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SILJA – 8mR (1930) – Ready to Race and/or Cruise! - Specification



Name	SILJA
Designer	Johan Anker
Yard / Build	Anker & Jensen - Asker, Norway / 1930
LOA / LWL:	14,60 m / 9,48m
Beam	2,65 m
Draht	1,90 m
Sailarea:	78m ²
Displacement	9,0 to
Hull & Deck	Mahogany close planking on steam bent or laminated ash ribs and galvanized steel ribs (every 3rd). Sawn oak frames in the bottom. Teak deck. Gunwale renewed as glued T-construction.
Location	Flensburg, Germany



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Want to become an 8mR sailor? Why don't you start from the very top?

One of the fastest classic eights ever is ready to take her new owner to great adventures and podiums.

8mR Silja has an exceptional history and unparalleled track-record that only a very few classic eights can match, and no replica can dream of.

Since winning the 8mR World Cup in 1975 with the current owner, Silja has finished in TOP 5 on every regatta, Worlds or Europeans she has participated.

In 1930's Silja went to win Norwegian King's Cup, multiple Kattegat Cups, silver medal at the 1936 Olympics and indeed the 8-Metre World Cup in 1970 and 1975. Until today Silja has retained her competitive edge and maintained her position among the absolute top eights on the 8-Metre World Cups (Sira Class), finishing 4th in 2002, 2nd in 2008, 4th in 2013 and 9th in 2017 despite losing her mast and missing two last races. In 2016 Silja became 3rd in 8mR European Championships.





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General description

"SILJA is one of the most successful eights ever built", writes John Lammerts van Bueren in his book >>The Great Eights<<.

95 years of history in only three families!

- Silja was built 1930 by Olaf Ditlev-Simonsen (Club KNS / sail number N-26) and stayed in Ditlev-Simonsen family and Norway until 1966 .
- Years 1966 – 1972 Silja sailed in Clyde, Scotland under the ownership of Dr H.J.Weir (RN & CYC / K-26).
- 1972 Silja was bought to Finland by Krister Ahlström and Joni Hertell. Since 1990 Silja has been owned by Krister Ahlström (NJK / FIN-9). Today Silja has remained over 50 years in the same family, under uncompromising professional care and frequent sail & gear updates! This guarantee that Silja is an exceptionally solid and high-performing eight. She is equipped for both serious racing and convenient cruising.

To recap the latest major renovations;

- Full refit under the waterline in 2004-2005.
- New Yanmar engine 2005, now engine hours ~300
- New rudder 2016
- Brand new Steve Killing designed Klacko Spar racing mast, rigging and sails (North Sails Main and Genoa #1 Heavy) from 2019.
- Hull painted with Awlgrip 2021.
- Exterior varnish renewed 2023-2024.



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Traditionally Silja is known to love heavy weather. Her current crew together with the on board-sailmaker have developed her overall-performance making Silja competitive throughout the wind range.

Since 1972 Silja has been maintained by professional yards and craftsmen. More than three decades under the meticulous care of Granström's Båtvarv in Finland include a complete underwater restoration in 2004-2005. Her rudder was renewed in 2017.

Due to dismasting in the 2017 World Cup in Hankø, Silja got a new top-notch racing rig for season 2019 from Klacko Spars in Canada, including new North Sails Main and Genoa #1.

List of equipment includes Harken winches and deck hardware, carbon fibre spinnaker pole, B&G sailing / wind instruments, dual transducers, multi data units and forestay load sensor.

Silja comes with an extensive sail inventory including new North Sails main and G1 heavy that were designed and made together with the new rig. The new sails (2018) have never been raced, yet.

For cruising, Silja is equipped with Yanmar diesel engine and side inlet shaft (removable), dacron main sail with lazy-jack system, furler, B&G Zeus Touch chart plotter, pantry, five bunks, heater, porta potty, and a cockpit / saloon table.

After the new rig's sea trial in 2019, couple of covid-years extended her stay in Norway. Winter (and summers) 2017-2021/2022 she was in good hands at Holmen Yachtværft in Oslo. They repainted her, maintained all the varnishing and even kept her in the water every summer. 2022 Silja was cruise-sailed to Jakob Jensen Bådeværft in Copenhagen. During winter 2022/2023 Jakob Jensen Bådeværft is working on her varnishing. After cruising the seasons 2023 and 2024 in Southern Denmark, Silja is now professionally maintained by Yachtværft Robbe & Berking Classics in Flensburg.



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