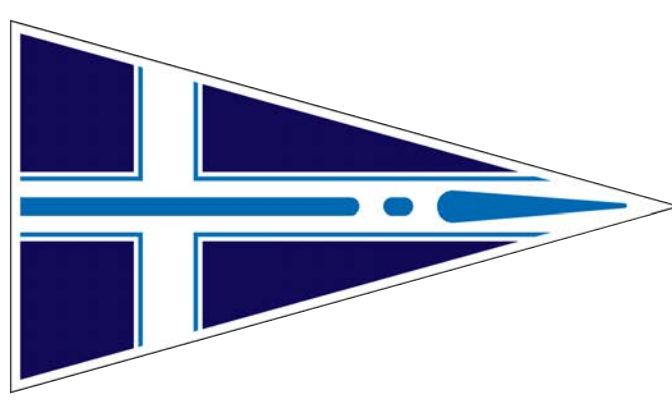




News from the Cockpit . 388/2023

S&S Swan Mast Step

One of the maintenance tricky job on S&S Swan is the overhaul/substitution of the Mast Step.  
After 40/50 years, if the bilge has not been kept clean and dry as it should have been, it got rust and needs substitution.  
It is certainly not an easy job and of course not inexpensive, but one must know it is something a few S&S Swan Owners already did it and very successfully.  
What follows is the substitution procedure undertaken 2022/2023 on S&S Swan 47/017.

(thanks to 47/017 Owner, Fiamma, and to Elio Borio who did the described job in La Spezia, Italy, his experience on S&S Swan is nowadays invaluable)

Mast Step



S&S Swan 47/017 Mast Step needs some TLC (47 years after launching)

Matilda sailing to the S&S Swan Rendez-vous

Peter Kohlhoff, Owner of S&S Swan 47/037 Matilda, wanted to join the S&S Swan Rendez-vous, so, he sailed his boat, with family and friends, to the Med; his own words:

I would like to address this little travel report to all those who, like us, can't wait for the summer, and S&S Swan Rendez-vous.  
Our S&S Swan 47/037 *Matilda* has been moored in Lagos, Portugal, since late summer. In order to have her in time for the S&S Swan Rendez-vous in Elba, we sailed her to Cartagena in Spain first week of January 2023.  
The three of us meet in Lagos on 01 January, put Matilda in the water on 2 January and set sail around midday, coming straight from the Travellift Box. We are lucky with the weather and sail off at a moderate 15 knots. Our first stop is Gibraltar, 150 nautical miles away.  
At night the wind freshens up to a sporty 25 knots from the NE. We make good progress under reefed mainsail and the staysail. At dawn we reach Tarifa, a notorious surf spot. Around 12:00 (24 hours at sea), we pass the Monkey Rock of Gibraltar.  
The wind has shifted to the east and is blowing in the Mediterranean at only 3-5 knots. It is wonderfully warm and feels like a northern German summer. At night it is cool with temperatures around 10 degrees, during the day 20 degrees, the water is also 20 degrees.  
The wind picks up and we can sail at 12-15 knots. Matilda shows what she is made of with the centreboard down. I have sailed many different boats in my 50 years of experience, but I just wanted to mention here the ease with which the Sparkman&Stephens Swan 47 sails in different wind and wave conditions. Whether it's 12kn or 17kn wind, you always sail about the same speed without much effort or stress, playful, fantastic!  
We cross another 300nm in varying wind forces up to 20kn and arrive in Cartagena already on Thursday afternoon, after 3 days. What a fast trip, we even had to wind, two thirds against the wind. Life on board was comfortable and convenient.  
At the beginning of April we will sail the boat to Marseille, where the Pre-Olympic Races are taking place this year. One of my sons is sailing NACRA 17 for the German Sailing Team, we want to watch and cheer him on during training. We'll be on Elba in time for June, we're looking forward to seeing you all!  
Peter Kohlhoff - S&S Swan 47/037 *Matilda*



Matilda's Crew (from left: Michael, Thomas and Peter in Cartagena, relaxed and smiling after an exhilarating upwind sailing of 300 nm onboard their Sparkman&Stephens Swan!

10<sup>th</sup> S&S Swan Rendez-vous . dedicated to Lars Ström

Marciana Marina, Elba Island, Mediterranean Sea  
28 June . 2 July 2023

Notice of Race now available

Forty Two S&S Swan Owners already confirmed their participation, they are:

