



XXIX Euro-African Championships 2013 29th – 30th of June 2013, Helsinki.

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1. Arriving to Helsinki

1.1 By Plane

Helsinki-Vantaa Airport is located app. 15 kilometers north from Helsinki. From airport you can take a taxi to the competition hotel Gran Marina (Address later). The taxi costs about 45-50 euros. If on a smaller budget, there is also available a shuttle bus to Helsinki railway station for 6,30€. More info on buses here:

<http://tinyurl.com/em2013airportbuses>

Depending on arrival date and time organizers will try to organize to pick you up.

1.2 By Ferry

1.2.1 From Tallinn

Ferries from Tallinn arrive to Länsisatama. From there it's best to take a taxi to the hotel.

1.2.2 From Stockholm

Ferries from Stockholm arrive to Eteläsatama, which is right next to the hotel.

1.3 By Car

At the hotel there is available for customers, in front of the hotel for 12€/day and in the parking hall for 20€/ day. The availability of hotel parking cannot be guaranteed. Public parking lots in the area are more expensive. Free parking areas are marked in the map (2.1)

2. Competition Rules

Competition rules and other information about the competition itself can be found from the document "Rules and Regulations".

3. Accommodation

The official competition hotel is Scandic Grand Marina. The Address of the hotel is:

Scandic Grand Marina
Katajanokanlaituri 7
00160 Helsinki
FINLAND

The prices are following:

Single room (one bed) 85 € / night.
Double room (two beds) 89 € / night.
Double room with extra bed (three beds) 109 € / night.

Organizers will arrange transportation from hotel to and from the Gala Dinner.

For hotel reservations please contact the Main Secretary of the Organising Committee, Tapio Salakari.

E-mail: tapio.salakari@sukeltaja.fi

More details about the hotel can be found here:

<http://www.scandichotels.com/Hotels/Countries/Finland/Helsinki/Hotels/Scandic-Grand-Marina/>

4. Boats

4.1 Harbour

All the scouting boats are located in Särkkä Island. In the dock there are showers, and toilets for the scouts.

4.2 Getting to Boats

The ferry to Särkkä Island leaves from Kaivopuisto, Ehrenströmintie 3. To get there from the hotel, it is best to take tram 3T from Kauppatori stop towards Kaivopuisto, then Step out at Neitsytpolku stop and walk south to the end of the headland. Ferries to Särkkä Island leave there every half an hour. The ferry is a small one, only for persons. In case you want to drive to the ferry port, there is a free parking area near the port (shown on the big map).

4.3 Renting Procedure & Conditions

The championship organizer will help to organize scouting boats if required. Boats are privately owned and the prices and other hiring conditions are



set by the owners. In issues regarding scouting boats contact main secretary Tapio Salakari who will send you information and prices of available scouting boats.

The boats for the competition are given to each team in a lottery, held on Thursday 27.6. It is not possible to rent the boat used for scouting for the competition days. However, if one brings own boat to the competition, one is allowed to use it in the competition.

Organisation cannot guarantee that there are GPS and/or sonar in the boats used for scouting and competition. If willing to have these for sure, please be prepared with your own equipment.

There is a boat parking fee 20€/day added to all boats.

All boats used for scouting must be returned refuelled.

4.4 Own boats

For own boats, there are also dock places in Särkkä Island. The boat parking fee is 20€/day.

Boat ramps can be found In Kaivopuisto and Lauttasaari. (Places shown on map) If you need parking space for your trailer better place to undock your boat is in Lauttasaari, Vattuniemenranta 5.

4.5 Gas station

For refuelling the boats, we recommend "Gulf Liuskasaari", which is located just a couple of minutes from Särkkä, on Liuskasaari Island.

5. Fishing Licenses

Teams that fish or simply dive in Finland waters during the training sessions (any time before the competition) must apply to organizers (SUKELTAJA ry) for a Federative fishing license. The federation fishing license (1 week) is included in the registration fee. But it is each teams responsibility is to ask the official documents before starting training sessions. These formalities are necessary even fishing is not practiced during the training sessions.

Spearguns are allowed in the boats if after or before the scouting the teams wish to go fishing outside of the competition areas, in marked training areas. Fishing outside there marked areas is forbidden. Areas can be found in the netpage

(<http://www.nordicspearfishing.com/helsinki2013/>)

In Finland you have to stay away 100 meters distance from any fishing nets or private docks or houses in the coast line.

Each boat must have visible minimum 50x50cm blue and white diver flag on the boat.

Organization is not responsible for any inconvenience caused by Coast Guard or authorities controls if competitors do not obey the existing Finland's legislation.



21 days before the competition session inside of the competition zones it is forbidden to train or do examining activities using spear guns, scuba diving breathers or underwater scooters.

