

**NEW SWEDEN** 

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## Meet the Designer: Peter Norlin

Peter Norlin, born in 1941, was one of the most important designers of modern Six Metres.

An engineer, he was called "Mr. Scampi" after he designed the famous IOR Half Ton design "Scampi" which won the Half Ton Cup as a hat trick in 1969, 1970 and 1971, always helmed by Peter himself. Such a hat trick has never been seen before or since in the IOR, IMS or IRC handicap racing. Norlin was one of the designers who contributed to the creation of the International America's Cup class (IACC) in the early 1990's.

In 1975, Norlin designed his first 6mR, Maybe X (S75) that won the World Cup that year. Since the mid-1970s, Peter Norlin has been among the most prominent designers with fifteen different yachts. In addition he was the dominant designer of the 2.4mR, the official class of the Paralympic Games.

In 2005 Norlin was awarded the prestigious "Jean-Pierre Odero" Trophy for his outstanding contribution over many years to the 6mR Class.





## New Sweden, *CAN 129, (1989)*

Designer: Peter Norlin

Builder: Bohuslanska Batservice, Sweden

The International 6mR Association (ISMA) in the 1970s led to Modern Sixes being built in Europe and particularly in Sweden with Peter Norlin and Pelle Petterson leading the way.

Since the introduction of the modern 6mRs, successful design has been in the hands of five main designers: Olin Stephens, Peter Norlin, Gary Mull, Pelle Petterson and Ian Howlett.

Sister ship to 2009 World Champion, Rook/ Sophie II and one of the most elegant Moderns she is the most recent Norlin design. With her modern winged keel, excellent hull shape and generous sail area she is quick especially in medium to light air. In 2006 she had an excellent racing season, winning both the Royal Southern Yacht Club 6mR Regatta and the Royal Yacht Squadron Regatta off Cowes.

Acquired in 2014 she was shipped to Vancouver and to date is competitive in local regattas -winning the Jack Cribb Regatta for Moderns in September 2014.

Now that New Sweden is in the Pacific Northwest, she is looking for a new owner to sail her to victory again in the region and at the 2017 World Cup in Vancouver.