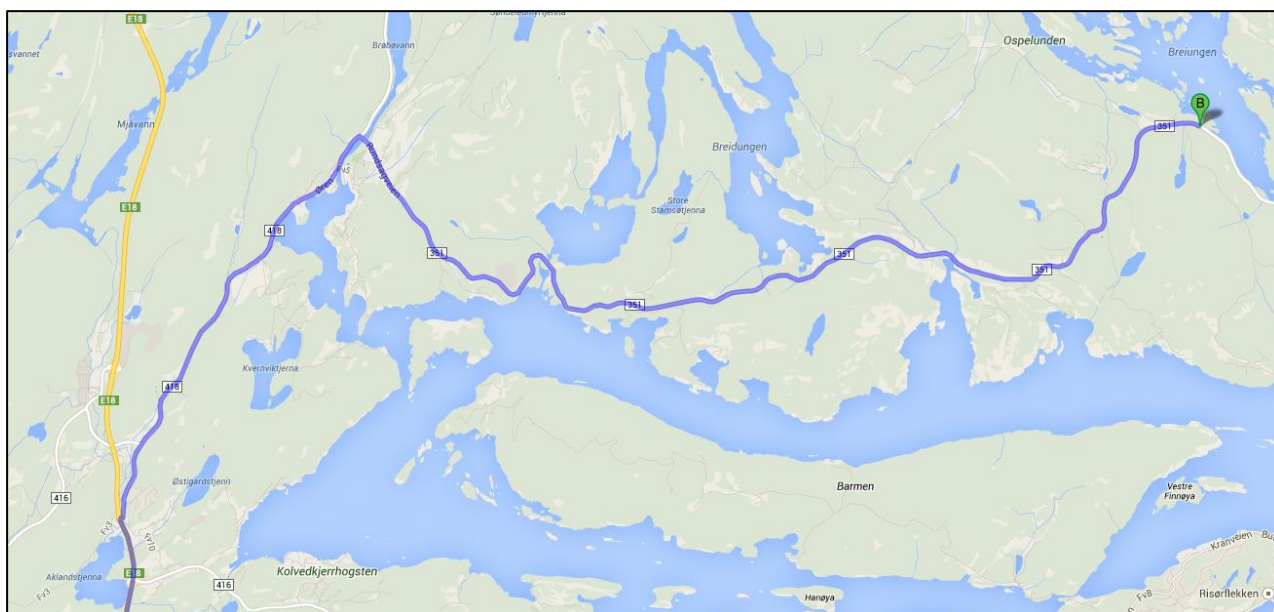


# Rock Climbing Guide to Skarvann - Southern Norway

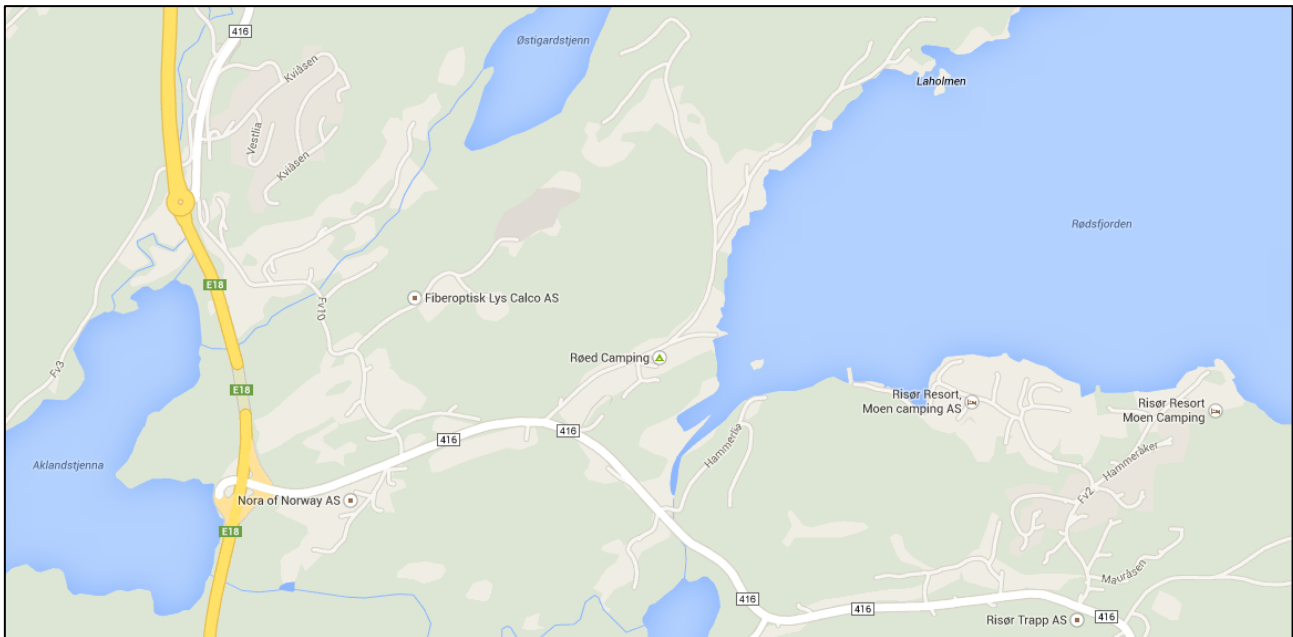
The Skarvann area was developed by the local and enthusiastic climber Børre Bergshaven from Grimstad-Arendal Klatreklubb ([www.gakk.no](http://www.gakk.no)). The Skarvann crags lie in a wooded area close to Lake Skarvann near the Risør peninsula on Norway's south coast. Follow the E18 motorway to junction 64, leaving it for route 416 at the roundabout just north of the Sørlandsporten motorway tunnel. This junction is approximately 100 km from Kristiansand and 90 km from Larvik. There are ferry routes from Denmark to these two ports.

