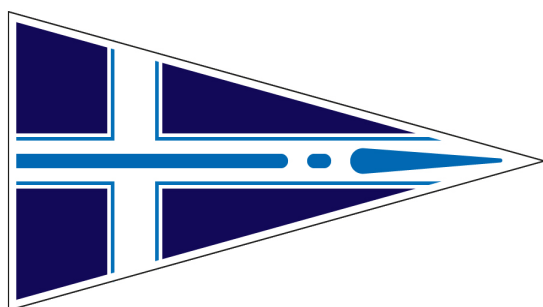




**SPARKMAN & STEPHENS
SWAN ASSOCIATION**

News From the Cockpit No. 414/2024

Alan Gilbert onboard the S&S Swan Association!

Dear S&S Swan Owners and Friends, I am happy and thrilled to tell you Alan Gilbert is now on the Board of the S&S Swan Association.

Alan does not need any introduction, as you all know he has been working at the Sparkman&Stephens office for 27 years, and involved with Rod and Olin in the design of all the S&S Swan (from scratch or in alterations).

Of course he is addicted to S&S Swan as we all are, and he's happy to contribute more and more to the knowledge of our beloved S&S Swan.

Welcome onboard dear Alan!!!

(if you missed our February 2024 newsletter, [here](#) is Juan Corradi interviewing Alan).

S&S Swan and 1979 Fastnet

The **1979 Fastnet Race** suddenly and unfortunately made sailing world to realize there was a big problem with some IOR designed boats, namely those whose designers found the loophole in the rule, therefore designed boats with a good rating on the racing field but on the opposite side forgetting to work on their stability, which resulted in a lot of knock downs, dismastings, lost boats and above all 15 casualties.

Sparkman&Stephens had very clearly in mind the **Angle of Positive Stability** and the "magic number", 120°, which should not be exceeded.

Never!

That is of course applied even in the S&S designed Swan, of which none of them in fact suffered any catastrophic problems at the 1979 Fastnet.

Our fantastic duo, **Alan Gilbert** and **Juan Corradi** are again on the scene and in the third part of their already famous articles, talk about the seaworthiness of S&S Swans, and

specifically of the S&S Swans at the 1979 Fastnet.

Please click [here](#) to download full article

(Click here to download [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#))





A dramatic photo of *Validada I*, S&S Swan 411/028, at the 1979 Fastnet (her skipper, Jonathan Todhunter, decided to divert the route to Cherbourg)

Sparkman&Stephens Association AGM

International Meeting and AGM

14-16 June 2024

Plans for our friend's association, the Sparkman&Stephens Association (*they deal with all designed S&S boats and not just S&S Swan*) 2024 Annual General Meeting are now complete. The gathering will be in **Enkhuizen**, one of the most scenic towns that the Netherlands has to offer, on **14-16 June 2024**. Currently about 60 members will be attending but there are still spaces available so please let them know if you'd like to join the AGM (if you are a Member of UK S&S Association).

1st S&S Swan Capraia Reunion

Capraia Island, Tyrranean Sea, 21 - 22 - 23 June 2024

Are you ready to sail to Capraia island for the first **S&S Swan Reunion**?

This is not a race, but a very convivial event, organized by and for Sparkman&Stephens Swan owners and friends, no stress and no need to get a crew, working on the preparation of the boat and spending money to order new sails!

We will meet in Capraia marina (*thanks to Adelaide who is reserving the main pontoon just for S&S Swan*) just for the pleasure of being all together and share the passion we have on these unique sailing boats .

On the evening of 21st, Summer Solstice, we will have dinner at **Cheri**, a restaurant 5 minutes of walking distance from the boats. During the dinner, we will decide where we will be sailing the following day.

One of the idea is sailing to Giraglia island (Corsica) if there is enough wind, or just to one of the lovely bays in Capraia if the wind will be too lazy to sail further distances.

On the evening, when we will be all back and moored, we are going to have dinner at **Pescianel**, a lovely and familiar restaurant just in front of the boats.

Sunday is the "goodby" day, but for those who are lucky enough to be able to stay in Capraia for a few more days, Adelaide and the marina team will be happy to reserve a mooring for them.

Twenty Three S&S Swan are already registered for the event.

Any other S&S Swan Association Members who would like to join us?

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