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SAIL NORTH 2011

HÚSAVÍK - ICELAND



A sailboat festival will be held in Húsavík, July 25th - 31st in 2011, with emphasizes on traditional sailing vessels.

The festival is intended to appeal to sailing enthusiasts from Northern Europe. One part of the festival will be a regatta, around Grímsey Island (crossing the arctic circle) and back. Possibly also including the herring town of Siglufjörður.

The same week in Húsavík every year there is the so-called Húsavík Festival, where amongst other things the settlement of Swedish viking Gardar Svavarsson is celebrated. Gardar was the first nordic man to discover that Iceland was an island and after circumnavigating it he stayed in Húsavík for a winter in 870.

The protector of "Sail North 2011" is the renowned explorer and writer Arved Fuchs.

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In recent years Húsavík has built up tourism associated with coastal culture and the town now beholds Iceland's only traditional gaff-rigged sailship, Schooner Haukur. Haukur is seen here escorting Dagmar Aaen out from Húsavík in 2006.



Arved Fuchs at the helm onboard Dagmar Aaen in Húsavík. Dagmar Aaen first visited Húsavík in 1993 then on her 4 years "Icesail" expedition.
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