- 36/007 **Josian**, Eugenio Alphandery, from Italy
- 37/031 **Tikka III**, Luca Alessandrelli, from Italy
- 38/013 **Ann**, Giorgio Setti, from Italy
- 38/017 **Mascalzone Latino**, Vincenzo Onorato, from Italy
- 40/043 **Teragram**, Maria Vittoria Destefanis, from Italy
- 40/047 **Star Swan**, Duarte Champalimaud, from Portugal
- 41/008 **Windrush**, Mikko Simola, from Finland
- 41/025 **Lithian**, Matteo&Federica Cattaneo, from Italy
- 411/029 **Aegir**, Nello Zotta, from Italy
- 411/031 **Riff**, Massimo Nadalin, from Italy
- 43/045 **Magia II**, Enrico Scopesi, from Italy
- 43/047 **Kokkola**, Vittorio Ghizzoni, from Italy
- 44/014 **Four Winds**, Leonardo Servi, from Italy
- 44/036 **Sehkraft**, Matthias&Edith Maus, from Germany
- 44/051 **Safa**, Horace Dediu, from Finland
- 44/060 **Un Amour de Swan**, Giandomenico Iannetti, from Italy
- 44/047 **Solano**, Cesar Chuffart, from France
- 44/058 **Deneb**, Antonio Puntello, from Italy
- 47/002 **Hypatia**, Giulio&Ariane Bergamaschi, from Italy
- 47/004 **Dream**, Francesco Pennisi Persio, from Italy
- 47/016 **Grampus II**, Matteo&Matteo d'Agostino
- 47/017 **MyLow**, Fiamma Briziarelli, from Italy
- 47/037 **Matilda**, Peter Kohlhoff, from Germany
- 47/039 **Outrageous**, Fabrizio Saveriano, from Italy
- 47/041 **Tortuga**, Filippo&Alina Masci, from Italy
- 47/047 **Aorangi**, Jayne Kohoeler, from Italy
- 47/051 **Djata**, Antonio&Cristina Ortolani, from Italy
- 47/056 **Black Tie**, Massimo Crovetto, from Italy
- 47/069 **Vanessa**, Matteo&Giulia Salamon, from Italy
- 48/015 **Rendez-Vous**, Jose Aguinaga, from Spain
- 55/012 **Tauranga Gandalf**, Michele Bruno, from Italy
- 57/003 **Explorer**, Don McIntyre and Jane Zhou, from Australia
- 57/004 **White Shadow**, Jean-Christoph Petit, from France
- 57/006 **Matchless**, Giacomo Bei, from Italy
- 57/007 **Algol V**, Yves Mendegris, from France
- 57/015 **Lintu**, Jyrki Mäki, from Finland
- 57/025 **Yellowdrama**, Stephen Matthews, from UK
- 57/037 **Bianca di Navarra**, Camillo Manfredini, from Italy
- 65/005 **Saida**, Jurg Shneider, from Switzerland
- 65/020 **King's Legend**, John Vincent, from United Kingdom
- 65/033 **Libelula**, Placido Arango, from Spain
- 65/039 **Mascalzone Latino**, Vincenzo Onorato, from Italy

Provisional schedule:

- 28 June:** arrival day - Welcome Cocktail
- 29 June:** Briefing and Race
- 30 June:** Briefing and Race
- 1 July:** Briefing and Race - Dinner and Prize Giving Ceremony (and Draw by Lot of *Carboway* full carbo gangway, only for present S&S Swan Owners!)
- 2 July:** Bye Bye Day

Trophies\*:

- 1: 1st . 2nd . 3rd, Classic, Class (36 to 44 ft)
- 2: 1st . 2nd . 3rd, Classic, Class (47 to 76 ft.)
- 3: 1st Overall Classic Classes, RTYC Olin Stephens Challenge Trophy
- 4: 1st Overall, White Sails Only Class
- 5: 1st Overall Racing Class
- 6: 1st . 2nd . 3rd, Best Maintained and Original S&S Swan
- 7: 1st . 2nd . 3rd, Zeppelin Trophy for the Most Elegant S&S Swan

**\* All Challenge Trophies will be assigned to winners, and will remain at the S&S Swan Association premises**

If you are a S&S Swan Association Member and wants to participate, please contact us to receive Notice of Race:

contact the association

S&S Swan 44/058 Deneb at the 2021 S&S Swan Rendez-vous . photo courtesy James R. Taylor

S&S Swan Association and A.I.V.E., Racing Calendar

Associazione Italiana Vele Epoca will officialize 2023 Mediterranean Racing Calendar next February 3<sup>rd</sup>, in Rome.  
S&S designed Swan are now officially eligible to participate to the Classic Mediterranean race circuit.  
S&S Swan are the first production sailing boats to have been admitted to participate in the Classic Regattas Mediterranean Circus.  
Contact us to have more news and informations.

Members' S&S Swan at the Ocean Globe Race 2023

- 55/002 **Galiana**, Tapio Lehtinen and Team
- 55/009 **Nakamal**, Arnaud Lizop and Team
- 57/003 **Explorer**, Don McIntyre and Team
- 57/004 **White Shadow**, Jean-Christophe Petit and Team

Coming soon:

- . Baby Blake: restore your BB toilet to "as new" condition
- . 36/021 Lofna: reborn of a S&S Swan 36
- . Juan Corradi and Alan Gilbert: The Special and Desirable Characteristics of Classic Swans as Offshore Yachts, part III

