

Clear blue sky, strong winds and Dubside during Stocken Symposium - Orust - Sweden

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A strong wind on saturday (10 - 14 m/s, 5 -6 Bft) and sunday (14 - 22 m/s, 6 - 7 Bft) characterised the 2007 Stocken Symposium and all under a clear blue sky. A guarantee for large waves and a heavy sunburn.

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On the sunday we paddle to the south of Harmano to see waves rolling into all those rocks and small islands. After an hour and half of hard paddling and leaning into force 6 wind we can see the surf rolling in. From a distance we can see the doffernce in height between the rolling surf and the sheltered waters behind the rocks. After taking a closer at the edge of the surf we take the sheltered route to the south beach of Harmano. A place that is usually a very popular lunch spot, but today on 7 people have made the effort to paddle here into the wind.

Shortly after we arrive the Swedish paddlers leave and go for a short play into the surf. It looks so easy on the photo's. After our lunch the return trip only takes 30 minutes, with the wind in our back and enjoying some nice rides on the waves from time to time.

Back at the campsite Dubside shows a new balance trick on a tight nylon strap, just before he has to leave. Just like in 2006 this is weekend to remember for a long time.

Friday

South of Harmano

Passge south of Torno

Washed up boatfender

The campsiite

Freya & Dubside demoing
Dubside shows the "ropes"

Saturday

The rolling location
Dubside explains

Hmm, do I have to roll with a rock

I did it !!

Stormrol by Tom

Sunday

A twomaster speeding by

Checking out the surf

Playing in the surf 1

Playing in the surf 2

Playing in the surf 3

The surf

The surf

Dubsides new balance act/practice

Jef testing his new pfdt