Competition areas will be closed the day before the competition session (27.6 Thursday 21 pm) and it is totally forbidden to go inside of the competition areas during the Friday 28.6

It is forbidden by the law to carry spearguns uncovered in the city! Please be prepared with bag for guns, and always keep guns covered when in public places.

6. Out in the Sea

6.1 Maps

The competition areas are partly VERY SHALLOW and have many underwater rocks. Be very careful when driving and follow the map constantly. Confirm that the boat is insured or you have an agreement with the owner in case of accident

6.2 Forbidden areas

Competition area includes the military areas. They are well marked at the competition maps with green line. Training session inside of the military areas are opened for certain dates before the competition. The official (free) dates for scouting Military zones are Tue 25.6, Wed 26.6 and Thu 27.6. Outside these three dates scouting is also allowed but not closer than 100m from military islands (totally forbidden to land!). These island are clearly marked with yellow signs on ashore. Scouters must have Passport and/or ID with them in the boat. Do not enter military areas outside these dates as there might be military trainings with live ammunition. Training in these areas means that all the people at the official training boats must have official permit to enter these areas and passport with them (organizers will apply the permissions). It is totally forbidden to land on any islands inside military area. Anchoring in military areas is forbidden. The military informs public only 14 days before they have live ammunition training in the military practice zone so we can not be yet 100% sure if there is any training or not in June. But the large military island Isosaari is no longer in active use so most likely there is no training in June. We have one competition organizer as officer in military, so we are well informed of any training activity and will have a confirmation of possible military training days before June. Bottom line: If there is military live ammunition training (that can mean any kind of weapons) going to happen in June we will know about it and make sure every team knows – to be sure teams must after arriving consult organizers before starting scouting. These military areas are never spearfished before. So it is great opportunity all competitors. Each team must provide the name lists of all members in delegations that are going to enter military areas at any point (Full name, passport number, date of birth, nationality, place of birth, occupation)

6.3 Weather and water conditions

Dress warmly as conditions may change rapidly (fog, storm) or if you face engine failure or hit rocks. Also thick suits (7mm) are recommended, due to low water temperatures.

Make sure that you know your location all the time and have mobile phone and necessary phone numbers with you (emergency number is 112).

There is no notable tide in the sea area in front of Helsinki.

6.4 Wrecks and ammunition

The front of Helsinki is packed with wrecks. They are protected by the law, so remember never to do any damage to wrecks. Fishing is accepted but do not

remove objects, anchor on top of them or do any other kind of damage. If unexploded ammunition (bombs, grenades, etc.) is found on the seafloor, do NOT touch it. In such case, please take the coordinates up and inform the organization after the day.

6.5 Water traffic

Big passenger ferries' waves and surge can be big. When you anchor your boat close to island and rocks, very good and cheap equipment for avoiding collisions is rubber rope (about 5m). Apply rubber rope between the anchor and the anchor rope and your boat will be safe during scouting. When anchoring, choose location so that boat will not hit rocks or land. After anchoring check it by diving.

As competition zones are in front of the capital city there are many leisure boats around. You should always keep one person in boat out of the water to monitor the other scouting. When scouting, buoy must be used in all cases. It is also recommended that the buoy is attached to the diver when in the water.

7. Equipment and spare parts supply and service

7.1 Spearfishing equipment

The Finnish spearfishing equipment supplier SF-store will have a booth at the competition hotel for three weeks before the competition. You can get weights and spare parts, fins, guns, suits etc. there.

7.2 Boat Equipment

Boating equipment (spare parts, GPS, sonars etc.) can be found from boating stores, such as Maritim, Captains shop, found in Veneentekijäntie, Lauttasaari.

7.3 Miscellaneous

Warm overalls and cheaper sonars etc. can be found from "Hong Kong" stores. (<http://www.hongkong.fi/fi/>)

8. Medical Care

First Aid (Doctor and emergency boat) is available in competition. All competitors must have a medical insurance. If medical help is needed before actual competition there are several private hospitals in Helsinki (Mehiläinen 24h, Diacor etc.) For emergency situations call 112

9. Important Phone Numbers

112 – PUBLIC EMERGENCY NUMBER

+358 204 1000 – SEARCH AND RESCUE

10. Contact Information

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In Helsinki you should contact competition coordinator Mr. Eliel Kilkki who will organize practical matters; delivering the boat, payments and the renting contracts.

