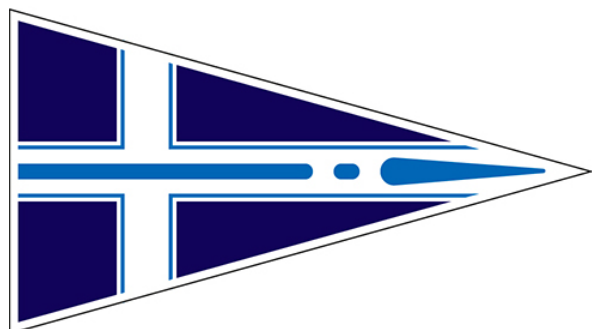




**SPARKMAN & STEPHENS
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Jennifer Stewart and S&S Swan

We asked Jennifer Stewart, an old friend and a benefactress of the S&S Swan Association (*providing, over the past decades, help to new and old Owners and gifting her huge archive of documents/information/drawings to the S&S Swan Association*), to introduce herself.

Here you are!

A Sparkman&Stephens designed Swan is just so recognizable in any harbor, I can spot one instantly with that truly lovely hull shape and design.

My first contact with Nautor came in 1981, when the “new” Swan office opened up in Newport RI. This was the start of Nautor’s moving away from S&S in to an agency network and also in to new designers. It was a whole new world for me, and how lucky was I that I managed to score a job with one of the best builders in the world! And for 24 years, it was great, selling & delivering wonderful boats, meeting so many wonderful owners, and seeing these boats sailing all over the world.

Having sold many S&S Swans all over, it has been so enjoyable seeing these boats go everywhere with their owners, and meeting so many interesting people. Meeting Matteo was through his S&S Swan 38, and over the years, I have shared with him much of the technical information that I had from the factory, drawings and manuals that are now available on the Classic Swan website. Our office sold so many S&S Swans, and often, sold the same boat numerous times! One of my favorite clients is Dr. Ira Zaslow with his immaculate Swan 40 – the only veterinarian for anyone I knew, and the first Swan sailing experience for me was on board WILLOWIND (S&S Swan 40/019). Juan Corradi sailed his Swan 38 PIRATE (S&S Swan 38/019) everywhere, and has written a book on his adventures.

My business partner scooped up a Swan 431 as a result of a hurricane on the East Coast, supposedly a write off but in reality, only the rudder was damaged – hard to keep this S&S

designed Swan down! TEMPTRESS was a well known Swan 44 here that won Swan regattas, and raced Bermuda, etc. (sold her three times). CHASSEUR (S&S Swan 44/041) was another 44 owned by an ex commodore of the New York Yacht Club, and with him at the helm, the boat usually won. I met one of my best friends selling her and her husband a Swan 44 VIXEN (S&S Swan 44/041)! Selling a Swan 47 CORVIGLIA (S&S Swan 47/056) to a Rolex dealer in Canada resulted in Nautor's partnership with ROLEX after meeting at a American Swan regatta!

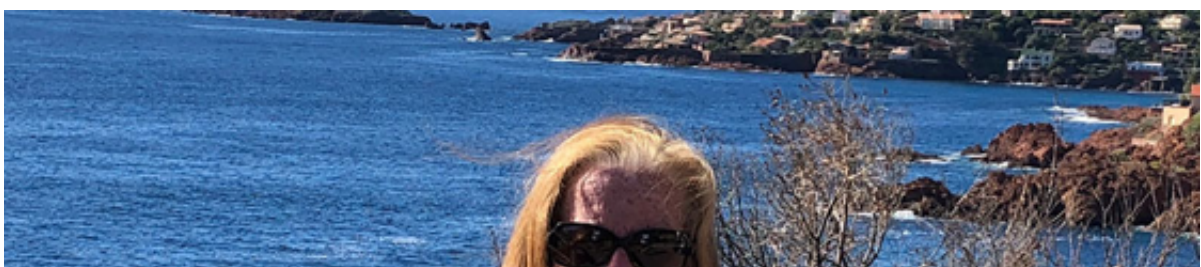
My first trip to Finland was in approximately 1983, thankfully in the warmer weather. (There were many later trips where I was standing outside of the Helsinki airport waiting for the bus and it was way below zero). The factory was of course in the old location, with the tests tank fitting the Swan 65's, the dip tank for the rigs, and the full machine/fiberglass shops that made everything. The wood shop had a wall that stored a piece of interior teak from EVERY boat launched, so that it could be later matched for repairs, and it was an education watching the laminations.

This was my first time meeting the 'classic' Finns, Lars Ström, Tom Blomgren and Ingmar Granholm, Gunnar Ost, to name a few, and the top ladies that ran the show, Britt-Marie, Laila, Ann-Marie, Ann-Sophie, Christine, Karin, Ingegerd, Britta and Kajsa. Over 24 years, we all worked together so well, and became good friends as well. I would be sure to bring bottles of Advil (the American supersized version), Mt. Gay rum, Levi jeans, horse magazines, and various other items requested.

