

# 43<sup>rd</sup> Convention 2025



## A knot tying us in a square of friendship

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### WELCOME TO ÅLAND

Alandia Square Dancers rf are happy to welcome all square dancers and callers to the Åland Islands and Square Dance Convention 2025. In June 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>, the Åland Islands thrive with early summer blooming, and we are going to do our very best to create lovely days filled with fellowship, happiness and dancing together with you.

Siw Kyrkslätt, President  
Alandia Square Dancers rf



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# Callers



## Michael Gerkman

Micke grew up on Åland, but now lives in Norrtälje, Sweden. When square dancing came to Åland in 1991, he started dancing. He started calling in 1993. Now he calls B-A2 and holds classes for Eightmakers and Oakhill Square Dancers. He has called in Finland, Norway and Denmark and three times at the Swedish Convention.



## Hanna Tenenbaum

Hanna now lives in Malmö, but was born in Poland. An early hobby was horse riding, American Style, and at a meeting with her club some square dancers appeared and demonstrated their dancing. After dancing a bit, she was hooked on square dancing. Now she calls B-A2, but dances up to C1. She is a member of Callerlab, DACT and SACT. She regularly calls for a club in Denmark and has called in Europe and the USA. 2025 will be her fourth time calling at the Swedish Convention. Recently, she has called at two Conventions in the USA.



## Ett McAtee

Ett is from Severn, Maryland, USA and has been dancing since 1987. She started calling in 1989 and now she calls SSD through C4. During the COVID pandemic, Ett was one of the first callers to provide square dancing by way of zoom calling. Today, she still has several groups of regular zoom dancers at Advanced, C1 and various upper challenge levels. This is the first time she calls at the Swedish Convention.



## Christer Bern

Christer lives in Karlskrona, southern Sweden. He started square dancing in 1982. As early as 1983, he led his first Basic class together with his wife. He has become loyal to his club and still calls there every week. He has called around the Scandinavia and Europe and also in the USA, including Hawaii. In addition to four Danish Conventions, he has also called at six Swedish Conventions. Christer calls B-C1 and is a member of Callerlab and SACT.



## Hunter Keller

Hunter is from Billings, Montana, USA and grew up with square dancing in the family. He started dancing himself in January 2004 and started calling in October of 2004. He now calls B-A2. In 2006, he became a member of Callerlab. Hunter has called in 46 states in the USA and in Canada, but also in Europe, Japan, Taiwan, Australia and New Zealand. He has also called once at the Swedish Convention.



## Joachim Rührenbeck

Joachim is from Wuppertal, Germany and he graduated in 1980. He started calling in 1981 and now he calls M-C2. His specialities are hexagons and octagons. Joachim works for EAASDC as a consultant for hearing aid technology in the dance sector. In addition to Germany, Joachim has called around Europe as well as in the USA, China, Australia and New Zealand. He has also called once at the Swedish Convention.



## Barry Clasper

Barry is from Toronto, Canada. He started dancing in 1973 and has been calling since 1984. Now he calls B-C4. He is a member of Callerlab and was its chairman in 2013-2015. Barry has travelled widely, calling in Canada and USA, as well as Europe, Japan, China, Taiwan and New Zealand. It is the first time he is calling at the Swedish Convention.



# Schedule



# Hotels

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of June

16.00 Information/Registration  
and cafeteria open  
18.00-21.00 Trail End Dance

## Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> of June

9.00 Information/Registration  
and cafeteria open  
10.00-11.00 Dancing together  
11.00-16.00 Dance  
16.00-17.00 Official opening ceremony  
17.00-21.00 Dance  
20.30-23.00 Archipelago Cruise  
21.00- Pub night

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> of June

9.00-11.00 SAASDC 's annual meeting  
11.00 Information/Registration  
and cafeteria open  
11.00-12.00 Open air dance  
12.00-17.00 Dance  
17.00-18.00 Information from SAASDC  
Presentation of Convention 2026  
18.00-21.00 Dance  
21.00- Afterparty

## Monday 9<sup>th</sup> of June

9.00 Information/Registration  
and cafeteria open  
10.00-11.00 Pyjama dance for everybody  
11.00-12.00 Closing ceremony  
12.00-16.00 Dance  
16.00-17.00 Dancing together  
17.00 Convention 2025 closes

