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AUGUST 30-31 RALLY KURZEME 2013



FESTIVAL OF SPEED

Speed Festival is coming to Liepāja at the end of August

Traditionally, the main motorsports event of the summer – the Speed Festival Rally 'Kurzeme 2013' will take place in Liepāja on the last weekend of August (30 and 31 August). This year will be special, since Liepāja will host the Latvian Championship rally rides and rally sprint rides, as well as the Estonian Championship rally rides. This means that the rally tracks will welcome a large number of participants, i.e. more than 100 crews.

Another special event at the Speed Festival 2013 will be the North European Streetbike Freestyle Championship featuring motorcycle stunts and a competition among the best superbike riders from many European countries.

The best European motorsports stunt masters will delight spectators in the Lauma district

The North European Streetbike Freestyle Championship 'Kurland Stunt 2013' will take place in Liepāja within the framework of the Speed Festival Rally 'Kurzeme 2013'. On both days of the festival, the most powerful European stunt riders will gather at Liepāja Harbour wharf No. 50, located at the end of Sīļķu Street, next to the Ferry Terminal, to compete in performing technically challenging and exciting motorcycle stunts. Viewers will be able to enjoy spectacular championship performances, as well as additional disciplines such as the best fall and the most extreme trick. On the first day of the Speed Festival, on 30 August at 17:00, moto stuntmen will perform free practice at Liepāja Harbour wharf No. 50, and on 31 August at 11:00, the official start will be given to the North European Streetbike Freestyle Championship.

Finals of the Kids' Rally Kurzeme and semi-finals of the Young Driver of the Year Contest

The finals of the Kids' Rally Kurzeme will take place on 31 August, hosting competitions between the winners of qualifying rounds from five Kurzeme towns. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the joint project of the Road Traffic Safety Directorate and Fortius Marketing Project Agency. The goal of the Kids' Rally is to bring road safety to the attention of young road users and their parents. The project is educational and promotes an active lifestyle. It creates a positive and exciting atmosphere and encourages families to spend more time together. Meanwhile, the Young Driver of the Year Contest provides a unique opportunity for young people aged 16 to 18 to demonstrate their driving skills and knowledge of traffic safety. To enter the competition, one will need to present a valid learner's license. The competition semi-finals will take place from 12:00 to 16:00 on 31 August, at the Liepāja Old Harbour. Young people are welcome to apply for the competition by 29 August. More information is available at www.gadaautovaditajs.lv

Rally Night Rock Festival

The central motorsports event of the summer – the Speed Festival Rally 'Kurzeme 2013' – is a combination of various motorsports competitions, entertainment and cultural events into one big event. After fierce and intense competitions, the Speed Festival Awards Ceremony and the Rally Night Rock Festival will take place in the evening of 31 August at 21:00, at the Old Harbour. The show will be hosted by bartender Gvido Elksnis and motorcycle stuntman Jānis Rozītis, while music will be supplied during the evening by the Liepāja band 'Stendera ielas zēni' (Stender Street Boys). A special rock feel will be added to the closing event by the large Liepāja guitarist band performance.

Speed Festival Rally "Kurzeme 2013" passes

Before 25th August, tickets to the Speed Festival Rally 'Kurzeme 2013' will be available at a lower price. The early selling price of the festival pass is LVL 7 (full price – LVL 10), which provides an opportunity to visit both the Rally speed rides and the closing event, as well as the North European Streetbike Freestyle Championship 'Kurland Stunt 2013'. The early selling price of the Rally pass is LVL 5 (full price – LVL 7), giving you an opportunity to visit all the Rally speed rides and the closing event at the Old Harbour. Separate tickets to the North European Streetbike Freestyle Championship will be available to purchase for LVL 4 at the competition venue. The ticket price to only one speed ride is LVL 3. Tickets can be purchased at Skandi Motors auto centres, Biļešu Paradīze offices, www.bilesuparadize.lv and the Liepāja Regional Tourism Information Office.



To the Rally with a radio!

An integral part of the Kurzeme Rally will be live radio broadcasting. This year, Rietumu Radio will be streaming broadcasts in four languages – Latvian, Russian, English and Estonian! Radio reporters will be working both in the studio and at the speed ride finish lines, to get the latest news from the competitors themselves.

Organisers will arrange audio equipment at the most popular viewing locations. However, we recommend viewers to bring their own radios powered by batteries or at least a mobile phone headset functioning as an antenna for most phones.

