

Motala Express

Steamer society

Welcome as a member of the steamer society which started in the spring 2007. The origin of the society is Askersunds steamer society. The main purpose of the society is to contribute to keep on using s/s Motala Express, one of the absolutely oldest remaining coal-fired steamers, on the lake Vättern.

The society will also encourage the interest of the steamer culture, preferably around Vättern. The society is currently, in 2008, located in Motala.

As a member you are supporting our work.

At present we are building a web site which will contain more specified information about the work of the society.

The owner of Motala Express is Ångfartygs AB Stockholms Omgifningar who also own other steamers.

The initiative of the acquisition of Motala Express was taken by K G Knutsson.

Earlier (1962-2005) the steamer was owned by Rederi AB Kind who currently is operator.

During the last years a very extensive repair and maintenance work has been made and today the ship has an engine which is totally renovated.

If you want to become a member of the Motala Express steamer society the annual membership fee is 100 kr.

Junior (younger than 18 years old): 25 kr.

Junior (younger than 18 years old): 50 kr if the family don't have a membership.

Companies and societies: 200 kr.

When you have decided to become a member, name and address have to be stated.

We are also grateful if you inform us about your social security number and your e-mail.

The giro number of the society is 28 11-8.

For more information please visit the web site www.ssmotalaexpress.se

The wheel has come full circle - The steamer Motala Express has returned to Motala where it all began with the virgin ride of the steamer in August 1895.

She is one of the most remarkable passenger ships of our country..

The ship is called "Vätterns fånge", the prisoner of the lake Vättern, since she is too big to pass through the locks of Göta Kanal.

The ship is a K-classified utmost well preserved floating cultural heritage.

She represents cultural history that reaches over three centuries.

To go on board on the ancient steamer will not leave anyone unmoved.

A visit in the engine room is highly recommended.

The ship was built by Sandwalls varv in Jönköping, later Jönköpings Mekaniska Werkstad. AB Motala Expressångare placed the order.

She was classified to contain 300 passengers but today it is barely half the number.

Motala Express is 34 metres long and nearly 7 metres wide so she is too big to leave Vättern.

The top speed is 15 knots but nowadays she only runs with a speed of 8-9 knots

The engine was from the beginning coal-fired but was changed to use oil in 1952.

1980 it was changed again to be coal-fired.

During the summer culture travels will be arranged around the whole Vättern where a lot of the harbours will be visited.

The ship has a modern kitchen and also license to sell alcoholic beverages.

Music/minstrel will entertain on certain cruises.

There is a souvenir shop aboard where you can buy postcards and CD:s.