



THE NORTH AMERICAN STATION
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Dear Members of The NAS,

There were a couple of oversights in my last letter.

While I mentioned "our new NJK governor representative, Henrik Roos," I neglected to explain that, after 45 years of dedicated service as NJK Representative, Governor, Post Captain, Cruise Chairman, Songmeister and other roles, Lars Colliander has found Henrik, his replacement as NJK Representative and Governor, and stepped down as Representative and Governor. We are extremely grateful to Lars for his leadership and many contributions and expect Lars to continue as trusted adviser, Songmeister, and other roles to be determined.

I also neglected to include the following excellent report on Junior Exchange by NAS member Dan Orem.

The junior exchange is a wonderful and exciting opportunity that everyone who can should take advantage of. I truly had some of the best weeks of my life this past summer, in Stockholm and Sandhamn Sweden with Fredrick and Carina Olsson, who were extremely kind to me, learning to windsurf and sail small keel boats. For anyone who is thinking about doing an exchange, once you have found a possible host family, I urge you to Skype them because it is much easier to get a sense of what the family is like and address any questions or concerns you might have over video calls than email. One of my biggest anxieties going into the exchange was that not many people would speak English and I wouldn't have a clue what was going on when I participated in larger events like the ÅF inshore race. This did not turn out to be a problem at all because almost every I met was a proficient English speaker, and also were kind enough to converse in English around me for my benefit. All in all this was one of the best experiences of my life, and I strongly encourage everyone to do an exchange in Scandinavia.

P.S. The first two pictures are taken by a professional photographer while I was sailing in the ÅF inshore race - I, on the boat Ballard, owned by the brother of the commodore of the KSSS (I think). The third picture is of me playing bago at the last day of a sailing clinic, taught by former Olympic gold medalist Jörgen Sundelin, for small keel boats I participated in along with some kids from the St Francis Yacht Club and the KSSS.



Sincerely,

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