



## CONTESSAZEILERS NEWSLETTER NR.25

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### Wintermeeting 2023/2024

There is always a lot of interest in these meetings; the one on March 16th was a success, partly due to the special location and the delicious buffet provided by Riemer and Aranka. Photos and a report of this meeting are of course on the website.

So we want to organize another one next spring. Suggestions from you regarding the location, topics and possible speaker(s) are very welcome.



## Summer Rally 2024

Northern part of our country this year. The choice fell on Hoorn, 1st weekend of September. The weather gods were kind to us. Unfortunately three ships had to cancel, due to mechanical problems and family circumstances, but for the remaining participants it was a successful event. Many thanks to Rob Kolster, with his famous the breakfast with fried bacon and eggs. He made a report for the website, which the English CO26 and CO32 organizations are also happy to use



## Eugénie Nottebohm

After rounding Cape Horn, she gradually sailed north along the Chilean archipelago with her Contessa 32 “Giulia”. When it is summer here, it is winter there. “Giulia” went ashore there around May and since then she has been busy giving presentations and translating her book into Spanish. Her history and her journey have attracted a lot of attention, which has resulted in interviews on radio and TV. Not only in Belgium but also in Argentina and the USA! When she returned to Chile, she was unpleasantly surprised that a rat had chosen her ship as a winter home. It had gnawed at all the cables. The thickest, most essential cables fortunately not to the core, so that she was able to repair most of them. She reports on this on her Facebook page. She has decided not to travel much further north during the coming summer period. She is going to explore the area around Puerto Montt.



## 2025 - Contessazeilers Benelux - 20 years

This event "Benelux Contessa Rally 2025" is now starting to take shape.

Date: 29-31 August 2025, location: Marina Sint Annaland.

A preliminary registration can now be made via the website. The first to do so were the owners of an English Contessa 32. Activities include pontoon party(s), admiral sailing, (fun) race, BBQ and live music on the closing night.

The intention is to have at least one of all Contessa series-built by Jeremy Rogers. That would be a unique event. From the CO25 to the CO43. Because a few types are still missing in the Netherlands/Belgium, we will have to persuade foreign owners to come to the Netherlands for this event.

Once again a request to you: If you come across a Contessa 33 or Contessa 39 somewhere on your travels this summer, try to point them to this event and ask them for their contact details.



**CONTESSA 33**



**CONTESSA 39**



## **Contessa 32 in “Deining”**

Jim Post want to make a topic about the history of the Contessa 32. On July 17th he spent half a day in Sint Annaland on board “Ondine”. He took many (photo) shots both inside and outside and he followed me from the harbor master's RIB for shots under sail. Because the magazine is only published twice a year and the subject has to fit in with other subjects, the topic will probably not be published until the end of next year. So please be patient.



## **Vacancy “board” Contessazeilers Benelux**

As you know, we are not an official club with an official board, but the activities are organized by 6 sailors who call themselves the "Contessamannetjes".

Two sailors who were committed to this have now sold their Contessa and two have indicated that they cannot free up enough time when their commitment is requested. That is why we are looking for reinforcement.

In principle, we meet physically once a year for an evening to discuss things. Furthermore, we have contact several times a year via zoom/teams and we have a WhatsApp group. Whoever is interested can contact us via the email address below.

## **Financial contribution to club treasury**

A small voluntary contribution to the club treasury is very welcome. This will cover the costs of the website Contessazeilers.com and the bank costs.

We have been able to maintain a constant buffer of approximately €700 through these voluntary contributions, the sale of caps and flags and the contributions from Contessa owners who offered their boats for sale via our website. This has decreased slightly in the meantime. The intention is for the costs of the summer event to be borne by the participants, but a slightly higher buffer would be sensible for any unexpected setbacks. We also want to invest in new, better quality club flags, the design is being worked on.

You can transfer money to account NL53 ABNA 0476832012 in the name of I.P. Versluis, stating ‘Contessazeilers’.

If anyone would like a copy of the most recent financial overview, please let us know via the email address below

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