

5th Anti-Fascist Harbour Event "Wolf Hoffmann" in Hamburg 2015, 29 May to 31 May

2015 marks the 70th anniversary of the liberation from fascism. The armed struggle against the fascist beast began in Spain in 1936.

The perilous support given by seafarers to the welfare of the Spanish Republic is not well known. For nearly three years seafarers from different nations brought weapons and supplies to Spain and evacuated refugee children, women and the wounded.

What awaits you at the Harbour Event?

At our 2015 harbour event we will honour the Soviet aid to the Republic and in particular the British and Soviet blockade runners.

As in all previous events, we will try to explain the background and reveal the unknown. This time, a highlight will be the logistical structure and planning of the provision of the Spanish Republic by the Soviet merchant navy. The aim of the harbour event is always to provide facts in comparison to general opinions and to show the latest developments in current struggles.

As always during these harbour days, we will be guests of interesting institutions. So you will feel, in one of the best seafarers clubs in the world - the DUCKDALBEN - the fraternal spirit of Internationalism.

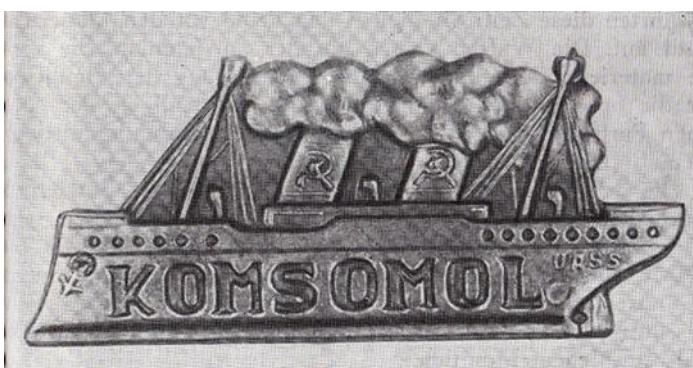
We will also be guests of the Ernst-Thälmann-Memorial (GET) and the Willi-Bredel-Society. Both institutions are unique sources of the history of the Hamburg and German labour movement. Their archives refute so many historical misrepresentations and are motors in the preservation of cultural memory.

Worthy of mention here is the successful work of the Willi-Bredel-Society for the establishment of a



monument in Hamburg to the deserters, and not to forget the importance of original documents from the anti-fascist struggle before and during the 2nd world war at the GET for various publications and historical research.

During the harbour event personal destinies will play a role too, such as the fate of our Hamburg bridader Gustav Schöning or the crew of the Soviet ship "Komsomol".



We look forward to seeing you and spending the days together in the spirit of
INTERNATIONALISM!

(for our foreign comrades we will translate the speeches during the event into English)

Friday, 29 May

“Liberation, Friendship and Solidarity”

7pm

Social Event, at “**Seemannsheim Hamburg**”, Krayenkamp 5, 20459 Hamburg,

meeting comrades and friends from Europe. We remember the liberation from fascism and commemorate Gert and Thomas Hoffmann.

Young anti-fascists will tell us about today's struggle against fascism and militarism. Afterwards there will be a music program with anti-fascist musicians.

Everyone is welcome to take part in the event with songs and poems to create a night of liberation, friendship and Solidarity.

Saturday, 30 May

“....the strongest fight a lifetime.” B. Brecht

11am

Gedenkstätte Ernst Thälmann, Tarpenbekstr. 66 – Ernst Thälmann Platz, 20251 Hamburg

Lecture with pictures of the Hamburg worker and brigader Gustav Schöning . He fought against the Nazis during the Weimar Republic and against the fascists in Spain.

In the concentration camp Sachsenhausen he helped Russian prisoners and experienced there on 22.04.1945., liberation by the Red Army. After the war, Gustav lived for some years in his hometown Hamburg and moved later with his family to the GDR. Gustav died 2001.

His daughter will be present to give us information about the attitude of the two German states to anti-fascists.

Afternoon, 3pm

Meeting at the **St. Pauli Landungsbrücken – Brücke** (bridge, down at the river Elbe) **No. 7 – 10**, boarding the boat “**Viktoria**”. The boat leaves at **3:30pm**

On the boat trip you will learn a lot about “Franco’s” main port – the port of Hamburg – and the resistance of the harbour workers. Then we visit the International Seamen’s Club “**DUCKDALBEN**”, in the container port.

There, the central theme of the supply of the Spanish Republic by Soviet and British blockade runners will be shown by a slide lecture. A live music program with Russian, English, French and German battle songs brings the day to an end.

After the event, guests will be driven directly by charter bus back to the city, stopping at Hotel Seemannsheim.

Sunday, 31 May

“Spasibo, Thank you!”

9:50am

Meeting at the Hotel “**Seemannsheim**”, Krayenkamp 5, Hamburg

10am Departure by charter bus from the Hotel “Seemannsheim,” for **Ohlsdorf cemetery**.

At Ohlsdorf cemetery we will lay flowers at the graves of Soviet POWs and British soldiers graves.

Between the grave areas is a charter bus service.

At Noon

Willi Bredel Society, Im Grünen Grunde 1b , Hamburg

Under the theme “Here is the “Lincoln”, what shall we do?” you'll learn in a short lecture, how Willi Bredel, as brigader and political commissar was helped by the Abraham Lincoln Battalion.

Subsequently, we will show a documentary film about the veterans of the ALB with German subtitles.

1:45pm

Then we intend to walk to the cemetery where the graves of 4 volunteers of the Spanish Civil War are located. For your information, over 100 volunteers from Hamburg fought in Spain.

At the end of the 5th Anti-Fascist Harbour Event “**Wolf Hoffmann**” we will, as is traditional, honour our fighters on the “**Ehrenhain der Hamburger Widerstandskämpfer**”.

Cost per participant: The cost depends on the number of participants and will be allocated proportionally.

Expect about 15 € for the boat trip and about 5 € each per participant for the transfer from Duckdalben back to Hamburg-City and approximately € 5 for the bus transfer on Sunday. Travel, accommodation and food are paid for by participants themselves.

Please contact me for more information, if you intend to take part in this event

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