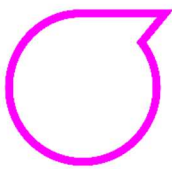


MERIKARKKINAT INFO PACKAGE



Merimarkkinat 2026 is part of Kotkan Meripäivät. The event will be held at Kotka's Kantasatama harbor and Kauppakatu street. Kotkan Meripäivät and Kotkan Merimarkkinat will be held on July 22-25, 2026.

ORGANIZER

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MARKET AREA

Kantasatama and Kauppakatu in Kotka. Admission to the event area is free. The organizer has obtained permission to organize market and sales activities in the area.

RESERVATIONS

Reservations for vendor spots are accepted in writing via a form on the Kotkan Kauppatie ry website.

SETTING UP THE SALES STALL / FASTENING THE TENTS

Each seller is responsible for their own vendor stall and setting it up. The organizer reserves the right to inspect the vendor stalls and demand any changes deemed necessary. When arriving at the market, vendors must report to the market office. Security guards will direct vendors to the market office (at the Gate 3). Each vendor must reserve the correct number of tent spaces to ensure safe fastening and organization. Vendors are responsible for any damage caused by inadequate fastening. Each vendor spot is responsible for setting up and dismantling its own vendor stall in accordance with the instructions of the authorities and the organizer. All structures used at the event must be clean, durable, safe, and suitable for their intended use. Equipment and structures must be erected in such a way that they do not endanger the safety of the public or employees. Tents must have sufficient weights in accordance with regulations and must be secured to the tent frame with load lines or other acceptable fastening methods. Tents must not be fastened to asphalt with wedges, for example. The vendor spot must ensure that the ground is dust-free and has a suitable base as required by the authorities if the location is in a sandy area.

ELECTRICITY

The temporary electrical network will be constructed by the City of Kotka. All electrical equipment and installations at each site must comply with the laws and regulations governing electrical safety. Electrical connections must be placed off the ground so that rainwater cannot reach them. Ungrounded electrical equipment intended for indoor use (e.g., electrical cables and lighting fixtures) may not be used in the event area. The use of incandescent and halogen lamps is prohibited. Only intact electrical equipment and cables intended for outdoor use (with a minimum enclosure rating of IP34) may be used outdoors and in tents, and extension sockets must be covered. Light fixtures must be positioned so that the heat they generate does not cause adjacent materials to ignite. Electrical cables must be installed in such a way that there is no risk of accident, and cables in passageways must be protected from damage. The vendor is responsible for any extension cords (at least 20 m/sales point). If the vendor stall requires its own electrical network, it must be constructed by an electrical contractor. The electrical information required for the vendor stall must be provided when reserving the location.

SETUP, SALES, AND DISMANTLING TIMES / MARKET OFFICE

The setting up of sales stands in the Kantasatama area may begin on **July 21, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.**, and arrival at Kantasatama is permitted between **10:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. and from 5:00 a.m. on July 22, 2026.** Stalls must be ready by **9:00 a.m. on July 22, 2026.** Authority inspections will begin at **9:00 a.m.** Sales hours are from **11:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.** daily. Sales spots in Kantasatama must be dismantled, cleaned, and cleared **by 2:00 p.m. on July 26, 2026.** Setup on Meripäiväkatu (Kauppakatu) may begin at **4:00 a.m. on July 22, 2026,** and the stalls must be ready by **9:00 a.m. on July 22, 2026.** Sales hours in the area begin at **11:00 a.m. and end at 22:00 p.m.** Sales areas must be dismantled, cleaned, and emptied by **12:00 p.m. on July 26, 2026.** Authority inspections will begin at **9:00 a.m.** Vendors must register at the vendors' market office located on Tornatorintie via gate three upon arrival at Kotkan Meripäivät. Kotkan Kauppatie staff will guide each vendor to their own sales spot. Vendors cannot arrive at their sales spot without registering and being guided by staff. Kotkan Kauppatie will provide more detailed instructions on registration and the market office's operations during the event at a later date.

SALES PERMITS

The organizer has obtained sales permits for vendors for the duration of Merimarkkinat 2026. Gaming tents and similar operators must comply with the regulations governing their activities in order to obtain permits. The person in charge of these operators is responsible for obtaining the permit from the police authority. Permits must be submitted to the organizer in advance.

FOOD SALES AND SALES NOTIFICATIONS

The sale of food products requires written notification to the Kotka Environment Centre. All food sellers must submit their notification in good time to ensure their right to sell. Notifications must be submitted using the e-form: [E-lomake - Notification - Selling or serving of food at Kotka Maritime Festival 22.-25.7.2026](#) Kotka City, Environmental Health Care Service Unit. By email: ymparistoterveys@kotka.fi. Sales outlets offering non-alcoholic beverages must include Hartwall's non-alcoholic products in their selection. Further instructions will be provided later.

