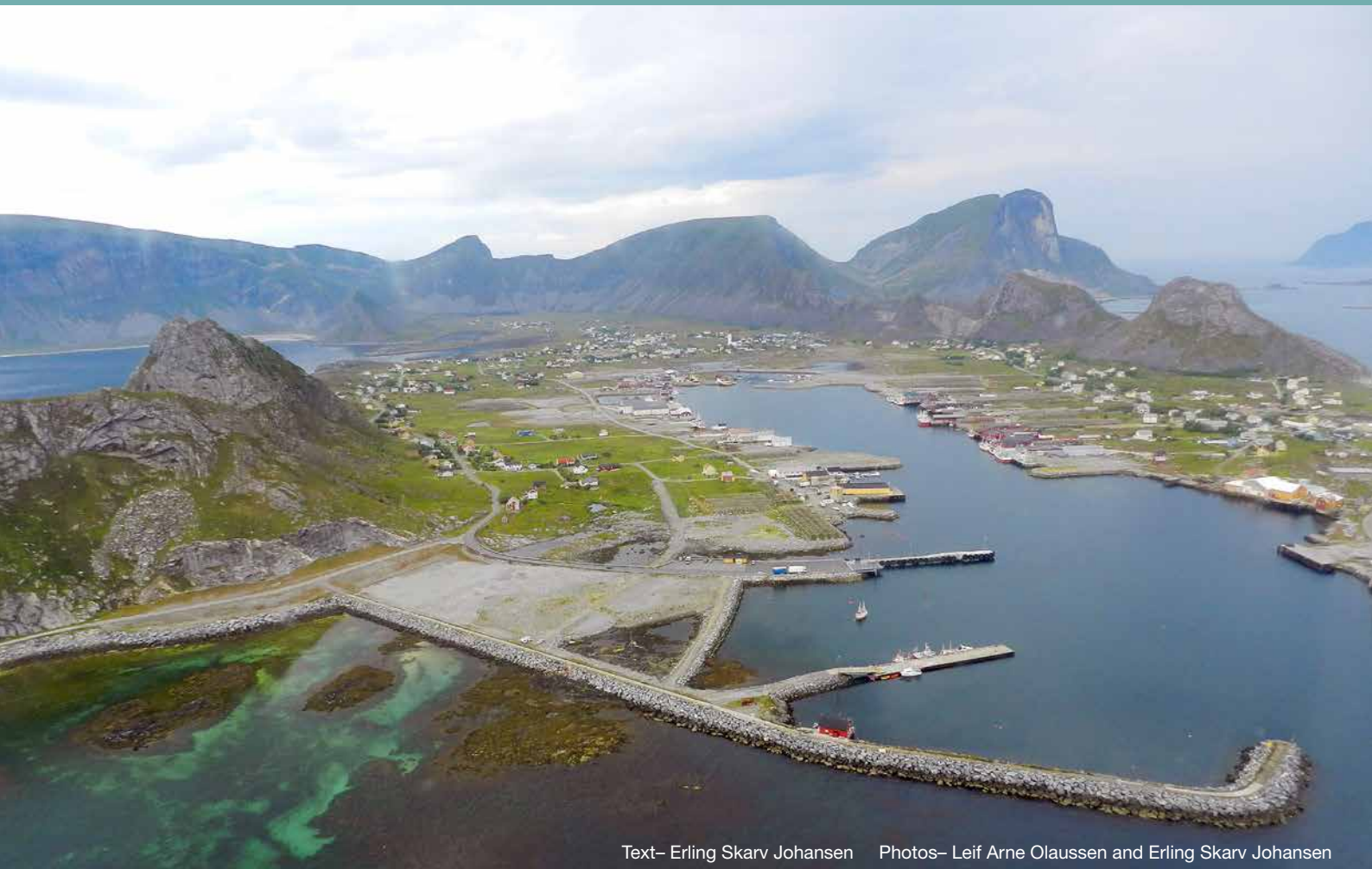


Værøy

Municipality



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A vibrant coastal community

Life on Værøy

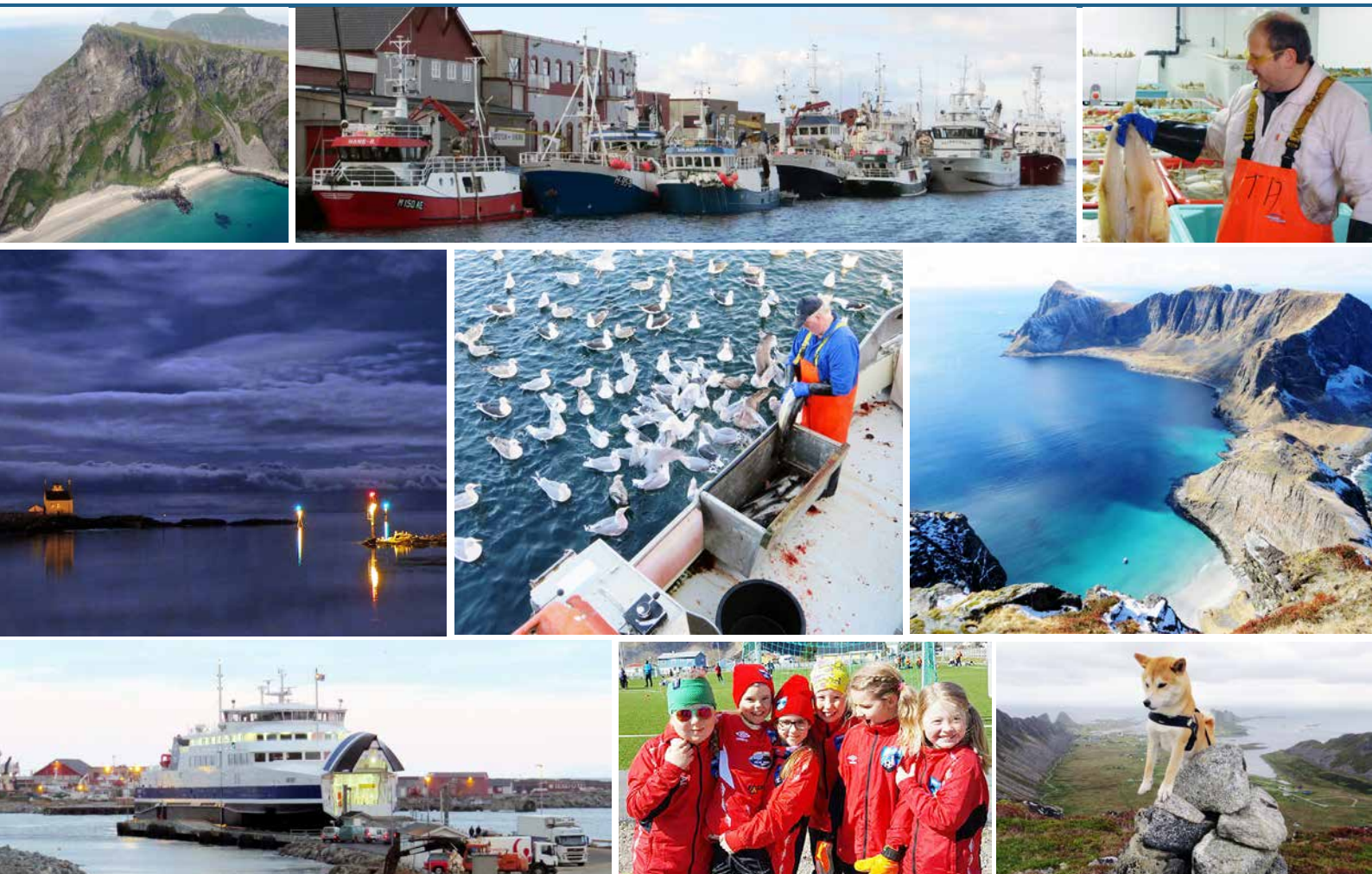
In the middle of the open sea, near the fabled Moskstraumen Maelstrom, lies the island of Værøy – an active and intriguing fishing village with a rich history, midnight sun, white beaches, bird nesting cliffs, rapidly changing weather and a distinctive landscape. Surrounded by the sea, skerries and spectacular mountains, 750 people live here on the island, which is often referred to as „a hidden gem“. The landscape of Værøy could very well be prescribed as a cure for what ails you!

