

# Clearwater to Denmark!

*Last summer a group of Clearwater people traveled to Denmark to visit the crew of the Sebbe Als, a Danish Viking Ship that came to the U. S. during Op Sail. From a report by Clearwater's Judith Effron:*

When we arrived July 28 at the airport in Hamburg, Carl Otto Larsen and his marvelous group of scouts wearing Op Sail shirts were waiting. They presented us with a warm welcome and a printed itinerary for our 14-day visit — with activities, housing and three meals a day all provided by our hosts.

Carl Otto and Edith Larsen have been the guiding spirits and hands for many Augustenborg, Denmark, girls and boys in the Scout organization. While sailing together in the Sebbe Als (built ten years ago by some 80 young people and adults) was the source of many delightful experiences for us, the most gratifying thing of all was getting to know so many of our wonderful hosts. An archeologist and geologist shared their knowledge with us as we traveled to historic sites, including the exciting Viking Museum at Roskilde where

we saw Viking ships which had been removed from the harbor waters and restored. Such ships had been sunk a thousand years ago at Roskilde to block an invasion.

We dined at one point on pit-roasted lambs and Danish rose hip wine — and

time and again found that Danish hospitality extends wherever the Sebbe Als crew goes. In turn, we talked about the Hudson and her beauty — and to those who had never seen our river and the Clearwater, we promised a sail and our hospitality!

Clearwater friends & hosts in Denmark. Henning Sigvardsen photo.

