



## NORDDEUTSCHER REGATTA VEREIN

### Club History – The past

In 1868 young businessmen in Hamburg set up the NRV - Norddeutscher Regatta Verein - (North German Regatta Club) in order to take part in international yacht regattas and organize national and international sailing and rowing races. From the mid-1920s the NRV began concentrating solely on yacht regattas. The Club's colours of black, white and red were inspired by the North German Confederation between Hamburg and Prussia. The burgee was introduced in 1875 and the Club's first news magazine published a year later.

In 1884 H.R.H. Prince Heinrich of Prussia assumed honorary membership of the Club while H.R.H. Crown Princess Auguste Viktoria became its patron.

The NRV brought important impulses to yachting in Germany. The centre boarder *Laura*, bought by founding-member Albert Tietgens in America in 1864, is considered to be the great-great-grandmother of German yachting. NRV is also seen as the founder of **Kiel Week** (1882) and **Travemuende Week** (1889). The first regatta staged off **Warnemuende** (1900) was organized by NRV in cooperation with Mecklenburg Yacht Club.

The **Deutscher Segler Verband** – DSV (German Yachting Association) was set up on 4<sup>th</sup> of March 1888 in the NRV clubhouse. Adolf Burmester, the NRV President, was elected the first DSV Chairman.

Established back in 1903 by Albert Ballin, Hamburgischer Verein Seefahrt – HVS (Hamburg Seafaring Association) still teaches and trains young people in blue water sailing on three yachts flying the NRV burgee.

Several international and national classes owe their existence to NRV efforts. NRV applied for the National Dinghy Class to be authorized in 1909 and the 12-foot dinghy was brought to the Alster Lake in 1927. Erich F. Laeisz ordered the first Skerry cruiser in 1924, the first Sharpie in 1930 and encouraged the development of the **Star class** from 1931 onwards. Dietrich Fischer and Fietje Prien ordered the first **Dragon** in 1932.

From the early 1930s NRV yachtsmen were sailing Hummel boats on the Outer Alster. NRV also helped the **Pirate** and **FD** classes get going in 1941 and 1952 respectively.

The first clubhouse was built at Ferdinandstor in 1880. In 1932 the Club moved to the present site at Schöne Aussicht 37. This clubhouse burned down in 1943 and was rebuilt in 1947 with the energetic support of numerous Club members.

NRV Olympic medallists: Hans Howaldt, Bronze in the 8 Metre Class (1936); Werner Krogmann, Silver in the O Dinghy Class (1936); Rolf Mulka, Bronze in the FD Class (1960); Ulrich Libor, Silver (1968) and Bronze (1972) in the FD Class; Achim Griese, Silver in the Star Class (1984), Roland Gäbler & Rene Schwall, Bronze in the Tornado Class (2000).



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The NRV has a clubhouse with jetty and hoist located at the Outer Alster Lake and a clubhouse for young members at Muehlenberg Dinghy Harbour on the river Elbe. Additionally, the NRV has got berths and Club facilities on the banks of the Baltic Sea at the Marina Hohen Wieschendorf in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

The Club has over 2,000 members in Germany and abroad, 440 of them ladies and 203 juniors. The NRV Yacht Register lists 352 yachts owned by members and 100 Club boats.

The NRV's regatta yachtsmen sail in triangular and match races in German and foreign waters while other members cruise on the North Sea and the Baltic or take part in national and international offshore regattas on waters all around the world.

Young people are taught to sail in various classes of boats on the Alster Lake and Elbe River where courses led by experienced instructors are run to enable participants to obtain their yachting certificates. The NRV also runs intensive regatta training courses. Talented young yachtsmen receive particular support, especially in the Olympic boat classes.

During the NRV Autumn Cruise youngsters can gain experience in offshore sailing on ocean-going yachts like *Norddeutsche Vermoegen Hamburg* and *HASPA Hamburg*.

The NRV stages regattas on the Alster and Elbe and is co-organizer of the North Sea (Heligoland), Kiel and Travemuende Weeks.

The NRV has berths for its members at the Alster Lake, at Muehlenberg Dinghy Harbour and Hamburg Yacht Harbour at the Elbe River and the Schlei Fjord off Kappeln.

The NRV Club Magazine published six times a year informs members about activities at the Club and regatta news. A New Year's Reception, Gentlemen's Dinners, Summer Fete and the NRV Winter Ball are the highlights of the Club's social year.

To celebrate its centenary in 1968, the NRV staged a transatlantic regatta. The highlights of the 125-year anniversary in 1993 were the Hamburg Youth Championships on the Alster, the Dragon Gold Cup off Travemuende, the Star Class World Championship off Kiel and a Senate Reception at Hamburg City Hall. Lately, the NRV staged two transatlantic races in 2003 and 2007 in cooperation with the New York Yacht Club plus several other international championships supported by ROLEX as well as other well-known partners.

The NRV cultivates ties of friendship with many famous yacht clubs all over the world – relations that are constantly being expanded so its members can enjoy guest status anywhere they go.