A modern and vibrant island community

Sørland is the island's main centre, and here you will find shops and a café, local clothing designs and handicrafts, in addition to a post office, school, day-care centre and doctor. Good transport connections are very important in a modern society, and we have natural gas ferries and helicopters that go to Bodø every day. The power grid on the island is buried underground together with fibre cable to the island, which provides very good coverage that opens up new opportunities.

Thriving cultural life

A wide range of clubs and associations ensures that there is always something happening on Værøy at any given time. There is an activity for everyone here, regardless of age – whether it be spinning, skating, scouting, soccer, Christian Sports Contact, senior dancing, fitness training, a youth club, a male choir, a female choir, the local radio or home arts and crafts!



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People dare to take a chance here!

On Værøy, there are many creative commercial actors, and the municipality is one of the country's most productive. The average export value per capita is over one million kroner annually! Both the fishing fleet and the fishing industry are continuously modernising, and this is the reason why Værøy Municipality is the largest fishery municipality in Nordland. The construction of a new harbour basin, which was completed in 2008, means that larger vessels can also call now. A new larger development of the harbour has been planned for the near future.

Stockfish is the municipality's largest export item, and we produce most of the Norwegian fish speciality lutefisk in Norway. Herring, mackerel, Greenland halibut, watered codfish and even self-caught whale are also important products. Both the fishing industry and fishing fleet offer well-run and profitable workplaces. Several of the producers have award-winning products, and distinguish themselves by raw materials of the highest quality.

The municipality is also interested in investing in innovative projects in other industries, and a stable and well-developed internet service facilitates high-tech jobs. We also have a multicultural community, with employees from countries all over the world working in the fishing industry.

With room for more

We would like to welcome entrepreneurs and businesses to Værøy! The municipality has areas available that can create attractive commercial/industrial sites, and we will also help arrange start-up loans and assist with other formalities.

Exciting tourism

Tourism is a growing business area with great potential, and there are several exciting overnight accommodation opportunities, not to mention wonderful hiking trails in a spectacular landscape.



Whether you want to sea raft or paddle a kayak, go fishing or experience a bird safari, you will have the opportunity to do so with us throughout the summer.

Old and new

At Røstnesvågen on the south side of the island, the interplay between old and the new is quite striking. Restored buildings – the telegraph office, shop and museum are located next to Lofoten Viking's new building, one of the country's most modern fish producers. Lofoten's oldest church, which was built in 1714, is located on the north side of the island.

Historical bird catching

In earlier times on Værøy, up to 250 eagles were caught every year with bare hands. The bird capturers lay hidden in special eagle huts of stone, and they lured the eagles to them with bait on a line until they were so close that they could seize them. The Norwegian Lundehund is also unique to Værøy. This dog breed originated in the earlier bird catcher hamlet of Måstad. An elastic shoulder and neck joint, and an extra claw, enabled the dog to crawl into underground caves to catch puffins. Up to eight tonnes of bird meat were salted annually, and this became an important source of food for the 150 residents of Måstad.



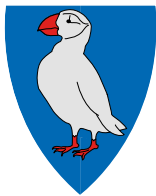
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Lofoten Viking er produsent og eksportør av pelagisk fisk samt hvitfisk.

Vi omsetter for ca. 800 millioner/år og har eierandeler i kystfiskefartøy. Vårt anlegg ligger meget nært fiskefeltene i Vestfjorden på Værøy i Lofoten. Vi har en frysekapasitet på ca. 900 tonn pelagisk fisk per døgn.

Vi produserer ca. 85000 tonn pelagisk og ca. 5000 tonn hvitfisk per år. Vi har direkte eksport av frosne, ferske og tørkede produkter av sild, makrell, lodde, torsk, sei, hyse, uer, blåkveite, samt Rogn.

Her på Værøy har vi meget gode servicetilbud til fiskeflåten, Værøy Isanlegg AS, Værøy Fryselager AS og Værøy Bunkers AS fyller behovene for små og store fartøy.

Vi kjøper fisk hele året.

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