Lars was the silent Professor, and when you walked by his office, all was silent, he was a man of few words but one of the most brilliant men ever found in the yachting industry. The technical information that was in his head can never be matched, and no matter when I needed technical help, he had the answer for me. He never asked for goodies, he asked me for technical manuals that weighed about 25 lbs in my luggage! For some reason, he and I got along famously, and when I was at the factory, there was noise coming out of his office as we would have the best chats – and I would even get one of his very dry jokes. Lars loved to hear anything about any Swan, and we would share details all the time, and often he would ask me to track down a rumor for him. Our last time together was at a reunion in Finland several years ago, and Lars made the trip up to Pietarsaari. The whole gang met at the Stats Hotel for dinner and drinks, and the staff finally begged us to leave about 2 a.m. It was a sad day when the news got to us that Lars had passed, he cannot be replaced that's for sure.

Thank you to Matteo and the Classic Swan organization for organizing the events for these beautiful boats and providing forum for information exchange.

Jennifer





Duarte Champalimaud, Board Member

We are thrilled to let you know Duarte Champalimaud is now on the Board of the S&S Swan Association; Duarte is the proud Owner of S&S Swan 40/047 Star Swan (*read his amazing history on our [newsletter no. 373](#), July 2022*), already known to the S&S Swan friends as our Portuguese "Secret agent" (*he is from Cascais, and always happy to help S&S Swan Owners who are in the Portugal or French Atlantic coast*). His incredible sailing skills and experience (*Duarte is a singlehanded sailor*) and nice personality will be a great enrichment for the S&S Swan Association.

Welcome onboard Duarte!





S&S Swan 38/067 Only You and Olimpicks

Only You, the boat which gave birth to the S&S Swan Association back in year 2000, had a fundamental role even in the 2024 Olympic Games in France, as she was among the boats selected to escorting the Olympic Torch in Marseille, so, for security reason she had to be checked by the French Secret Service, and they finally confirmed no bomb was onboard (and allowed to follow the Torch), we are very proud of her and her owners, Jean-Louis and Jean-Pierre!





S&S Swan 57/004 White Shadow, looking for a new CareTaker

Jean-Christophe with his Crew and his S&S Swan 57/004 White Shadow were among the S&S Swan which participated at the 2023/2024 O.G.R.. They did it, and had absolutely no issues on the boat, which despite her 45 years already spent sailing all over the world in the worst weather condition, still behaved perfectly (*of course, she is a True Swan: a Sparkman&Stephens designed Swan!*).

Now it's time for J-C to think about new adventures, so, if you want to be the next keeper of this beautiful and indomitable S&S Swan, contact [J-C](#)!

S&S Swan and Swan Cup

Swan Cup is due in less than three weeks, and of course enthusiastic S&S Swan and their extraordinary Owners/Crew are ready to compete in the beautiful Sardinia crystal and windy waters, racing among the islands of Maddalena archipelago; follow race results on YCCS.it website!

S&S Swan Association is offering the "Rod and Olin Stephens Challenge Trophy" to the winner of the "Classic Class", a trophy generously sponsored by Jonathan and Mimi Todhunter (*former Owners of S&S Swan 47019 Walidada*)!

S&S Swan, the True Swan, are the best: ever and forever!

11th S&S Swan Rendez-vous

17 - 22 June 2025, Marciana Marina, Elba Island

As usual we are working with Circolo della Vela Marciana Marina and our generous Sponsors on the organization of our next Rendez-vous, and hope to replicate the 2023 numbers (45 participants) in the meantime the provisional list of the boats confirmed is:

members (16 participants) in the meantime the provisional list of the seats confirmed is:

1. 36/007 Josian, from Italy
2. 36/010 Isabella, from Germany
3. 38/067 Only You, from France
4. 41/025 Lithian, from Italy
5. 41/026 Freya, from France
6. 41/047 Maje, from Ireland
7. 43/045 Magia II, from Italy
8. 43/047 Kokkola, from Italy
9. 44/014 Four Winds, from Italy
10. 44/016 Selene, from Italy
11. 44/036 Sehkraft, from Germany
12. 44/047 Solano, from France
13. 44/056 Deneb, from Italy
14. 47/002 Hypatia, from Italy
15. 47/004 Dream, from Italy
16. 47/016 Grampus, from Italy
17. 47/036 lazy Duck, from Malta
18. 47/037 Matilda, from Germany
19. 47/041 Tortuga, from Italy
20. 47/051 Djata, from Italy
21. 47/056 Black Tie, from Italy
22. 47/069 Vanessa, from Italy
23. 55/001 Pamalia, from France
24. 57/006 Matchless, from Italy
25. 57/007 Algol V, from France
26. 57/037 Bianca di Navarra, from Italy
27. 65/035 Eve, from Australia
28. 65/001 Peak, from Italy
29. 65/040 Une Joie de Vivre, from Brasil

More information on our next newsletter (*September 30th*)...

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