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Kurzeme Rally 2013 will return to classic speed rides

After several years of searching for new rally tracks, this year Kurzeme Rally will return to the classic tracks that have been the favourite tracks of racers over several decades. These tracks have a series of complex bends and high average speeds. Traditionally, on Friday evening, 30 August, several night rides will take place. The Rally will end on Saturday, 31 August, with a city speed ride.

The Speed Festival for racers will begin with a test ride on the evening of 29 August, but the official opening is planned on Friday, 30 August at 16:00. Thereafter, rally drivers will proceed to the start line to perform seven rally speed rides on the first competition day, which will take place in the Aizpute and Skrunda regions, with a total length of 45 kilometres. Traditionally, several speed rides will be performed at night. The second day of the Rally will start on Saturday, 31 August at 10:00, at the Liepāja Harbour Promenade. On the final day of the Speed Festival, the spectators will be able to watch six rally speed rides over an 83 kilometre distance in the Nīca and Rucava regions, as well as the Aizpute and Durbe regions, including the 31.9 km LDz Cargo speed ride. The total length of the 13 rally speed rides will be up to 128 kilometres, while the total distance to be conquered by the racers over the course of two days will be 508 kilometres. The first day of the Rally will consist of seven speed rides with a total length of 45 kilometres. The second competition day will have six speed rides with a total length of 83 kilometres, including the 31.9 km LDz Cargo speed ride.

The Rally will start on Friday afternoon at 16:00, at the Liepāja Harbour Promenade, where the city residents and visitors will have an opportunity to see all the competitors gathered in one place, with no helmets on this occasion.

The battle for seconds will start at 17:35 in Kalvene, at the Vega 1 speed ride, followed by the Kurzemes Vārds speed

ride in Marijas muiža (Marija manor) and Canon IBServiss in Podnieki. After that, racers will proceed to a service area to install night lamps and prepare for the next speed ride. At 19:50, the iAuto speed ride will start at Boju pils (Buoy palace), followed by another round of the first three speed rides of the day – IF Adprošināšana (IF Insurance), Radio SWH and the last one, the Osram Night Breaker speed ride in Podnieki, named after Osram lamps, during which racers will be competing in the dark.

According to the racers, night speed rides tend to be a serious test of cooperation between the pilot and the co-driver, as they can only rely on a transcript recorded earlier, unlike day speed rides, when one can see the track a little further ahead. Watching speed rides at night will also offer a different experience to the spectators. Taking into account the significant differences between daytime and night-time driving, racers will be given a one-time opportunity to familiarise themselves with the track at night.

The Kurzeme Rally is also a section of the Rally Sprint Championship; therefore, on the first competition day, participants of the rally sprint test will be the first ones to start the competition. The Rally schedule is set up so that the rally sprinters do not have to compete in the dark. A safety car will enter the track after the last rally sprint car, immediately followed by a “zero” car and rally cars.

On Saturday morning, the crews which did not make it to the next round on Friday will have an opportunity to continue competing based on the Rally 2 principle. The second day of the Rally will start at 10:40, with three speed rides at the outskirts of Nīca, of which two will be open to spectators – the first ride of the second day named after Skandi Motors, and the third ride of the day named after Lauma Fabrics. An interesting and very difficult speed ride for the racers should be the Cēsu alus (Cēsu beer) speed

ride, which will take place in Žibji, however, this road will be difficult to access, so it is recommended that spectators only watch the start procedure.

In the afternoon, the Rally will move to the Aizpute and Durbe regions. At 15:20, the start will be given to the legendary Vecpils speed ride, which runs along the traditional route named after the Delfi website this year. After that, at 17:15 the crucial battle will begin at the LDz Cargo track, the longest track of the Rally, which will include the well-known Tebra speed ride, Boju pils route from the previous day, Baltiņi ride and Vecpils.

The toughest competitors will gather at Liepāja Harbour at 19:00, where they will have to drive the last 1.69 kilometres through the small streets of the harbour and the promenade.

The formation of the Rally tracks this year was significantly impacted by road works taking place on the Riga – Liepāja highway, but this will not interfere with the movement of racers in any way, and it will also be possible for spectators to avoid them.

