Wayfarer gathering on Ven

The enthusiasm in the Wayfarer class has ensured that a weekend gathering on the island on Ven in Øresund has been a fixed entry in the Wayfarer calendar since SWS was founded exactly on Ven on August 18th 1968. Usually the Ven gathering is shortly after Danish school holidays. Look in the current crusing calendar for the actual date.

Preparations:

Each dinghy and crew is responsible for own equipment and planning.

Sailing

It is comfortable and safe to perform flotilla sailing in a group. If you are trailing to Øresund Nivå is suggested as starting point for sailing.

The shortest distance from Denmark is from Sletten but it can be difficult to find parking for car and trailer.

You can start from anywhere. Please use a local contact person for practical information. All registered participants will get information of who is starting from where.

Alternatively Ven can be reached by ferry from København/Helsingør/Helsingborg/Landskrona - please refer https://www.visithven.dk/. Further transport on Ven to the meeting place can be on own or rented bike.

What to consider

Equipment for a weekend trip including staying overnight in tent or in the Wayfarer with a boat tent (preferred). Clothes for bad weather. Warm clothes. The Wayfarer songbook and other necessities. Practice reefing and handling the Wayfarer in bad weather. The weather on day two going back can be different from day one.

If you are in doubt of something contact the organiser or your local contact person.

The meeting place

We meet on the beach west of Norreborg Harbour. It is on the north side of Ven. This is during Saturday.

It has happened that somebody arrives already Friday evening.

Take care approching the beach. There is a large submerged stone which can be diffucult to see against sunlight.

Boat rollers are needed to take the dinghies on shore. Take care and don’t keep out of swell to avoid sand and cobbles jamming the centerboard. When the weather is nice there are lots of people on the beach during the day. We take the Wayfarers on shore westerly on the beach.

We use to raise tents on the beach as late as possible unless the weather is bad. Likewise we pack the tents early next day. To save space for tents please use boat tent if possible. The area is intensely inhabited and Allemandsretten is not in force on Ven so please show discretion.

About Ven

The Tycho Brahe museum is now in the previous Allehelgenskirke and is worth a visit!

In addition the the attractive Tycho Brahe museum the are other places to visit – either by foot or rented bike. For instance the local museum: Nämndemansgården. It is the oldest farm on Ven.

Walking around is easy an recommended. Viewable is the special nature with Backafallen towards Øresund. The sandy beach at Norreborg is steep and swimming is possible not far from the shor. The southcoast of Ven shows up with larger sandy parts and when the sun is shining the colour is turqoise.

If the weathe is fin it os usually possible to gather wood for a small camp fire on the beach with cosy common time. Don’t forget your Wayfarer Songbook and some instrument!

Enrollment:

Please make you entry via the Wayfarer calendar on www.Wayfarer.dk. I case of bad weather the event can be cancelled or postponed. All enrolled will be informed.