



# OCEAN CRUISING CLUB™

## Arctic Rally: Bergen – Lofoten; 600nm from 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016

- Aim:** Cruise in company with freedom to stop, change route and timing to suit individual needs.
- However, there will be gathering points where scheduled activities will take place.
- Norway can have a very unpredictable weather but the summer light and scenery will always be there together with plenty of snug harbours and sheltered coves to hide in if needed.
- Activities:** Guided tours to maritime historic places.
- Learn and participate in traditional net and line fishing and preparation of the catch Norwegian style. Tuition will be given.
- Visit local fish farms and fishing communities.
- Hikes
- Route:** The Coast from Bergen to Lofoten is possible to sail inshore nearly all the way. There is only one difficult short passage of approx. 20nm around Stadt but there are very nice sheltered ports on both sides.
- We like to visit some of the outer old fishing villages that have good harbours. The descendants of the families that used to live there only use these villages in the summer months. Some offshore sailing required but will only be visited by the Rally if weather is settled.
- Timing:** Official start from Bergen tentatively Monday 06 June 2016. This should enable the yachts to reach the Arctic Circle when there is midnight sun and give plenty of time for those that want a leisurely cruise back home or those more adventures that want to include Spitsbergen in the summer of 2016.
- Organisation:** There are three OCC PO's on the west coast of Norway and these will assist the Rally participants.
- SY-Jenny* will participate in the Rally and with her North Norwegian skipper and wife who has done the same distance 6 times will provide local knowledge and other information needed.

Interested participants should contact Jan Isaksen, PO Bergen by mail to [jan@sy-jenny.no](mailto:jan@sy-jenny.no) or club secretary Rachele Turk: [secretary@oceancruisingclub.org](mailto:secretary@oceancruisingclub.org)

There will be an admin fee of £50.- to cover cost of planning and of course a rally burgee.



Midnight just south of the Arctic Circle



Eli with a 15 kg cod in Lofoten 2008



Jenny in Lofoten 2008