On the first day of the competition, the rally fans will be able to watch two of the seven speed rides, as the racers will repeat the first three additional race tracks. On the second day, five of the six speed rides will be accessible for viewing – two rides taking place in the surroundings of Nīca before noon, and in the afternoon, all three speed rides, including the final ride in the city.

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Programme of the Speed Festival Rally "Kurzeme 2013"

Thursday, 29 August

17:00 - 20:30 Rally test speed ride "Krogzemji" in the Priekule region

Friday, 30 August

16:00 Opening ceremony and start of the Rally at the Liepāja Harbour Promenade

17:00 - 21:00 Moto stunts free practice at Liepāja Harbour wharf No. 50, at the end of Siļķu Street, next to the Ferry Terminal

17:35 - 23:00 Seven speed rides of Rally Day 1 in the Aizpute and Skrunda regions:

Name	Distance	First car starts racing at
SS1 Vega 1 (Kalvene)	7,2 km	17:35
SS2 Kurzemes Vārds (Marijas muiža)	5,32 km	17:50
SS3 Canon IBServiss (Podnieki)	5,32 km	18:10
SS4 iAuto.lv (Bojas)	9,41 km	19:50
SS5 IF Adprošināšana (Kalvene)	7,2 km	20:10
SS6 Radio SWH (Marijas muiža)	5,32 km	20:25
SS7 Osram Night Breaker (Podnieki)	5,32 km	20:45

Saturday, 31 August

10:40 - 14:30 Gravel speed rides in the Nīca and Rucava regions:

Name	Distance	First car starts racing at
SS8 Skandi Motors (Rucava-Nīca)	15,11 km	10:40
SS9 Cēsu alus (Žibji)	4,70 km	12:10
SS10 Lauma Fabrics (Rucava-Nīca)	15,11 km	12:40

15:20 - 19:00 Gravel speed rides in the Aizpute and Durbe regions:

Name	Distance	First car starts racing at
SS11 Delfi (Vecpils)	15,11 km	15:20
SS12 LDz Cargo (Powerstage)	31,90 km	17:15

MOTO STUNTS NORTH EUROPEAN STREETBIKE FREESTYLE CHAMPIONSHIP

At Liepāja Harbour wharf No. 50 (at the end of Siļķu Street, next to the Ferry Terminal)

09:00 - 11:00 Free practice and registration of participants

11:00 - 13:00 Competition starts (Qualification 2 minutes)

13:00 - 13:20 Gift service lottery

13:30 - 15:30 Finals (12 best)

15:30 - 16:00 Gift service lottery drawing

16:00 - 16:20 Jānis and Sandra Roziši Streetbike Freestyle Show

16:30 - 17:30 Wheelie race (If the number of participants does not exceed 20)

17:40 - 18:00 Awards Ceremony

At the Liepāja Harbour Promenade

10:00 Start of Rally Day 2

12:00 - 16:00 Semi-finals of the Young Driver of the Year Contest

12:00 - 17:00 Finals of the Kids' Rally "Kurzeme 2013" Contest

18:00 Racer demonstrations at the city speed ride track

18:00 Liepāja moto clubs' parade ride

18:10 Demonstrations by the Eastern European drift champion Gvido Elksnis with a 500 HP drift car

18:20 Liepāja's fastest racers' challenge to the Rally drivers – a city street track speed ride

