



## **Havspaddlarnas Blå Band**

### **Rules to conquer the Seapaddler's Blue Ribbon of Sweden**

Valid as of 2014

1. Start and finish must be announced by e-mail or letter to:

**Havspaddlarnas Blå Band (HBB)**  
c/o Lennart Bergström  
**Ringvägen 13, 331 43 Värnamo, Sweden**  
**Mobile: +46 (0)70 - 587 18 80**  
**E-mail: lb@havspaddlarnasblaband.se**

Minimum age at start is 18 years, Starting fee is not applied.

#### **Starting point:**

The land-abutment of the old Svinesund Bridge on the Swedish side of the Svinesund sound. The bridge spans across the sound between Norway and Sweden.

#### **Finishing point:**

The border marker N° 59 at the outflow of the Torne River at Virtakari point on the Swedish side just south of Haparanda town - see drawing on HBB's homepage under page links. The river forms border between Finland and Sweden. The trip is concluded when the paddler pats the border marker.

#### **Starting notification**

Must be done by e-mail or letter and contain following information:

- Name of paddler
- Age at start and day of birth
- Address, including e-mail address if available
- Home phone number and mobile phone number
- Link to homepage/blog reproducing log book during the tour
- Type of kayak – model and brand
- Safety equipment carried
- Start date should also be included. As the weather situation is unpredictable this date is considered preliminary
- Once under way the paddler should without delay give the correct date by SMS or by a call

#### **Have you remembered ...**

... to read and ponder upon the signification in Jim's texts at page 'About HBB' as well as last in this page and what his words tell about loneliness and strains.

#### **Abandoned tour**

Must be notified by SMS or call.

#### **Finishing notification**

Must be done by e-mail or letter within a week after finish and contain following information:

- Confirmation of the previously indicated starting date
- Date for finishing i.e. when touching border mark N° 59
- Number of paddling days
- Distance paddled in kilometres
- Paddlers who, as a memento of the trip wish to have their own handmade HBB miniature kayak personalized with their name, can obtain one at the cost which currently is 400:- and the paddler should in this case indicate it in the finishing notification.



The trip should be undertaken in a single kayak. All provisions and equipment such as physical maps or charts should be carried on board the kayak from start. Change of kayak is not allowed nor is organized following support by car or else.

Should a kayak be stolen during the tour may however a new kayak be fetched with support from the outside.

2. Repairs should be made by the paddler himself, why a repair kit ought to be part of the equipment. Should damages of such extent occur that the paddler is not capable of within reasonable result make the repair, remains the fact to abandon. If engaging help from the outside one always got the alternative to make a new application and restart from Svinesund or continue from the spot outside HBB.
3. Each daily distance and spot for campsite should carefully be marked out on physical map/chart (scale at choice) and entered in a log. All days including day of start and finish are considered fully paddling days. The trip should be completed within one and same calendar year.
4. The entire tour should be undertaken in the sea without portages. The paddler's route at sea should thus be possible to draw as a coherent line from start to goal. It is allowed to paddle through all canals without locks.
5. For propelling the kayak only the use of paddle is allowed.
6. There are no checkpoints along the route. Each paddler's kayak-honour is a guarantee of that the rules will be complied with. After completion the paddler will give an account of the tour before sitting jury. Alternatively could a paddler post (return postage enclosed) or in person hand over physical maps/charts, log and a statement saying: **“With my kayak-honour at stake, I have taken part of the rules, understood them and complied with them”** to:

**Jim Danielsson, Stråkvägen 24, 169 35 Solna, Sweden**

Documentations of the tour will be returned or be available to pick up after the jury's decision. The scrutinising by the jury shall be possible to take place within the present year.

7. All those, who according to the rules, complete the paddling, will be awarded the Seapaddler's Blue Ribbon, regardless of how many days the paddler has used. Any paddler is free to obtain the Seapaddler's Blue Ribbon more than once.
8. Each paddler's name, age, year of completion and number of paddling days will be put on display in a glass show-case with a styled miniature kayak and a blue ribbon at Svima in Solna.
9. In case the slightest doubts concerning the rules should arise, ask for information before the start. Nothing would be more painful for a jury than to reject a trip on the grounds that the paddler has taken too lightly on the rules.

**The meaning with the rules for obtaining HBB is that the paddler  
after own ability, own navigation and with good seamanship  
shall carry the tour through by own strength and navigate the  
craft in to port without any support from the outside.**

**AS ALWAYS: THE RESPONSIBILITY IS YOURS**