Follow route 416 NNE initially before continuing straight along route 418. After 3-4 km the road passes through the small town of Søndeled (petrol station and supermarket). Just after the weir on the river on your right, turn right onto route 351. After a further 11 km, the road bends slowly rightwards. Here you will pass a gravel road on the right signposted to Husås Gård. After a further 100 meters on the main road and just after a huge rock on the left, there is an entrance to a gravelled area and path into the woods. If you plan to camp here, you can unload your vehicle here before moving it to one of the parking places described below.

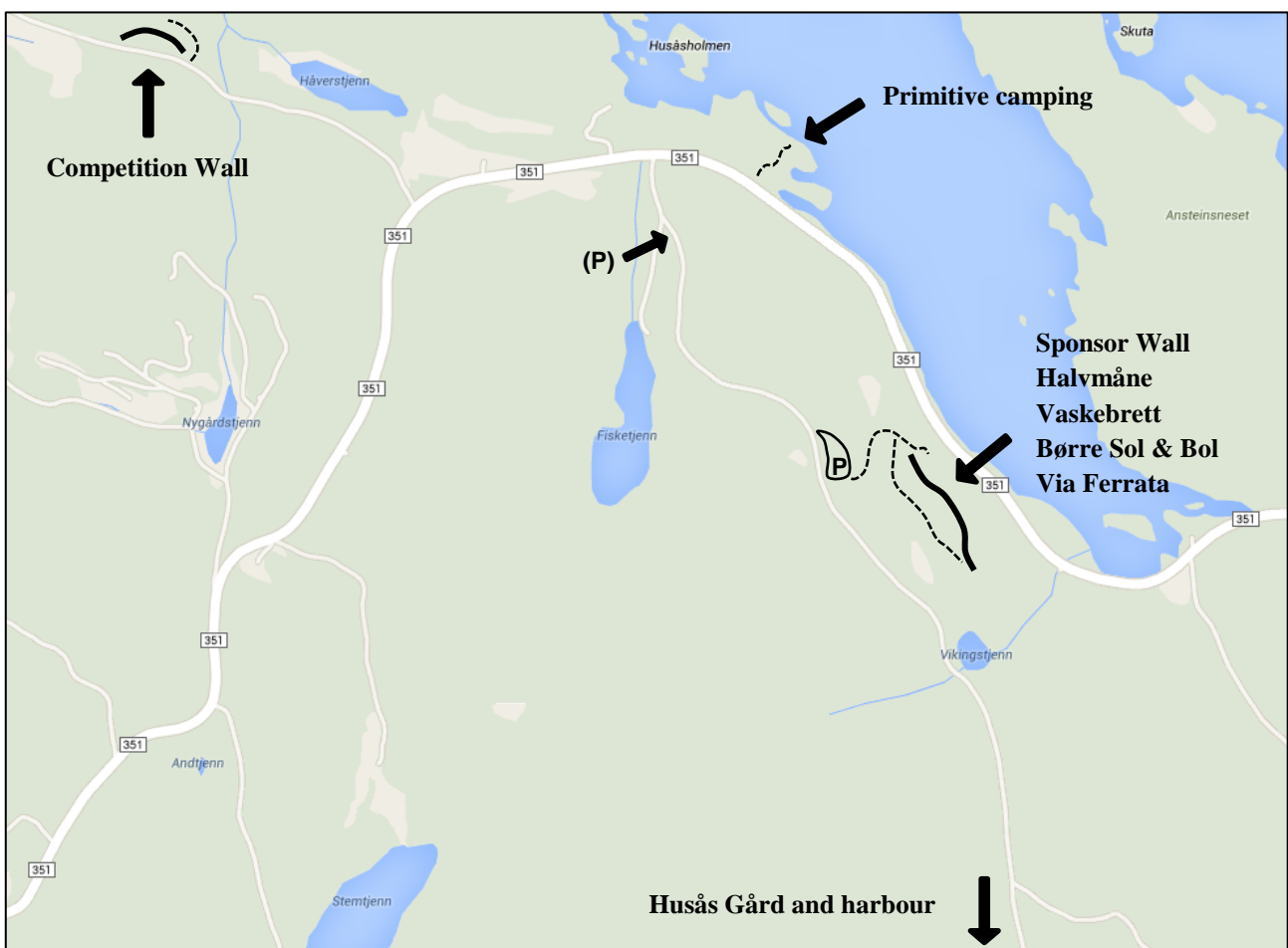


The pathway leads to a primitive camp site in a picturesque setting by the waters of Lake Skarvann which are perfect for cooling off after a hot days climbing. There is a toilet shed, fine wooden platforms for lavvu and places for open fires. The site has been developed by the local landowner and both lavvu and canoes can be hired, although in 2014 the site was a little neglected (latest information on sign was from 2012) and the internet site is not maintained ([www.husaas.no](http://www.husaas.no)). Flat spaces for pitching tents are limited. Clean drinking water can be fetched from the small harbour at the road head towards Husås Gård. If done sensibly, a couple of cars can be parked by the rubbish containers 150m up the gravel road towards Husås Gård or ideally, cars should be parked on the big parking area 500m along this road as shown on the overview map below.

For alternative camping options with facilities, there are two campsites not far from the motorway turn-off mentioned above. Take the junction south of the roundabout and follow route 416 towards Risør. Just 1 km from the motorway there is Røed Camping (telephone +47 37 15 50 06) and a little further along the road there is Moen Camping (telephone +47 37 15 50 91). Both lie down to the waters of Rødsfjorden.



The overview map below shows the location of the crags in relation to the car park and primitive camp site.





From the car park, follow a path into the woods at first through a gulley then rightwards. The path splits to either “Udsigten” (viewpoint) or to the climbing. The path descends steeply to a set of wooden stairs (be careful here). You arrive at the foot of “Sponsor Wall” which offers by far the easiest routes (around French 5c, Norwegian 5+). The crag continues southwards with impressive curved overhanging walls such as “Halvmåne” *Half Moon* and “Vaskebrett” *The Washing Board*. Beware that it is rocky and uneven underfoot. At the end of the crag beyond “Børre Sol & Bol” there is a 30m high straight-forward via ferrata. From the top there is a footpath over the viewpoint back to the car park.

