



**8th World-Wide Navigational Warning Service
Sub-Committee Meeting
Ålesund, Norway (12 - 16 September 2016)**

Logistics Information



The Norwegian Coastal Administration (NCA) is pleased to welcome you to Ålesund for the eighth WWNWS meeting. NCA is also pleased to provide the following logistical information for the meeting, and to invite you to contact Trond Ski (trond.ski@kystverket.no) should you require any additional information or assistance.

Meeting Location

The meeting will be held at the Quality Hotel Waterfront in downtown Ålesund.

Address: Nedre Strandgate 25-27, 6004, Ålesund, Norway

Tel: +47 70 11 19 00

E-mail: q.waterfront@choice.no

Web:

<https://www.nordicchoicehotels.com/quality/quality-hotel-waterfront-alesund/>



On Wednesday 14th the conference facilities onboard MS Richard will have been booked. The vessel will depart from Ålesund at 0930 for a cruise in the fjords and will arrive back in Ålesund at 1715. Web:

<https://www.hurtigruten.co.uk/our-ships/ms-richard-with/>

Social activities

A reception will be organized on Monday 12th at the local aquarium. Furthermore a social dinner will be organized on Thursday 15th at the Quality Hotel Waterfront. Further information will be made available at the first day of the meeting.



Visa

You will need to apply for a visitor visa before you come to Norway if you are not from a visa-waiver country. Check the Norwegian Directorate of Immigration website (<https://www.udi.no/en/>) for more details.

Currency

The currency in Norway is "krone", plural "kroner" (sign: kr, code: NOK). The name translates into English as "crown".

Rates at March 2016: 1 USD = 9,0 NOK/ 1 EUR = 9,9 NOK/ 1 GBP = 12,7 NOK

Credit cards are a usual method of payment in Norway, so you should be able to use your credit card at all shops, bars, taxis, airport shuttles and so on.

Accommodation

Delegates are expected to make their own accommodation arrangements. Ålesund has a wide choice of hotels and accommodation to suit all budgets and needs. The city center is rather small, so every hotel in the city should be within walking distance from the meeting location.

A special room rate has been provided by the Quality Hotel Waterfront. The room rate is NOK 850,- with breakfast. The additional rate for companions is NOK 200,-. Please make your booking directly to Ingrid Strømsheim Vinje (ingrid.vinje@choice.no), copied to Trond Ski (trond.ski@kystverket.no) using the booking code "WWNWS". You are invited to contact Ingrid at +47 70 11 19 31 should you require any additional information regarding your stay at the Quality Hotel Waterfront.

No arrangements have been made with other hotels, but you will find the following hotels in close proximity to the meeting location:

Clarion Collection Hotel Bryggen

Address: Apotekergata 1-3, 6004, Ålesund

Phone: +47 70 10 33 00

Web: <https://www.choicehotels.com/>

First Hotel Atlantica

Address: Rasmus Rønnebergsgate 4, 6002, Ålesund

Phone: +47 70 11 73 00

Web: www.firsthotels.com

Hotel Brosundet

Address: Apotekergata 5, 6004, Ålesund

Phone: +47 70 11 45 00

Web: <http://www.brosundet.no/en>

Radisson Blu Hotel Ålesund

Address: Sorenskriver Bulls gate 7, 6002, Ålesund

Phone: +47 70 16 00 00

Web: <https://www.radissonblu.com/en>

Scandic Parken

Address: Storgata 16, 6002, Ålesund

Phone: +47 70 13 23 00

Web: <http://www.scandichotels.com/>

Scandic Scandinavie

Address: Løvenvoldgata 8, 6002, Ålesund

Phone: +47 70 15 78 00

Web: <http://www.scandichotels.com/>

Scandic Ålesund

Address: Molovegen 6, 6004 Ålesund

Phone: +47 21 61 45 00

Web: <http://www.scandichotels.com/>

Thon Hotel Ålesund

Address: Kongensgate 27, 6002 Ålesund

Phone: +47 70 12 29 38

Web: <http://www.thonhotels.com/>

Airport

Ålesund airport is located 18km from the city center. There are direct international flights to Amsterdam, Alicante, Copenhagen, Gdansk and London Gatwick. Furthermore there are several daily flights to the Norwegian capital of Oslo with connections to a vast numbers of international destinations. Web:

<https://avinor.no/en/airport/alesund-airport/>

Airport Transportation

There is an airport bus service to Ålesund city center. The travel time is about 25 minutes.

Taxis are also available at the airport and will take you to the city center in about 15 minutes.

Electrical power

The residential voltage in Norway is 230 V and the frequency is 50 Hz. Electrical sockets (outlets) in Norway are one of the two European standard electrical socket types: The "Type C" Europlug and the "Type E" and "Type F" Schuko. If your appliance's plug doesn't match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter in order to plug in. If it's crucial to be able to plug in no matter what, bring an adapter for all three types.

- ✓ "Type C" European CEE 7/16 Europlug
- ✓ "Type E/F" European CEE 7/4 or CEE 7/5 Schuko



230V/50Hz

Ålesund



Ålesund is a town and municipality in Møre og Romsdal county, Norway. It is a sea port, and is noted for its unique concentration of Art Nouveau architecture. Ålesund Municipality has a population of 45 000, while the greater Ålesund urban area has a population of 50 900.

Ålesund is built on a row of islands extending towards the Atlantic Ocean. The compact old city centre is thus surrounded by water. From the city there is a beautiful view of the Sunnmøre Alps in the East. Most attractions are available within a short-medium walk and much of the joy of seeing Ålesund is to be found in just strolling past the many art nouveau shops and other buildings in the city centre.





From the city park 418 steps will take you to one of Norway's most visited tourist attraction, the viewpoint over Ålesund. At the top there is a café where you can recover your breath while enjoying a drink with the view over Ålesund and the surrounding mountains, fjords and islands. There are also walkways that allow you to walk around in natural surroundings while enjoying the view.

The local aquarium, The Atlantic Sea Park, is the biggest salt water aquarium in Northern Europe and is built into a stunning environment in the Tueneset conservation area. The seal tank is the largest construction for sea mammals in Europe. The aquarium offers a range of activities, including diving.

More information about Ålesund and Sunnmøre can be found at:

<http://www.visitnorway.com/places-to-go/fjord-norway/alesund-sunnmore/?lang=uk>

Weather

Last September the average daytime temperature in Ålesund was 16,7°C. Max daytime temperature was 22,3°C and minimum night time temperature was 7,7°C. September tends to be a little bit wet with around 60% chance of some rain during the day. Last September the average daily accumulated rainfall was 3,6 mm. September might be a bit windy as well with a chilly breeze that makes you want to dress up for outdoor activities.

To sum it up, you should be prepared for mild days and cold nights with a good chance of rain and some chilly winds. Since the weather can vary a lot in September we would recommend you to check the weather forecast a week before your trip to get an updated forecast. You will find the national weather service at: <http://www.yr.no/>.