.
9-14 September 2013

In the “old” days there was Admiral Cup in Cowes. Sailors came from all over the world to compete for the Cup during almost 2 weeks of racing – inshore as well as offshore and representing their countries.

Today there is Sardinia Cup raced under ORCi which basically forms the framework for the Cup that we will propose.

The basic idea of these cups is great – to form teams and race against each other in a number of different race types – short courses – longer courses and maybe in a future format even team-match racing.

The Royal Ocean Cup is a cup raced between countries – every country should be welcomed – and each country can be represented by 2 teams.

The location should be the island of Bornholm situated in the Baltic – as this is the most central location you could find – and the waters round the island is perfectly suited for racing. A “Round the Island” race to match the original from Isle of Wight will be part of the event.

Schedule will be:
Day 1, 09/9 - Registration and measurement
Day 2, 10/9 - Registration and measurement, opening ceremony
Day 3, 11/9 - inshore races
Day 4, 12/9 – inshore race – start of short offshore race
Day 5, 13/9 - Offshore race finish, inshore race
Day 6, 14/9 - inshore race(s), closing ceremony

The offshore race will be a race of approximately 12-14 hours duration for the slowest boat.

Inshore races shall be of approximately 1.5 to 2 hours duration.

The regatta is open to all boats with valid ORC International certificate. The race is a team race among countries. Each team will consist of a One Design boat, one ORCi class 1 (preliminary 600-750) boat and one ORCi class 2 boat (preliminary 500-600). Final decision on Group 1 and 2 will be taken after over viewing the result of the ORCi Worlds in Helsinki.

For each team the ISAF Sailor Classification Code shall apply. ORCi Class 1 boats are allowed to carry 3 Group 3 crews, Class 2 boats 2 Group 3 crews and OD boats 2 Group 3 crews. All boat to be helmed by either owner or by a Group 1 registered helmsman. Owner might be Group 3 without counting in as a Group 3 crew when helming.

2 crew members on each boat may hold a different nationality then that of the country the boat represents.

The race headquarters will be placed in Rønne – main city of Bornholm – and moorings will be in Rønne.

Accommodation facilities are great – as the social program planned.

The Royal Ocean Cup is organized by the Royal Danish Yachtclub in conjunction with Bornholm Baltic Race Week under the authority of the Danish Sailing Association and under the overall authority of the Offshore Racing Congress (ORC).