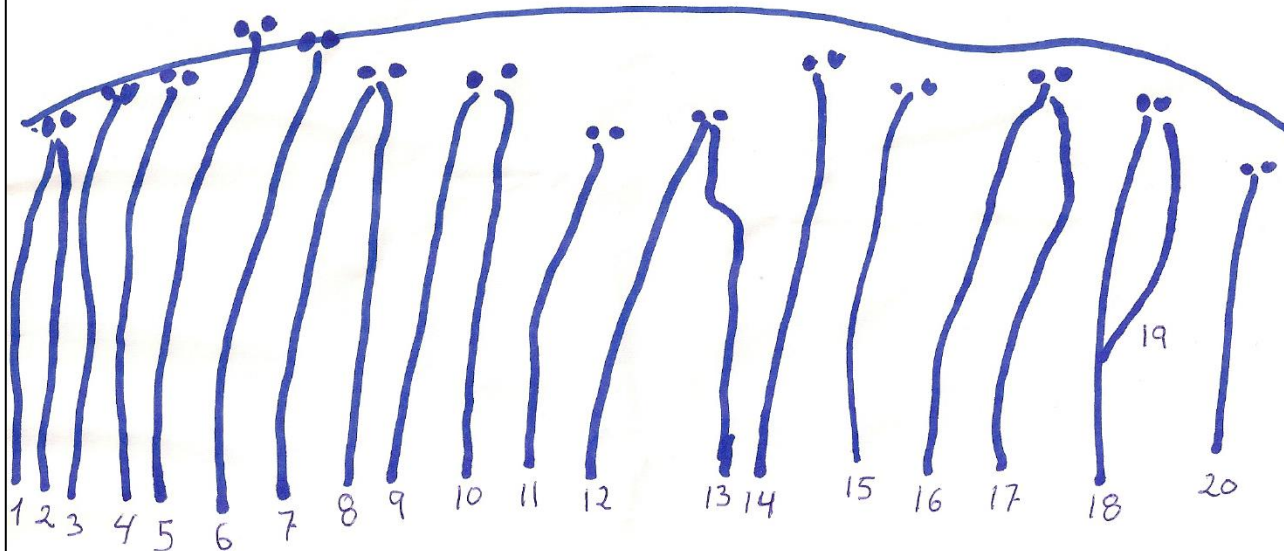
“Competition Wall” is a very impressive 55m high amphitheatre with hard mostly ungraded routes. This was the site of the Norwegian Rock Masters competition in 2008 and 2010 that attracted some of the world’s best climbers. The wall can be found about 500m up the road signposted Sørby. There is also a footpath to the top of the hill above the crag.



Clockwise from top left: Sponsor Wall, Børre Sol & Bol from below, enjoying a fire by the waters of Skarvann at the primitive camp after a day’s climbing, Børre Sol & Bol from the top of the via ferrata with Skarvann behind.

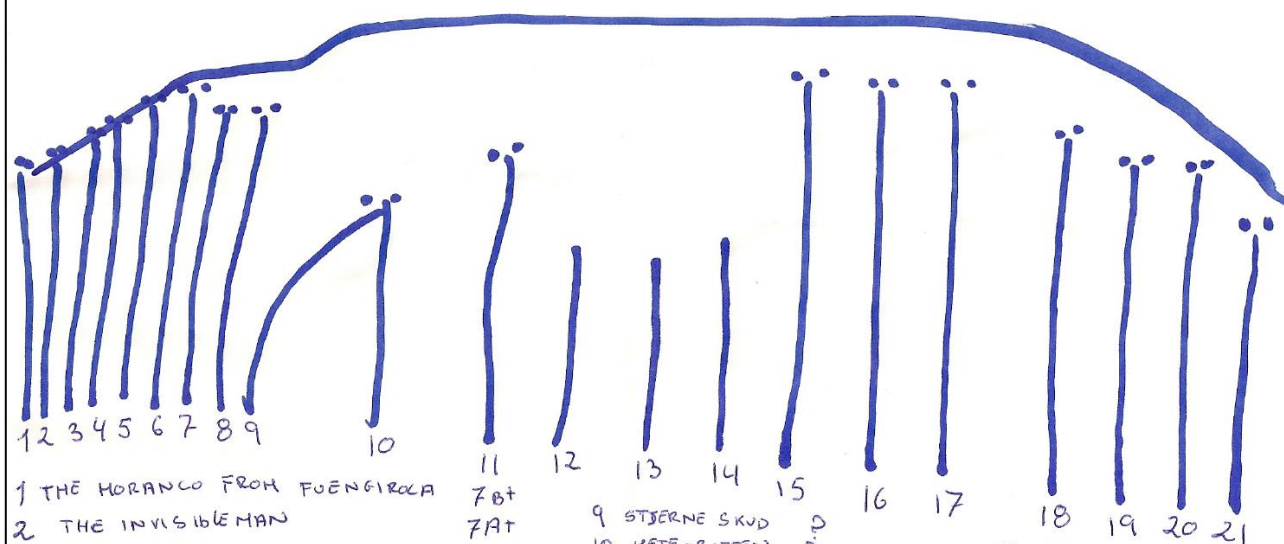
The following pages show the original route diagrams made by Børre Bergshaven. If anybody is aware of update to grades or routes, please let me know and I will let Børre have the information too.