18:25 Nissan Juke parade ride

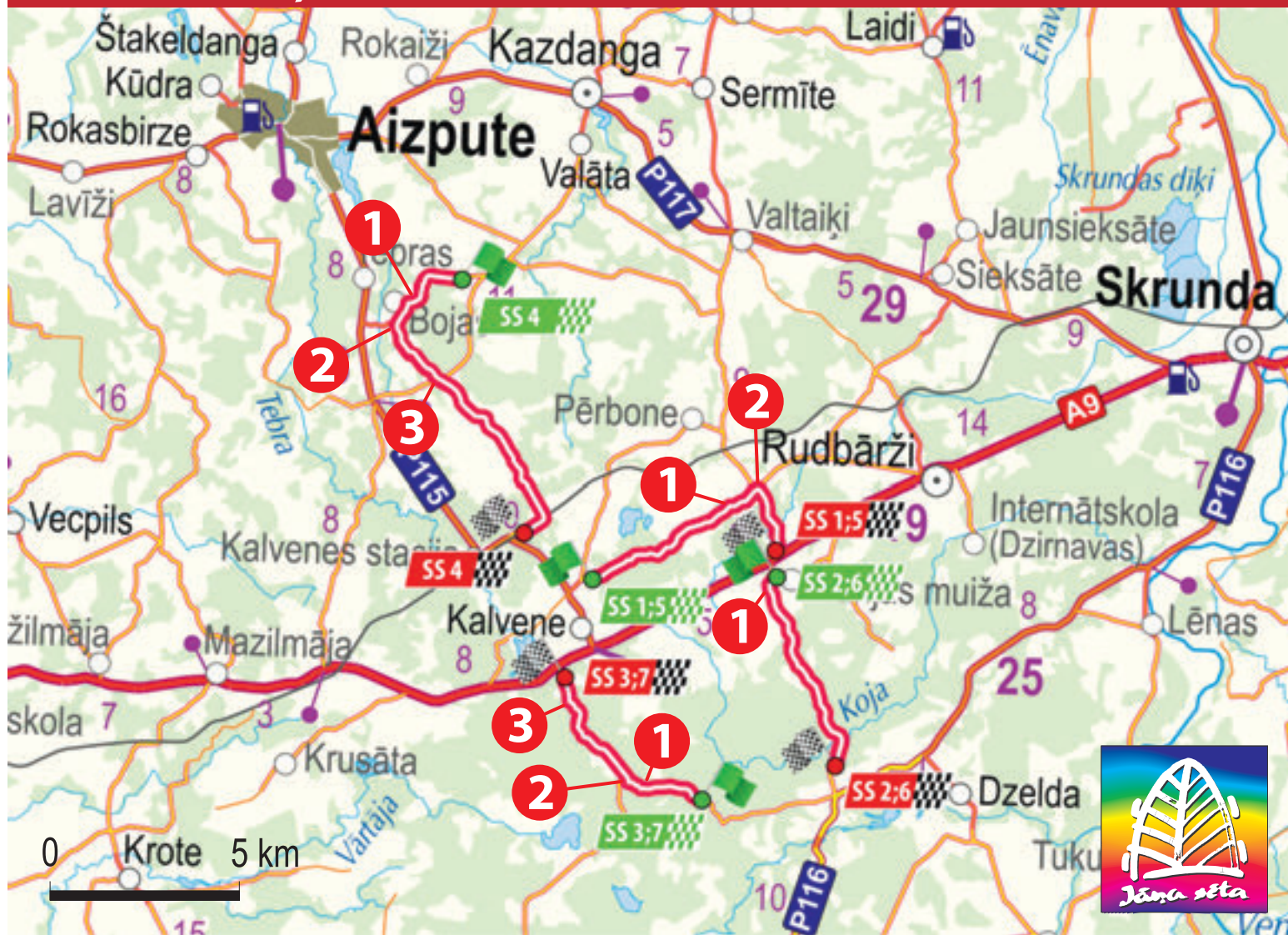
18:35 Liepāja sports racers and interesting sports equipment at the city streets ride

19:00 Start of the "Liepāja Harbour" Rally speed ride

20:30 "Stunt&Bar Performance" by moto stuntman Jānis Rozītis and drifter/bartender Gvido Elksnis

21:00 The Speed Festival Rally "Kurzeme 2013" Awards Ceremony

22:00 Rally Night Rock Festival



SS1 VEGA 1
SS5 IF APDROŠINĀŠANA (IF INSURANCE)

Length: 7.2 km. Track closes at 16:05

First car starts racing at 17:35 and 20:10

The Kalvene speed ride is the traditional section of the Kalnamuiža rally sprint. Racers have been performing it as a 'shakedown' speed ride for several years. After a longer break, it has returned to the Kurzeme rally track test. This speed ride is characterised by a wide, firm gravel road with many hills and valleys.

1: 4.2 km from the start. A series of sharp turns after a long acceleration track. It is obvious which racers select the right trajectories to achieve the highest possible speed in following a straight line. Access by foot from Landmark No.2.

2: 5.1-5.4 km from the start. Several clearly visible bends, of which the last one is the sharpest one and a fast right crossing – everybody tries to drive through this spot as fast as possible, so a precise driving technique is required to keep the correct trajectory while exiting the crossing at maximum high speed. The site is clearly visible and easily accessible from Rudbārži and Valtaiki. This site will also have catering and live radio broadcasting.