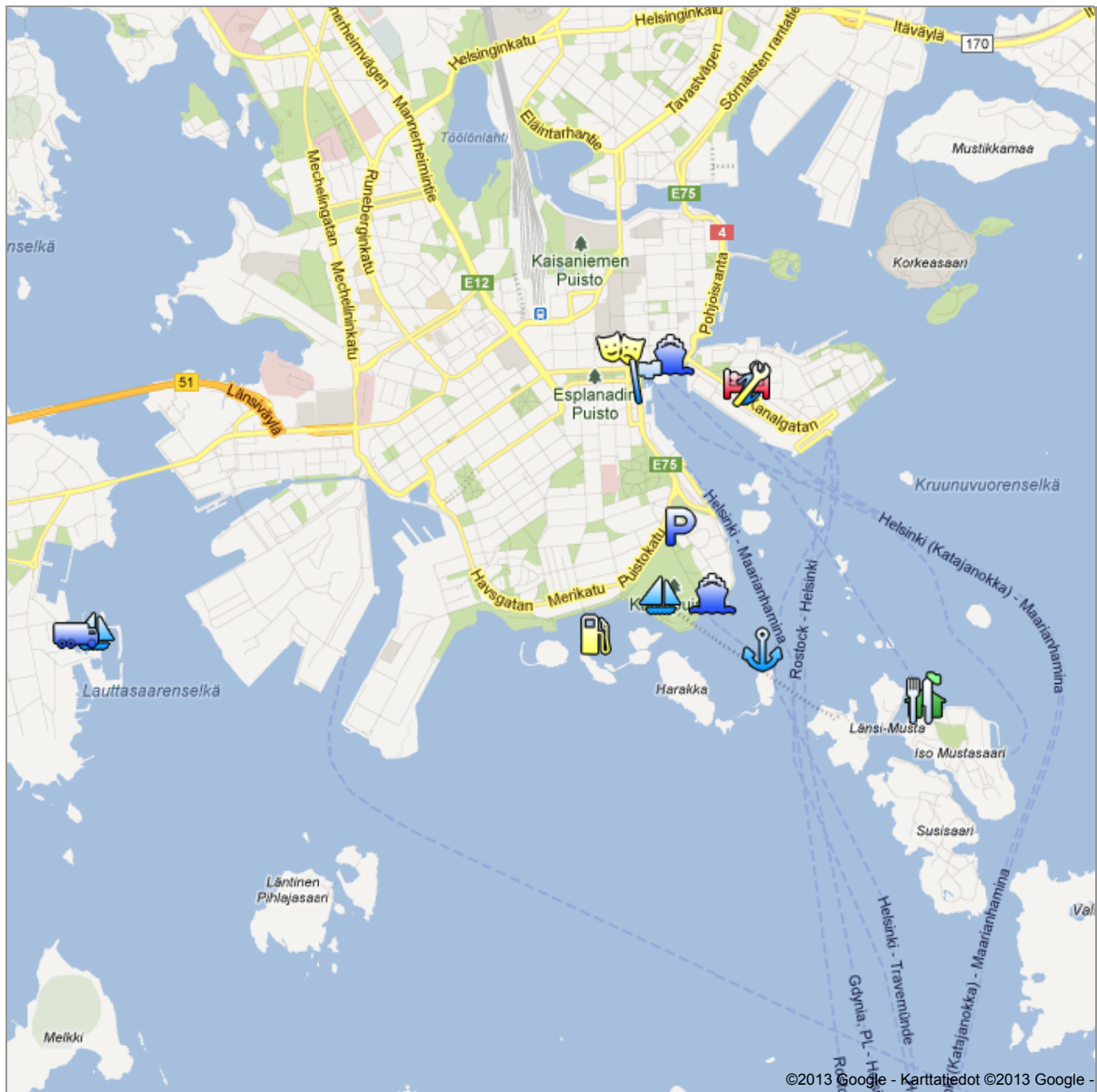
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Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/351462838272240/>

All further information will be added to the facebook page.

11. Site map and important locations



Spearfishing Euro-African Championship in Helsinki 2013

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Luontipäivämäärä: huh 19 · Kirjoitti [Eliel](#) · Päivitetty < 1 minuutti sitten

-  Boat Ramp - Lauttasaari
-  Scouting Boats Dock + Showers
-  Competition Hotel Scandic Gran Marina
-  Competition Office
-  SF-Store - Spearguns, Weights, Spare Parts
-  Competition Harbour - Viron allas
-  Weighing and Ceremony Stage

-  Gala Dinner
-  Gas Station for Boats - Gulf Liuskasaari
-  Free Long-term Parking (For Scouters, NOT for trailers)
-  Trailer Parking
-  Ferry Connection to Särkkä
-  Klubi 20 - Competition restaurant
24.6 ---->
Competition menu every night at 20.00 for 20€
-  Hostel Suomenlinna
Accommodation of Team Finland
-  Boatramp - Mattolaituri
-  Ferries to Suomenlinna

The whole map can be seen at <http://goo.gl/maps/8eyF2>

WELCOME TO HELSINKI!