

Randonneur club **"Baltic star"**
presents:



2nd international **1200km** superbrevet
Vologda-Onega-Ladoga

6-10th of July
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Route:

Vologda(0) - Kirilov (128) - Vytegra(355) - Pudoch (459) -
Medvegegorsk (657) - Petrozavodsk (875) - Sortavala (1155) -
Lahdenpohyay (1207)

For the second time "Baltic Star" invites all cycle enthusiasts to the exciting adventure in North-West Russia, area of two great lakes of Onega and Ladoga. Ride starts in ancient town of Vologda (founded 1147) which is easily accessible by train or car from Saint-Petersburg or Moscow. We recommend you to come early in order to have time to explore town's historic attractions and have time for a rest before the event.

As there are not many towns and villages by the route there will be good

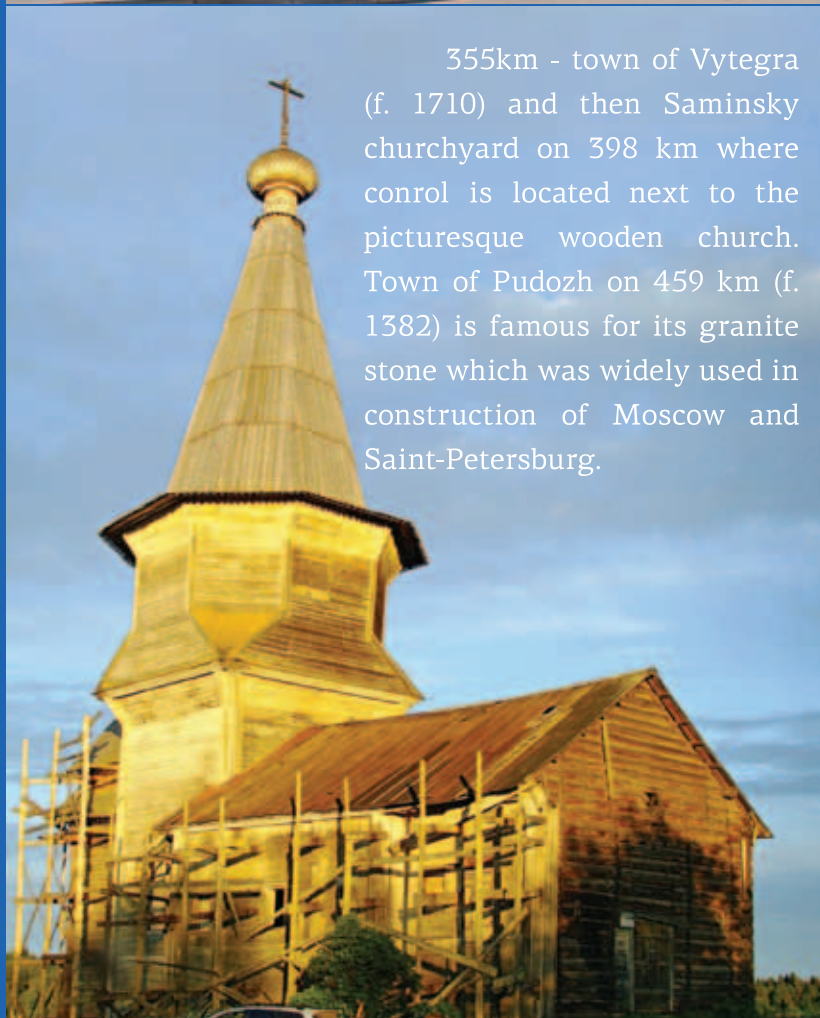


support from the organisers during event. Brevet starts in the heart of Vologda - at the Kremlin in the morning of 6th of July.

First contril is 128 km from the start at the walls of Kirillovo-Belosersky monastery (founded 1397, <http://www.kirmuseum.ru>) - one of the most beatufl places of NW Russia.



Then the route follows Volga-Baltic waterway with numerous gateways, dams and canals.



355km - town of Vytegra (f. 1710) and then Saminsky churchyard on 398 km where conrol is located next to the picturesque wooden church. Town of Pudozh on 459 km (f. 1382) is famous for its granite stone which was widely used in construction of Moscow and Saint-Petersburg.



Petrozavodsk the way goes to the lake of Ladoga, the largest lake in Europe. One of the few crossroads in this area is the location of the magnificent Monument of Sorrow, the place which is called Death Valley, where heavy combats took place during Russian-Finnish war of 1939-1940. After scenic views of the Ladoga lake, beautiful dam of Liaskelia village and marble mines of Ruskeala we'll see ancient town of Sortavala (f. 1468). Final part of the route is very hilly with many short but steep climbs

Then the way goes by Onega lake and crosses Belomoro-Baltiysky canal which was built by the hands of political prisoners of GULAG in 1930s. And even nowadays the most well-known Russian prisoner Mikhail Khodorkovsky is doing his term not far from these places. After Medvezhyegorsk on 657 km ride gets to the bank of Onega lake with a great sand beach where next control is located. 784km - village of Girvas with crater of the oldest volcano on Karelia (2-3 billion years old). Further south pass



on the hills of western shore of Ladoga which get to the finish in the little cozy town of Lahdenpohja (f. 1600).





Baltic Star” club was founded in 1996 and for the moment is the largest club in Russia and every year hits top-ten of world’s most active randonners clubs.

Super-brevet “Vologda-Onega-Ladoga” was born from an idea of extending the club’s specialty “Around Ladozhskoe Lake” to Onezhskoe lake. First version, VOL-2008 turned out to be quite successful. 44 riders started on full distance with 18 foreigners among them. People came almost from all most brevet-active parts of Russia (St.Petersburg, Moscow, Arkhangelsk, Severodvinsk, Petrozavodsk, Vologda, Penza, Jamalo-Nenetsky Autonomous District, Novosibirsk). 8 participants came from Germany, 3 from Austria, 2 from Ukraine, and by one from Denmark, UK, Finland and Netherlands. 33 riders finished. Rider from Denmark did it by recumbent.

The weather in 2008 surprised by almost 0 C temperature during one of the nights that is very unusual for the season. So participants had to face severe conditions. Road conditions varied a lot – from perfect highways to typical Russian broken roads. The pleasant feature of the event was

“White nights” and extremely low car-traffic on the major part of the route. So, first try was rather successful and the references from participants were very positive.



We’re sure that the 2nd international superbrevet “Vologda-Onega-Ladoga” will attract even more participants from the whole world! You’re welcome!

To enter the event one have to finish in at least one 300km (or longer) brevet in 2011 or 2012.

All information is available on our web-page: <http://vol1200.ru>