When booking a hotel room, enter the code  
**Alandia Square Dancers**

- Park Alandia Hotel (1,3 km from the dance halls)
- Hotel Savoy (1,6 km from the dance halls)
- Hotel Pommern (1,5 km from the dance halls)
- Hotel Esplanad (1,2 km from the dance halls)
- Esplanad Suites (1,2 km from the dance halls)
- Hotel Cikada (1,4 km from the dance halls)
- Motorhome pitches, including electricity,  
are reserved at Gröna Uddens Camping  
(0,8 km from the dance halls)

More information  
about the hotels and  
how the bookings are  
made can be found on  
our website

[www.convention2025.se](http://www.convention2025.se)

Online  
registration closes  
14<sup>th</sup> of May 2025

# Registration and pricelist

| Payment before<br>31 <sup>st</sup> of March | Adult,<br>€ | Youth under<br>26 years, € | Payment after<br>31 <sup>st</sup> of March | Adult,<br>€ | Youth under<br>26 years, € |
|---|-------------|----------------------------|--|-------------|----------------------------|
| All weekend                                 | 60          | 30                         | All weekend                                | 70          | 35                         |
| 2 days                                      | 45          | 22                         | 2 days                                     | 55          | 27                         |
| 1 day                                       | 30          | 15                         | 1 day                                      | 40          | 20                         |
| Trail End Dance                             | 10          | 5                          | Trail End Dance                            | 10          | 5                          |

# Payment

Upon registration you will receive a booking number. Please enter the booking number when paying the fee to Alandia Square Dancers's account in Ålandsbanken, Nygatan 2, AX-22100 Mariehamn, Åland, Finland

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Alandia Square Dancers rf has decided to only use **euro** at Convention. In addition to cash, it is fine to pay by card.

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# Activities



# Contact

## Event area

### Baltichallen

Västra Ytternäsvägen, Mariehamn, Åland

Coordinates: N 60.0858 E 19.9464

### Ytternäs school

Västra Ytternäsvägen 57, Mariehamn, Åland

Coordinates: N 60.0845, E 19.9443

## Lunch

Lunch is served in Ytternäs school (100 m from Baltichallen) at 11.30 to 14.00. Cost: 15 euro. Lunch is to be booked with registration for the Convention before 14<sup>th</sup> of May 2025.

## Cafeteria

There is a main cafeteria in Baltichallen and a smaller one in Ytternäs school.

## Archipelago Cruise

Come and enjoy the Åland archipelago with Sunnan II on Saturday evening. A light buffet is served and drinks are available for purchase at the bar. Troubadour is included and the journey takes 2-3 hours. Limited number of seats, registration no later than 31<sup>st</sup> of March. Cost: 60 euro.

## Pub night

Socialize at Club Marin on Saturday evening for those who are not going on the Archipelago Cruise. Club Marin is located in the Eastern marina in Mariehamn. Lighter buffet food for 19 euro. Drinks are available for purchase at the bar. The pub evening is booked at the same time as registration for the Convention, no later than 14<sup>th</sup> of May.

## Afterparty

Welcome to dancing and socializing in Baltichallen on Sunday evening. A light dish is served. Dancing to live music. Cost: 29 euro. Drinks are available for purchase at the bar. A lovely surprise appears during the evening. The afterparty is booked at the same time as registration for the Convention, no later than 14<sup>th</sup> of May.

## About Åland

Åland is a self-governing province within Finland. There are roughly 30,500 people living on Åland, of which 39 percent in Mariehamn, 54 percent in the countryside and 7 percent in the archipelago. Self-government means that the Ålanders have the right to make laws about their internal affairs and have budget power. We have our own flag, our own stamps, our own top-level domain (.ax) and our own representation in the Nordic Council. Since 1995, we belong to the EU, but we are outside the EU's tax union. Finland's NATO membership does not affect Åland's demilitarized status. Read more about Åland at [www.aland.ax/en](http://www.aland.ax/en).

## Find your way here

There are several ferry options from both Sweden and Finland. From Sweden you can travel from Grisslehamn, Kapellskär or Stockholm and from Finland from Naantali, Turku or Helsinki. Information is available on [www.visitaland.com/en](http://www.visitaland.com/en).

## Contact Us

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