## SPONSOR WALL



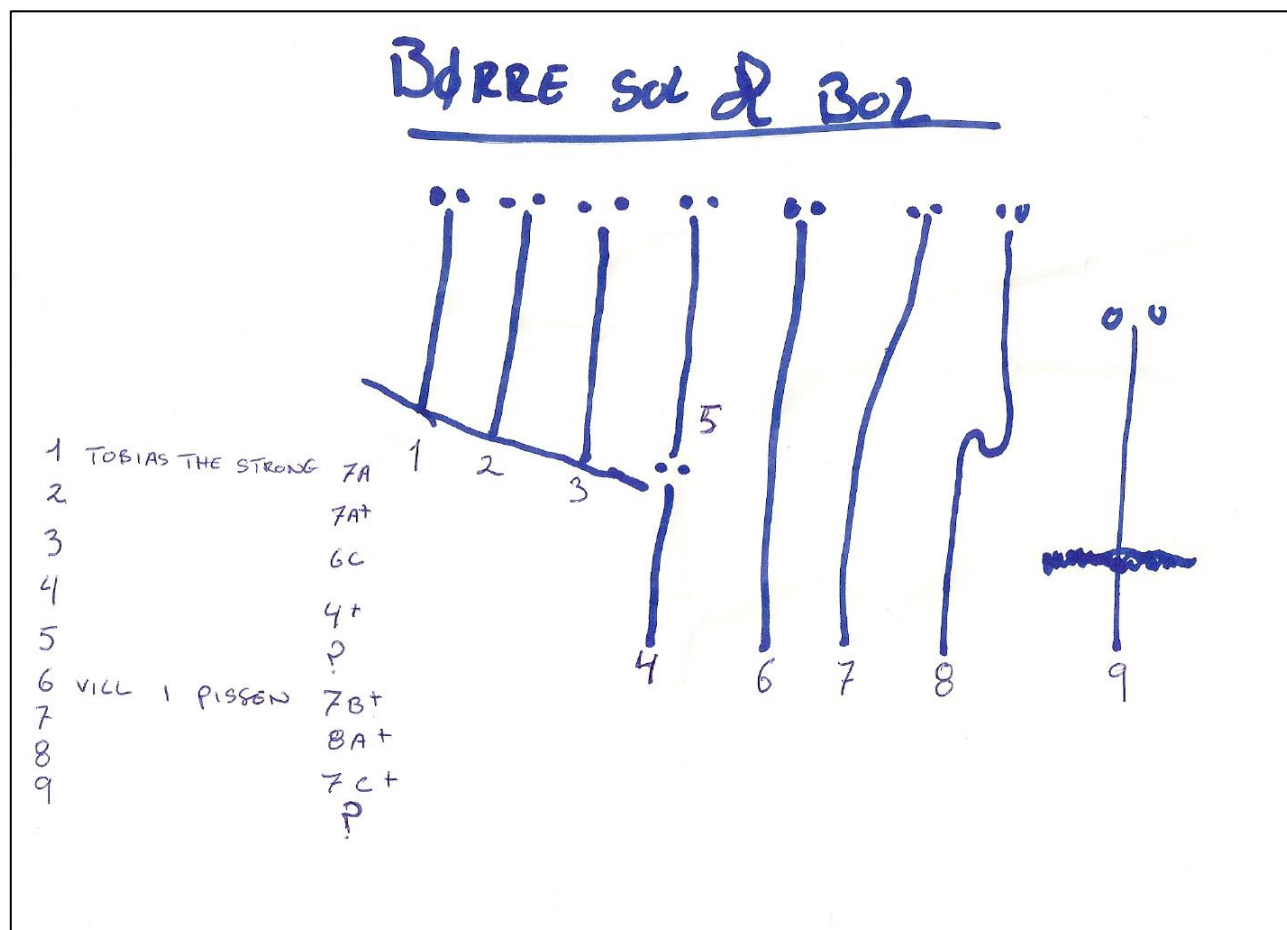
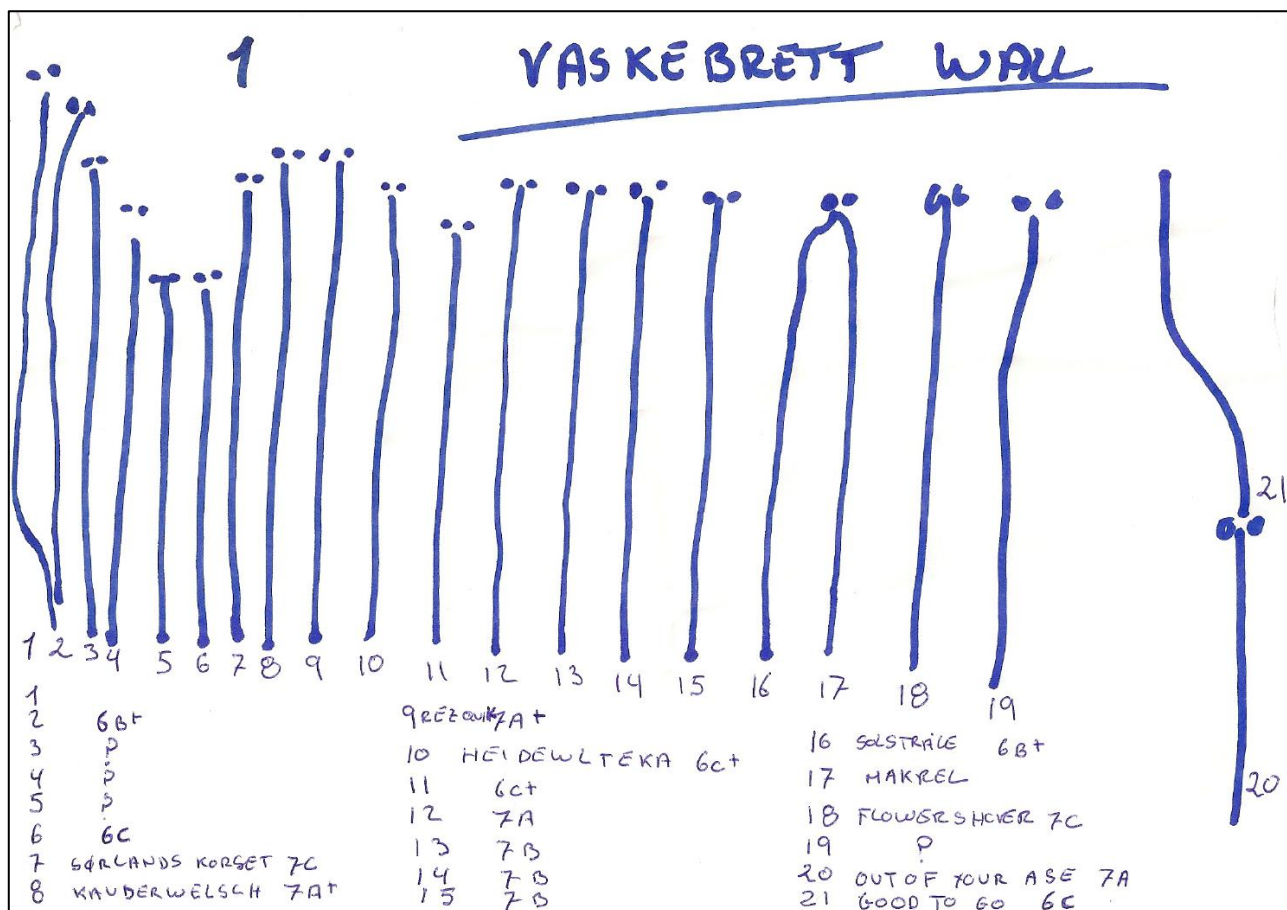
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2 STS	6A	7 RISØR KOMMUNE	6A+	12	5C	18	5C
3 INTERSPORT	6A	8 ALTO LIFT	P	13	5C	19	5C
4 DNB	5C	9 HØYDE SERVICE	7A+	14	5C	20	5C
5 UNERA	5C	10 KØRRELÅUGE	6B	15	6A		
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## HALVÅNE WALL



