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The famous Folkboat or Folkebåd in Scandinavian, was created during World War II year 1941, following a design contest for the Scandinavian Yacht Racing Union. Since no winner could be chosen from the numerous designs, Tord Sundén (1909-1999) was asked

to make the best of the submitted designs. This resulted in the wooden clinker-built Folkboat of which some four thousand have since been built. The most famous Folkboat was British Blondie Hasler's Jester. The OS-TAR initiator ended second in the first edition of this solo Transatlantic race of 1960. Since then many derivatives have been built in GRP, as well as Folkboats, Marieholm IF, Contessa 26, Invicta and Aldebaran. In the German harbour of Maasholm on the river Schlei, Mike Peuker and Katja Vaupel run 'Klassisch am Wind', a Folkboat business offering charter, sail training and flotillas. Their four Folkboats are wooden clinker-built originals of which the Jacaranda from 1946 is the oldest Danish Folkboat still sailing.

Passport Folkboat

L.o.a. 7.64m Beam 2,20m Draft 1.20m Displacement 1.930kg Material wood, clinker Design 1941 Tord Sundén (Sweden)

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KLASSISCH AM WIND 'CLASSIC CLOSE-HAULED'

Running a Folkboat business near the Baltic Sea, sailor's paradise

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Photo's Mike Peuker

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hat's so much fun about sailing a Folkboat? It is the charm of a fifty to seventy year-old wooden boat. Living wood smells different, there's no plastic to be seen. Other sailors watch with admiration how we moor under sail. One is close to the elements, with only minimum equipment. But it's sufficient. Nights spent under the typical Folkboat cockpit-tent with wine and an oil lamp. And don't forget the excellent sailing qualities, simply inviting you to rush off and set sail. Maasholm is the last small village on the river Schlei before it arrives in the Baltic Sea. The Modersitzki shipyard is located here, next to some fish-restaurants and a minimarket. Four beautiful wooden Folkeboats head back there at the weekends to say goodbye to guests and to greet new sail adventurers on board. Mostly they go off again in the direction of Danish waters or the Isle of Als, only a short daytrip away. Four years ago Mike Peuker and Katja Vaupel founded the family charter business 'Klassisch am Wind-Folkeboatcharter Ostsee/Schlei' and for the last three years Maasholm has been the base for their small charter fleet.

The pride of the fleet is Jacaranda. She was built in 1946 and her sailnumber 3 is the oldest original Danish Folkeboat still sailing. Working with wood and varnish as well as sailing needs to be



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in your blood, otherwise this would be the wrong place for us. Our guests are not just nameless numbers but potential Folkeboat sailors, enthused with empathy for our classic boats. Our company offers charters, training, or pleasure trips. Join us on our flotilla trips or come simply just for fun and get to know each other during our traditional end May Folkboat event in Arnis.

See you soon on our beautiful river Schlei! Katja and Mike Odense Odense Denmark Germany Maasholm Kiel Schlei Arnis

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