PROHIBITED PRODUCTS

The sale of food products that have passed their best-before date is prohibited. The sale of all drug-related products, such as jewellery, pipes, and textiles, is strictly prohibited. Only summer restaurants are allowed to sell alcoholic beverages in designated serving areas. All items classified as dangerous, such as bladed weapons, blunt weapons, thick chains, fireworks, firecrackers or other pyrotechnic products, dangerous chemicals and firearms are prohibited. Craftspeople who sell or manufacture bladed weapons must agree with the event's security organization on the procedure for handing over the items to customers.

FIRE SAFETY

Open fires are prohibited without permission. All sales outlets handling open fires or gas appliances must have adequate fire extinguishing equipment, at least a fire blanket and a 6 kg powder extinguisher with a minimum rating of 34 A 233 BC or a 6 l liquid extinguisher with a minimum rating of 43 A or a 6 l foam extinguisher with a minimum rating of 34 A 183 B, inspected within the last year. An F-class food grease fire extinguisher is recommended for use with deep fat fryers. Fire extinguishing equipment must be correctly positioned and easily accessible. Check fire and electricity safety instructions on Kauppatie website kotkankauppatie.fi.

VEHICLES IN THE MARKET AREA AND PARKING

Vehicle access to the merchant registration point, service traffic, and merchant and service parking areas are marked on the sales location map. All traffic to the sales areas must enter via Gate 3 on Tornatorintie. During Meripäivät, traffic is permitted daily during service hours from 6:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. For safety reasons, vehicles must be driven at walking speed. After service hours, no traffic is

permitted in the event area. Trolleys will be delivered to the merchant and service parking areas, so products can also be transported to the sales location after the service hours. Parking is only permitted in the designated merchant and service parking areas, where cars must be moved for the duration of the sales day. A parking permit issued by the organizer must be displayed in a visible place in the car. Merchant parking permits and event wristbands will be distributed upon registration. Fire and electrical safety instructions for fairs and markets will be available later.

CLEANING

Vendors are responsible for cleaning their own spaces, even when leaving, or they may be charged an additional fee. All waste must be taken to the designated waste collection points in the market area and sorted according to the instructions.

EKOKOMPASSI ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEM AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Kotkan Meripäivät uses the Ekokompassi environmental system. The event focuses on ecology, sorting, recycling, and responsibility. The areas covered by Ekokompassi are waste, energy, procurement, use of materials, chemicals, noise, logistics and transportation, communication, influencing, and biodiversity. Vendor spots must be committed to the environmental program, promote environmentally friendly products, and do their part to make responsible choices. The use of single-use plastic products, such as cutlery, plates, straws, drink stirrers, and balloon sticks, is prohibited in accordance with the EU Single-Use Plastics Directive. Cups must be environmentally friendly. All waste generated at the point of sale must be sorted according to the organizer's instructions and delivered to the designated waste collection points and containers. More detailed instructions on waste sorting will be provided later.

VENDOR SIGNS

Kotkan Kauppatie ry requires that all Merimarkkinat vendors have a sign at their vendor point that includes at least the vendor's name and home municipality. The design of the sign is unrestricted. The minimum size is A4. We will charge a fee for missing signs and deliver the missing sign. In addition to the authorities, the organizer and security organization have the right to carry out inspections at the vendor points. Any deficiencies found must be corrected immediately in order for sales to continue. Failure to take corrective action may result in the closure of the vendor point.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

By paying the vendor fee, the vendor agrees to comply with the Merimarkkinat operating guidelines and any other instructions issued by the organizers during the event. Selling or transferring vendor stands to third parties is strictly prohibited. Cancellations of paid spots must be made in writing no later than 14 days before the event date in order for us to refund a maximum of half of the vendor fee. We will not refund the reservation fee for spots that are cancelled too late. All plans, applications, and documents required for the event must be submitted by the deadline. Based on the information provided, the organizer will compile a list of all entrepreneurs participating in the event for the authorities. The vendor staff and the company must have all the insurance required for the activity. The vendor spot must ensure that the noise level does not become disruptive to the environment or other operators in the area. Harassment and discrimination are not permitted in any form. Kotkan Meripäivät welcomes everyone just as they are, and together we strive to create a safe atmosphere. We hope that everyone will do their part to ensure that the festive atmosphere remains joyful for themselves and others. If inappropriate behaviour is observed, it should be reported to the nearest staff representative or security guard. We reserve the right to make changes.

