

Dear everybody,

Just an update on the Dutch open and some ideas about hotel facilities. The website will be <http://www.nsr.nl/> at the moment there is still a lot of things from last year's racing which will give you an impression.

The North Sea Regatta is the biggest sailing event in Holland.

Participating on 5 different race courses both big boats and dinghy's. It's the owners of the X-yachts and similar boats we like to show the 5.5 because we do need some new Dutch owners and this is the best way to find them.

Facilities are very good. There is a big terrain near the harbor where you can get your fresh orange juice, your cappuccino and sandwiches before the racing. When you arrive back the hospitality tents are in full swing with beer, bands, snacks, fish, burgers etc. In the evening there are parties with famous bands and all the sailors and ladies around which make it lots of fun. If you are not in the party mood in Scheveningen and Den Hage a lot of top restaurants are situated. The beach clubs are lovely for the ladies.

Last year we had tropical conditions 25 degrees and 15-18 knots of wind. The sea has some current and the waves are short and choppy. The racing area is not very sheltered.

The racing will be staged at this harbor parking for the racing will be at the Houtrijtsweg (south side of the harbor)



(for parking at the harbor you get a card for the whole event for 15 euro, you can get out an in as often as you like)

You will need to arrive on Thursday 20-5-2010 for craning in the afternoon. Monday 24-5-2010 is usually a full racing day so you can either stay in Scheveningen on Monday or go halfway home.

De closest option (walking (not with full sailing gear) or biking distance, bikes for rent) free parking near the hotel  
Hotel Maurits <http://www.hotelmaurits.nl/> no outside terrace etc, room clean and okay we stayed there last year, book early about 90 euro per room

Second option close to the beach  
<http://www.badhotelscheveningen.nl/> not free parking 18.50 per 24 hours price rooms about 90 euro, on the harbor (is south side of scheveningen village, which is north of the harbor)  
Erik and Nicolette stayed there and said its okay

Third option  
Carlton Beach Hotel  
Gevers Deynootweg 201  
2586 HZ Scheveningen, Nederland  
183 kamers  
Luxurious with beach club, swimming pool etc more on the north side of Scheveningen  
Parking 17.50 book it trough a hotel site like hotels.com its cheaper than direct

I can get it through weekendje weg  
<http://www.weekendjeweg.nl/hotels> fo 125 per night , if you book directly its 200 euro per night

if you opted for the badhotel you could keep the car parked near the boats and bike to the hotel, the carlton might be a bit too far for that option

There is sufficient public transport to get in Den Hage and surroundings

If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask

kind regards  
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