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Sailonline.org partners with Svendborg Amatør Sejlklub and its SILVERRUDDER TEAM for the second time, to bring the virtual version of the 6th "Silverrudder– Challenge of the Sea" race to armchair sailing navigation enthusiasts around the world.

Virtual Race start time: Friday 22nd September at 1200 EST (1000 UTC)

Sailonline.org is pleased to announce that again this year, for the second time, it is partnering with the Svendborg Amatør Sejlklub and the Silverrudder Team to bring the 6th "Silverrudder—Challenge of the Sea" right to your fingertips (or mouse!).

The virtual Silverrudder 2017 on Sailonline will run at the same time as the real race allowing armchair sailors to sail against the actual boats in the race.

Sailonline will be LIVE present in the Meeting Point, and invites the public, families and friends to bring their laptop or PC, get connected to the internet and race against the real Silverrudder fleet. We will, of course, offer both guidance and hints.



Originally created in the Naval Architecture Department of KTH Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, Sweden - Sailonline.org today is probably the most realistic sailing navigation simulator game on the internet, providing a realistic, entertaining and educational platform for those who love the sea and sailing, wherever they may be around the globe. As a strategy simulator for ocean navigation, Sailonline is free to play and yet challenges both the novice and the expert, letting you sail your boat over oceans around the globe easier than you can imagine. But, as in real life, in order to sail fast and to ultimately win races, it requires full dedication, extensive practice, knowledge and working skills. There is a full and complete manual on how to sail on Sailonline to guide you, and its community of SOL'ers (one who sails on Sailonline.org) are always willing to advise and offer assistance.

Luckily, too, there are autopilots installed in all boats so that you do not need to steer manually all the time but just as in reality, the more attention you pay to adjusting your course the better you will do. You are in full sight of the entire virtual fleet, hence, Sailonline lets you race the boats you otherwise would just see from a distance or not at all.

Also, in this years Silverrudder Race, Sailonline is using the polar of a X-99 and will race directly against the 17 X-99'ers in the real fleet. At the time of writing, 427 yachts has entered the race.

For the first time in this buddy-up with Silverrudder 2017 race, Sailonline will be using the high resolution WRF weather model. WRF is a state-of-the-art atmospheric modeling system that is applicable for many meteorological simulations.

When used in conjunction with a Sailonline virtual race, it introduces the local weather elements that can influence the outcome of a yacht race such as wind shadows produced by islands and katabatic winds coming off coastal mountain slopes. This all adds to the 'realism' of the simulation and increases the virtual navigator's challenge.

The virtual Silverrudder 2017 on Sailonline.org will open for practice soon. Between now and then Sailonline has other races scheduled and everyone is invited to come and join in so that they will gain the most fun out of the virtual Silverrudder 2017.

To race, armchair-navigators should head to www.sailonline.org

It's all free.

About the "Silverrudder—Challenge of the Sea" Race

Silverrudder™ – Challenge of the Sea - is an annual singlehanded boat race, which takes place at autumn equinox this year the start goes Friday the 22th september 2017 in Svendborg on the island of Funen (Fyn), Denmark.

In 2012 the race was launched and attracted 15 tough contestants. In 2013 100 contestants signed up, among them sailors from Sweden, Germany, Sweitzerland, Slovenia and Denmark. Silverrudder Challenge 2013 was the biggest international off shore singlehanded regatta in world. This number was doubled in 2014 where more than 200 registred. In 2015 the race sold out on the third of June three month prior to race start when 330 had registred. In 2016 there were more than 400 contestants For 2017 we've had 400 slots on sale from medio December, and they were sold out in less than 24 hours.

We truely hope that the event once again will be the greatest non-stop singlehanded off shore category III race ever in the world.

As the number of contestants increase, the competition is also getting tougher. But the challenge is still the same: 134 Nautic Miles around Funen – only you and your boat!

Are you up for the challenge?

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