SS2 KURZEMES VĀRDS
SS6 RADIO SWH

Length: 5.32 km. Track closes at 16:20

First car starts racing at 17:50 and 20:25

The Marijas muiža (Marija manor) speed ride was last used in a rally more than 15 years ago. A short speed ride on a wide road, where one must start drawing the best trajectory several turns ahead. Since the track

runs through the woods, convenient viewing locations are only available at the very beginning of the ride.

1: 0.1-0.5 km from the start. Several individual curves immediately after the start, which must be driven through with full gas. There is a speed damper after 400 metres. Access by foot from the Liepāja – Rīga highway, parking of cars along the highway.

SS3 CANON IBSERVISS
SS7 OSRAM NIGHT BREAKER

Length: 5.32 km. Track closes at 17:10

First car starts racing at 18:10 and 20:45

Podnieku road is one of the classic Kurzeme Rally speed rides. This time, it has a new start section – the road through the woods has a particularly complex series of bends, and the final part of the road can be seen well from view point No.1 in the natural stands. The final speed ride of the first day has been named Osram Night Breaker, as it will be a true night ride for the rally crews, where bright lights will be important.

1: 1.3-1.8 km from the start. A short section of the track has several sharp and perfectly visible bends. Spectators can comfortably occupy the natural stands – hills on the sides of the track.

2: 2.1 km from the start. A water barrier, where rally crews will compete for top splashes.

Access to the 1st and 2nd landmark from the Dinsdurbe side by following the signs. Parking of cars on the right side of the road or in the parking lot 600 metres from the track. Please observe the speed limit of 50 km/h, as the access road is narrow and twisty – the last three kilometres before the view points there

is the classic Podnieku speed ride track! There will be catering and live radio broadcasting at the view point. 4. 0.5 km from the finish there are several interesting turns, but one must keep in mind that it is hard to find a convenient viewing position, as the trees growing up to the edge of the road interfere with visibility. Access by foot from the Liepāja – Rīga highway.

SS4 IAUTO.LV

Length: 9.41 km. Track closes at 18:30

First car starts racing at 19:50

Older generation rally drivers will remember a part of this track, but it will be a novelty for 99% of the Kurzeme Rally drivers. The start section of the speed ride runs along Buoy Palace, once known as the Forest Museum, currently – South Kurzeme Forestry of the Latvian State Forests.

1: 1.6-2.1 km from the start. Beautiful curves along the ponds at Buoy Palace, ending in a distinctively configured jump ascending from gravel to asphalt. A reckless jump here may result in withdrawal from the race. Access by foot from Landmark No.2.

2: 2.44 km from the start. After a paved acceleration section, the track changes to a gravel road in a quite sharp and quick left turn. 600 metres ahead, there is a quarry, which must be passed through at high speed.

3: 4.51 km from the start. The speed ride crosses a wider road at a crossroads in a straight line. The only advantage of this place is easy access and the possibility to see cars passing by quickly. Other viewing points should definitely be more interesting.

SS 8 SKANDI MOTORS

SS 10 LAUMA FABRICS

Length: 15.11 km. Track closes at 8:40

First car starts racing at 10:40 and 12:40

This road was included in the Kurzeme Rally tracks for the first time in 2011, but the current direction was taken by racers in 2012. With the start in the Rucava region and finish in the Nica region, the track runs along a relatively flat coastal terrain, mostly through large forests. We recommend two viewing points for spectators.

3: 6.3 km from the start - Liepienu jump

The jump was voted #1 Jump of the Year in 2012 by viewers of the Go4Speed website and programme "No.1" - contains many far reaching and high flights with high accelerated speed. Its attractiveness this year will be no less than last year, but one should be prepared for large crowds of viewers at this site.

4: 8.59 km from the start - Slamsti

A sharp right turn at a T-shaped crossing with great entry speed.

Access from Ječi via a forest road. Access road from the Nica - Ječi road will be closed to traffic.

SS 9 CĒSU ALUS (CĒSU BEER)

Length: 4.7 km. Track closes at 10:10

First car starts racing at 12:10

A short speed ride via a forest road, with deep ditches on both sides of the road. Requires a high degree of concentration from the racers. Since this speed ride does not have any access roads, we recommend using it only to watch the start procedure of the ride and the work of the judges. The start site will be located right next to the Liepāja - Rucava highway.