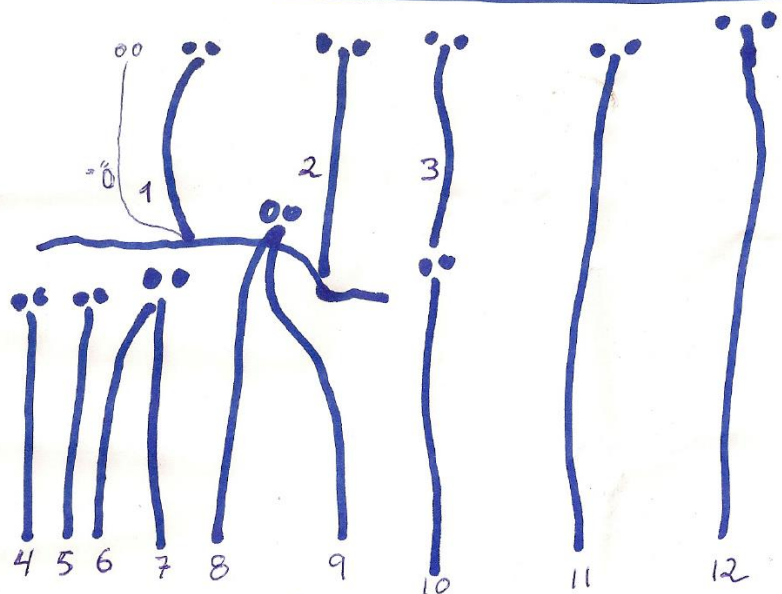
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2 THE INVISIBLE MAN	7A+	10 METEORITTEN	P.D.D	18	PULPEN 6B+
3 FIRE PLOSS HES I RAEVA	5C	11 HALVÅNE	P.D.D	19	NY HÅNE P
4 SKARVANN	7A	12 NOT FINISH		20	ELDECAIE 6B/C
5 LAMPETTEN	P.D.D	13 ———		21	FULLHÅNE P
6 CAFE LATTE		14 ———			
7 CORTADO		15 LINDE WITH LINDE	7C+		
8 MANCHADO	P.D.D	16 GORKA THE HERO	6B/C		





