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Teampilot with visual fun  
plans of 2014:

SPITZBERGEN  
LYNGSALPS  
FINNMARK  
SENJA &  
The LOFOT ISLANDS

# UPDATE



## PLANS FOR 2014

**This winter, spring and summer I plan to fly at the northernmost visual fantastic sites, as you can dream of. SPITZBERGEN, Lofot Islands, Senja, Finnmark and the Lyngs Alps!**

While I read exciting flightlogs from all over the world, distancerecords and the fuzz you create, with 200+ kms by Mentor3 - I sit here, as far north as Santaclaus lives. My car looks like an ice-cube, and he complains and coofs everytime I try to go somewhere. With so little daylight, you have to climb mountains fast - or have a solid headlamp with at least 1000 lumen - to be able to fly.

My first flight this year was sunday, a week ago. It was blowing alot, so actually I climbed the mountain without my gear. When I reached the top, it was almost NO WIND and absolutely flyable - so I ran down, together with my dog, and left my girlfriend at the top drinking coffee, covered with dunajackets and a fury hat, while I ran down with my new dog (Bayod) got my gear, and I was back at launch 40 minutes later! It is possible, when you are as eager to fly, as I am - after a loooong cold winter, wich will still last for four months! At least!

**Today the sun is back again (21.st of January).**

The first flight of this year was before we had the sun back, with my pretty little SusieQ <3 from the top of Hillesøya in Troms. We could even see a few humpbackwhales from air! The

SusieQ is just as small as I can fit it in my Kayak - so there will be some nice trips with it during 2014. I have not planned to fly any competitions this year - instead I prefer remote flyingsites - and if you decide to visit Northern Norway - feel free, give me a call!

Between the **6.th and the 10.th of August**, we have made an event called **HELT I 100** (wich means something like «totally eager»?)- where we do invite our paragliding, paddeling and kiting friends to a longweekend at the elderlyhome I owe. That house is one of very few in Norther Norway that actually turns 100 years in 2014! (Everything was burned down during the WW2) We hope we can attract as many people as possible, who can spread the word for next year. We plan to go out flying with eagles over reindeers, kiting at the sandy beaches or paddeling with seals. In the evenings we see ourselves next to a campfire eating freshly caught kingcrabs or fish, with our best friends. I think it will be a fairytale!

I will keep you posted with nice pictures and articles from different sites, and I hope it is ok also for me to keep staying in the team even if I have chosen not to fly comps this season.

(Picture from Tromsø)



### **Paddeling with humpbackwhales**

As the whales passes by on the way south each year, we often go seakayaking with them. (They usually come in the end of November and leave in Januray) In the beginning of January I was caught in a herring shoals, wich the Humpbackwhales were chasing. I can tell you it was thrilling and exciting. This herring I just picked up among the thousands wich passed by.

## More from the north...

My last year was not my best year. I was very exhausted because of my work, which unfortunately also led to little flying - instead relaxing was dictated by the doctor. This year I feel great!

We have made plans NOT going abroad for a year, so even this summer we will spend around in rare places Northern Norway - seakayakpaddeling, flying and doing local via ferratas.

And in April my boyfriend Alf Ole will join VAKE and I am working as a volunteer. They put me to drive a snowmobile 200 kms, to follow the race - film it and take pictures. Its a nice job!!! More about VAKE here: <http://www.vake.no/>

During darknessperiod (starts in the end of November) it is perfect to sit inside and work. Now I have a shortfilm in development about two guys who searched for a third friend at Svalbard in 1922. They brought food and equipment for 2 months. They lived four months - in the harsh conditions, and they never found their friend. He was found in 1956, the patron was stuck in the rifle - and he

died from a polarbearattack. Fantastic scenery, and a huge drama built on the diaries found in the snowcave where the two dead bodies were discovered. I am also working on a (film)script about a fabulous woman from 1932 - who were one of the first women going to Spitzbergen as a hunter. So there will be some researchtrips to Svalbard soon!

As you have red - this year there will be no competitionflights, just FLY FOR FUN! So no 300 kms for me - and no goldbars, either. I should really be happy because the SUN - the largest GOLDBAR off them all, is BACK!

Nevertheless - I have marked the NOVA weekend at the calendar the 3.rd - 5.th of October 2014 - and I am already looking forward to seeing you all there!

*Take care, fly safe -  
and have fun. Break  
all the records you can!*

All the best, Guro Saniola Bjerk

## NORTH!



The  
sun came  
back the 21.st -  
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long!