



Sparkman & Stephens Association

2024 International Meeting and AGM



Enkhuizen's Drommedaris tower



Enkhuizen harbour

Plans for the 2024 Annual Meeting are now complete. As previously advised we will gather in Enkhuizen, one of the most scenic towns that the Netherlands has to offer, on **14-16 June 2024**. Currently about 60 members will be attending but there are still spaces available so please let us know if you'd like to come along (see contact details below).

On Friday we will catch up over an informal Indonesian buffet dinner. On Saturday our race officer will set a course on the IJsselmeer for some serious sailing*, followed by the prize giving and formal dinner (dress code smart ("tenue de ville") at the Snouck van Loosen Hotel. We will round off the weekend on Sunday with the AGM and lunch at Enkhuizen's most iconic building: the Drommedaris tower.



For those who plan to bring their own yacht to Enkhuizen – and we are already expecting a good number – berths will be reserved in the Royal Dutch Sailing & Rowing Association's Buyshaven Yachtharbour. A discounted rate has been negotiated for those staying more than a week. Enkhuizen is easily reached by sea: via Den Helder and entering the IJsselmeer at Den Oever, via Terschelling and Kornwerderzand, or via IJmuiden, through the North Sea Canal, passing Amsterdam and crossing the Markermeer to Enkhuizen.

Should you arrive in the Netherlands by plane or ferry, Enkhuizen is easily reached by train (72 minutes from Schiphol airport, one transfer). The train station is a ten-minute walk from the yacht harbour where we will be based, and close to the town centre.

Enkhuizen has plenty of options for staying ashore. You may consider booking at:

Hotel Snouck van Loosen, <https://hotelsnouckvanloosen.nl/>, info@hotelsnouckvanloosen.nl, +31 - (0)228 - 72 26 72;

Hotel Die Port van Cleve, <https://deportvanclleve.nl/>, info@deportvanclleve.nl, tel. +31 – (0)228 – 312 510;

Hotel De Koepoort, <https://www.hoteldekoepoort.com/en/>, info@hoteldekoepoort.com, +31 – (0)228 – 314 966.

There are also several apartment hotels nearby but accommodation is going fast so please book soon.

If you wish, we will try to organise a berth on one of the yachts.

To see what Enkhuizen has to offer, take a look at <https://www.visitenkhuizen.nl/en/to-see-and-do/>

The cost of the event will be **€165 per person**. Payments are due by **May 18th** and various options are available which will be advised to you if you let us know you'd like to attend on the email below.

Warmest regards and looking forward to seeing lots of you in June for another enjoyable weekend.

Pauline Arnold, Margriet Kroes, Roland van Loenen and Jan Schiereck

To reserve a place please email as soon as possible to: agm@sparkmanstephens.org

*If you'd like to join a crew for the race please bring sailing gear.