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# COMPETITION WALL



- 9 ER DET HART NOK ?
- 10 MALAGENSO REVENTAO ?
- 11 TØRRIS (NOT FINISH)
- 12 ROCK MASTER

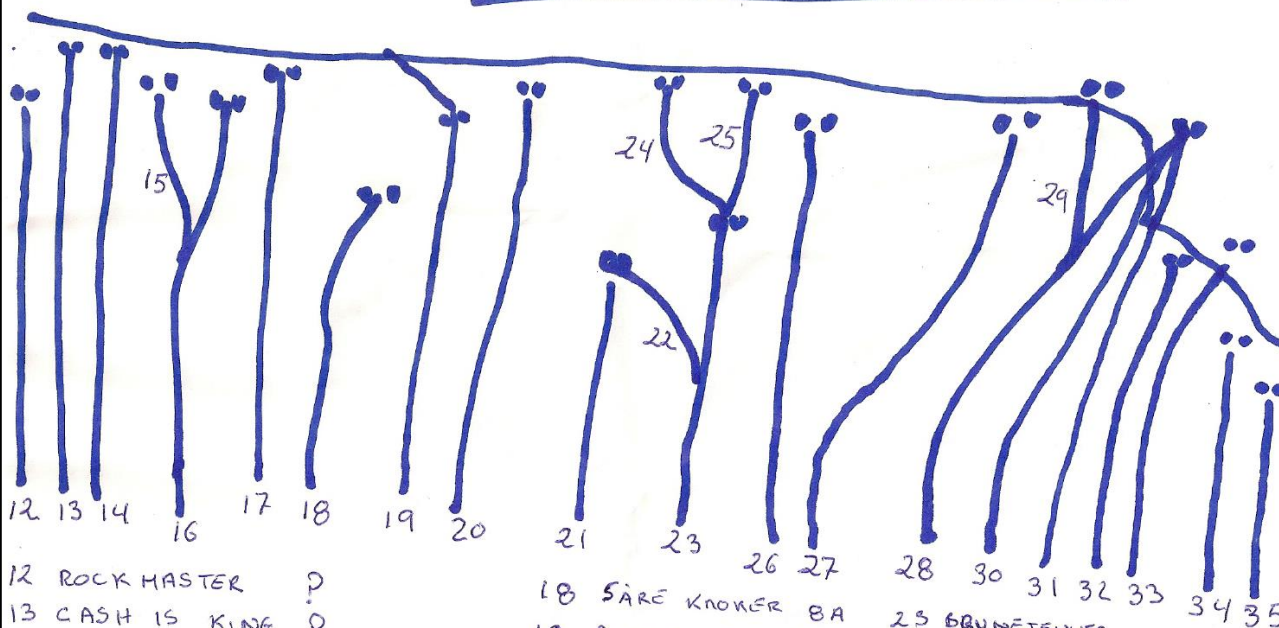
- 1 BORO TAXI 6K
- 2 ENCALOMATE 6C/7A
- 3 FREE PARK ?
- 4 NO MONEY NO HONEY 4+

- 5 EL GATO ?
- 6 CAMPO CHIMO/RAFA ?
- 7 CASA DE PACO ?
- 8 FULL RULLE ?

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# COMPETITION WALL



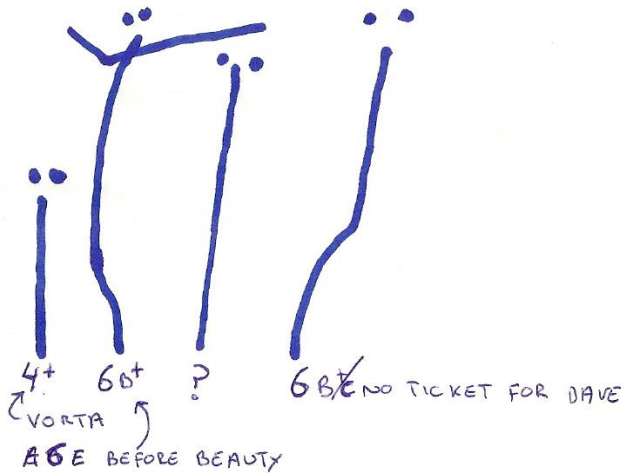
- 12 ROCK MASTER ?
- 13 CASH IS KING ?
- 14 KONGEN AV SØRLANDET ?
- 15 BIJAIN DE MUSGO ?
- 16 EL TIO DE LA BARRA ?
- 17 KING OF BOLTING 8A+

- 18 SARE KNOKER 8A
- 19 BARKI Vei ?
- 20 LIFTEN ?
- 21 KRUTTONNA ?
- 22 LUNTA 6B

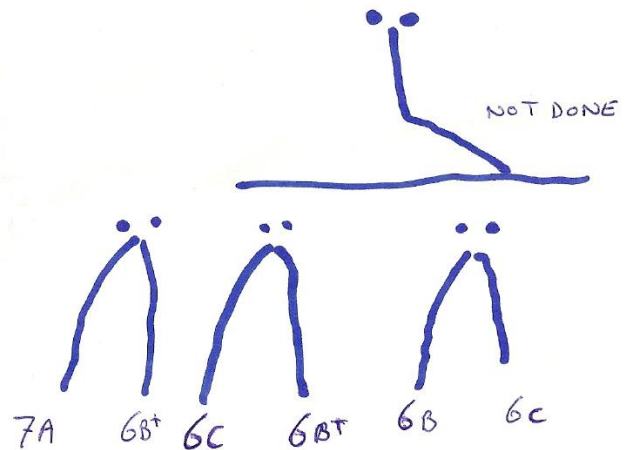
- 23 BRUNETENNER
- 24 MALAGITA
- 25 QUITAPENAS
- 26 MCLURE SPECIAL 7B+/7C
- 27 GRØNNE FINGERER 6C
- 28 AULEGGER 5B+

# COMPETITION WARMING UP

LEFT



RIGHT



For alternative climbing options then consider the following guidebooks:

- Southwards towards Arendal, Grimstad and Kristiansand: "Sørlandsfører" ([www.sorlandsforer.com](http://www.sorlandsforer.com))
- Kristiansand centre, Odderøya Peninsula: "Klatrefører for Odderøya" by Christiansand Klatreklubb
- Northwards towards Larvik: "Veiviseren: Selected Climbs in Vestfold" ISBN 978-82-997769-2-9
- Northwards around Oslo: "Klatrefører for Oslo og omegn" by Kolsås Klatreklubb ISBN 82-992662-3-8

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