SS 11 DELFI

Length: 15.11 km. Track closes at 13:20

First car starts racing at 15:20

Classic Vecpils - this phrase speaks for itself. One of the favourite Latvian rally tracks of racers, requiring one to choose the correct trajectory while maintaining high average speed. A complex track. This year, racers will take the classic Vecpils ride twice, as this section is fully included in the next speed ride as well.

SS 12 LDZ CARGO

Length: 31.9 km. The track closes at 16:15 (except for view point No. 5, which will be closed to traffic from 13:20).

First car starts racing at 17:15

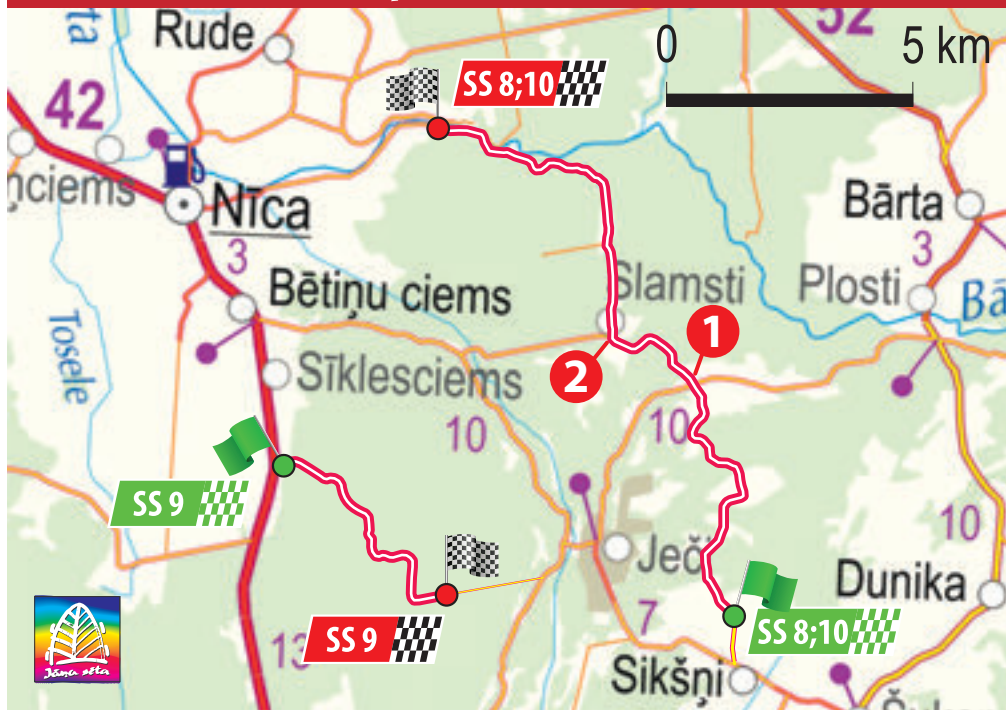
The longest speed ride of the rally, created by connecting the Boju, Tebra and Baltiņi speed rides with the classic Vecpils ride at the end. This is the so-called "PowerStage", so the winners of this ride will receive additional points in the championship test. In addition, 32 kilometres are enough to reduce even a 15 second lead and radically change the order at the rally.

View points No. 1 to 5 are only on track SS 12. View points No. 6 to 10 are both on tracks SS 11 and SS 12, and sports cars will be visible at these points twice.

1: 1.6-2.1 km from the start - Bojas.

Beautiful curves along the ponds at Buoy Palace, ending in a distinctively configured jump ascending from gravel to

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asphalt. Access by foot from Landmark No.2.

2: 2.44 km from the start

After a paved acceleration section, the track changes to a gravel road in a quite sharp, but quick left turn. 600 metres ahead, there is a quarry, which must be passed through at high speed.

3: 4.5 km from the start

A sharp right turn at a crossing to a wider road. Convenient access from Kazdanga.

4: 6.4 km from the start - Aizpute - Kalvene highway

Racers must drive to the Aizpute - Kalvene highway at the asphalt crossing. The task can be difficult due to parts of gravel cast on the asphalt and high entry speed. After 100 metres, racers must leave the highway and turn to the Tebra speed ride.

5: 12.7-14.7 km from the start - Baltiņi

Bend follows after bend - each person should choose their best view point. Access only before the road closure at 13:20.

