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## Life at sea – simpler, safer, and perfectly sustainable

**Alukin combines a passion for boats and the archipelago with genuine engineering expertise and a keen interest in their customers' needs and desires. Now they have joined forces with Nimbus Boats to make a simple, sustainable life at sea a reality for even more boat lovers – beyond the Nordics too.**

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Between them, the couple Maria and Peter Nikula have a wealth of experience – her from marketing and business development and him as a boat designer and engineer. When they set out to start their own business, the choice seemed obvious. “We simply took our skills and experience and applied them to our shared passion for boats and the archipelago,” says Maria. “The first boats we made were boats that would suit our lifestyle.” And the name? “We took our surname and flipped it!”

While the boat enthusiasts found inspiration in their own needs and desires, their range of boats was developed to suit professionals who use their boats every day and often in extreme weather conditions. That Peter knew more than a thing or two about aluminium was fortunate to say the least. “It’s amazingly sustainable and completely recyclable, which is of course great for the environment and our waters. But aluminium has many advantages: it doesn’t require any maintenance to

get it ready for the spring, and our well-designed aluminium hulls give fantastic driving characteristics at all speeds.”

### Boats for work and leisure

The characteristics of Alukin’s boats make them attractive for a number of different types of boat lovers. Active fans of the archipelago get quality and sustainability combined, and the hassle-free nature of the aluminium design makes Alukin the perfect choice for anyone who wants to own a boat without having to spend hours on end on maintenance. “Many of our customers have a holiday home in the archipelago and need to be able to nip to and from the mainland quickly and easily,” Maria explains. “Others live and work on the islands, and then there are island-based businesses

in need of a means of transportation for materials, people and machinery.”

Alukin designs and manufactures everything from open boats such as bowriders and sport fishing boats to different types of cabin boats, in addition to the ‘Work’ series, boasting five different boats with bow ramps to make it easier to bring along machines, quad bikes and other awkwardly shaped or heavy items. All boats are made in Roslagen, Sweden.

### A receptive approach

Whatever the model, every Alukin boat comes with a number of customisation options. “You might want to adapt the interior or the placement of the thwarts or storage compartments. We’ve also created a number of tailored designs for different professional practices and hobbies such as diving and fishing,” says Maria. “This is key when it comes to ac-

cessibility as well: if, for example, you’re in a wheelchair, you’ll need a wider door, collapsible thresholds and space for the wheelchair itself.”

This is exactly what led to the creation of the latest addition to the Alukin boat family: the Alukin SCR 950, a larger aluminium weekend boat developed on request of a customer keen on a more spacious version of the existing Alukin SCR 850. “No problem,” was Peter’s answer when asked, and the result was a boat that takes everything that bit further in terms of interiors and comfort, including a separate loo and an exclusive textile material that helps manage noise levels. “Unbelievable receptivity and interest in making the boat as good as possible for the client, all while advising me based on their expertise,” was the customer’s praise. “Few suppliers can strike this balance, but Alukin does it very well.”

This year brought more news, also on an organisational level, as Alukin joined forces with Nimbus Boats in order to improve accessibility for boat lovers across Sweden and beyond. With impressive growth of 30 per cent over the past few years and a growing interest also throughout the rest of Europe, this seems like a wise move for Alukin and certainly good news for those considering buying a boat. “It means that buying a boat is easier – and we can offer test runs in more locations,” says Maria. “It feels great. Nimbus is Scandinavia’s leading boat manufacturer, and we share a passion for boats, technology, construction and design, which makes for a very bright future.”

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Top left: All Alukin aluminium boats are manufactured in Roslagen, and proudly labelled as such, but this year, the company joined forces with the industry leader Nimbus Boats in order to make a simple, sustainable boat life more readily available for a wider audience. Below left: With a shared passion for boats and the archipelago and experience of everything from business development to engineering and boat design, Maria and Peter Nikula founded Alukin.