6: 20.4 km from the start - Irbītes

A wide crossing with a series of several sharp turns, with a damper function. Less than a kilometre from here, there is a tricky jump towards the start line. Many have fallen out at the bend following this jump. The view point is easily accessible both from the Rīga - Liepāja highway and the centre of Vecpils.

7: 23.1 km from the start - Roņi

A beautiful 'driftable' bend, can be comfortably viewed from a natural platform. Access before closing of the track, with the option to cross over to view point No. 9 via a forest road.

8: 25.0 km from the start - Kaģene

A series of quick bends, ending in a long tricky left turn. Access by foot from view point No. 9 - Stroķacs.

9: 26.1-26.5 km from the start - Stroķacs

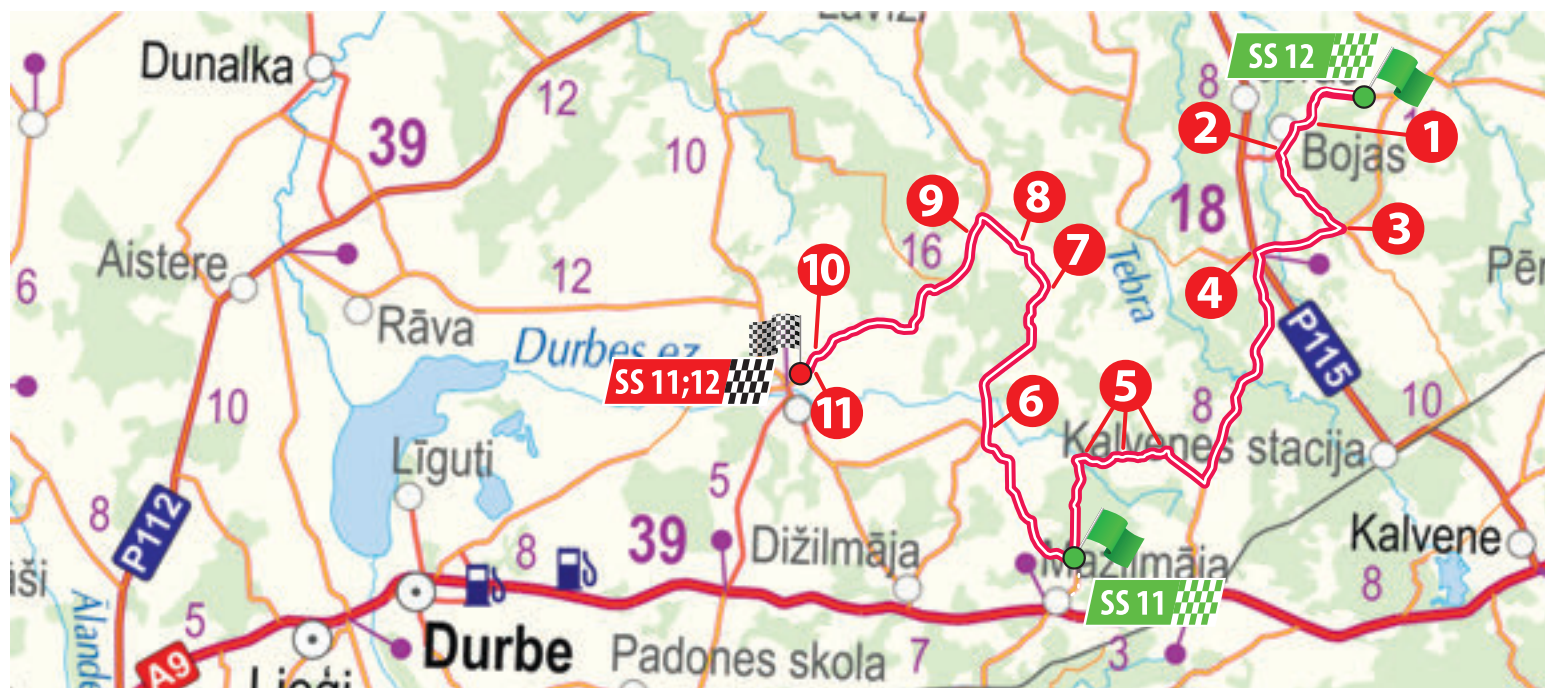
Stroķacs crossing is especially difficult in this direction. 400 metres from this crossing is the Stroķacs jump, which will be steepened to make the jump long and attractive.

10: 30.9 km from the start - Ķirsītis (Cherry tree)

The successor of the famous cherry tree which got broken in 2009, is already producing some tasty fruit. There is no threat to the cherry tree in this direction of the ride, but the series of bends is still quite interesting.

11: 31.9 km from the start - Vecpils church

The white tower of the Vecpils Catholic Church is one of the symbols of this rally section. At the same time, it is the landmark of one of the most dangerous places of the track. Even though the hill does not cause cars to fly through the air, the road down is quite steep, so that road adherence in the following bend becomes minimal. The finish is right after this "jump". The crossing right after the finish will be closed to traffic for safety reasons.



SSS13



SSS13 LIEPĀJA HARBOUR

Length: 1.69 km. Track closes at 17:30. Various sports equipment on the track from 18:00

First rally car starts racing at 19:00

A short final speed ride through the small streets of the harbour and the Harbour Promenade, with beautiful harbour views.

1. Crossing of Celnieku and Muītas streets – after a long warm-up, a speed damper made of hay bales, to reduce speed before entering the Customs Building square. Immediately followed by a left turn.
2. Loču Tower – a fast and long 180 degree turn with rapid entry speed – this is one of the places where racers can draw a wide trajectory by long drifting. Convenient access from the crossing of Ūliha / Roņu streets.
3. Crossing of Kuģinieku / Dzirnāvu streets – racers must brake on a slippery pavement and turn the car into the narrow Dzirnāvu street.
4. Stūrmaņu and Baložu street square – a bend set up with hay bales requiring good driving skills, as the asphalt here is dusty and slippery.
5. A bend around "DeliSnack" – a long, asphalted left turn around the popular fast food place is conveniently visible from the asphalted parking lot and the bridge.
6. Fontaine Terrace – a convenient place for viewing both the jump on the artificial jump and the last metres driven by each crew while crossing the finish overpass, which will be located near the ship 'Namejs'. Immediately after the speed ride finish, 'StuntRide' demonstrations will start here, the best Latvian bartender Gvido Elksnis will show his best tricks, Liepāja rock musicians will perform on the stage, and the best rally drivers will receive their well deserved awards won at the Kurzeme Rally 2013.

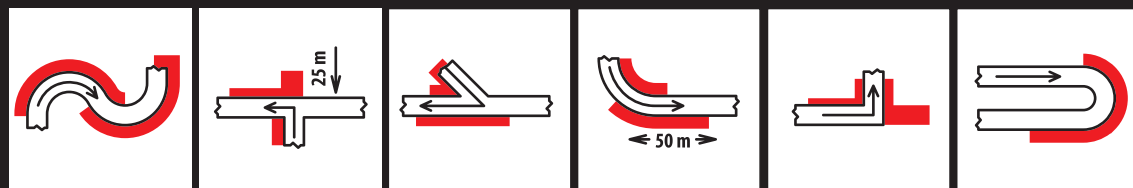


Skandi Motors invites Nissan Juke owners to participate in the Speed Festival parade ride

For the fifth year in a row, Skandi Motors will be supporting the Speed Festival Rally 'Kurzeme 2013', which will take place on the 30th and 31st of August in Liepāja and the surrounding areas. Inspired by Nissan Juke Nismo, the sporty version of the Nissan Juke, the status of the Rally's official car has been granted to the Nissan Juke. Skandi Motors invites all Nissan Juke owners to take part in the parade ride as privileged visitors of the Kurzeme 2013 Rally. All Nissan Juke owners who apply for the ride will have an opportunity to receive free passes to the Rally for themselves and their passengers. They will be able to park their cars at a special Nissan Juke parking lot in the

city centre, take part in exciting activities and, as representatives of the official car of the Rally, unite with others in a unique Nissan Juke parade ride, which will take place shortly before the last city speed ride (at the city rally track). During the event, all visitors of the Rally and other city visitors will have the opportunity to see the special Nissan Juke Nismo version in nature. Nissan Juke owners are invited to register for the parade ride by 19 August, by sending an e-mail to info@skandimotors.lv or calling +371 26316783.

Washing of the winner's car has become a tradition of the Kurzeme Rally. Who will be the lucky one this year? We will find out on the evening of 31 August, right after the Awards Ceremony.



During the race all instructions given by the official persons shall be observed at all times.

It is prohibited to stand in dangerous areas marked with red!



Official car Nissan Juke by:
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