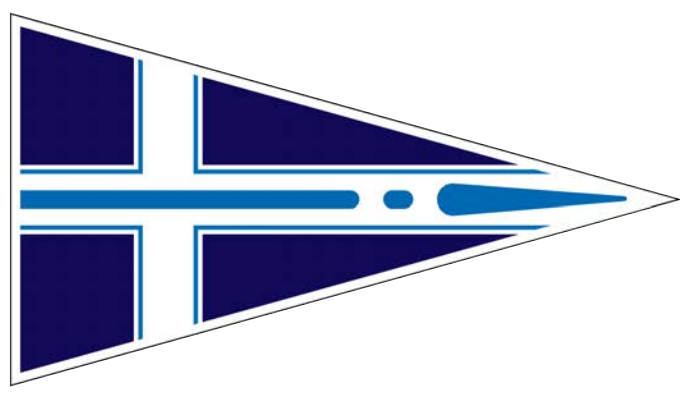




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SWAN ASSOCIATION

News from the Cockpit . 387/2023

Happy New Year . *Tapio Lehtinen*

Dear S&S Swan Association Members, and Friends,

thank you for all the nice messages I have received from around the world after the sad loss of Asteria*. And excuse me the anxiety caused while waiting for me being rescued by Kirsten Neuschafer. The sinking was and is a huge disappointment - I was having the time of my life** racing competitively with the fast, seaworthy and beautiful S&S designed Gaia 36. The cause of the sinking will be studied by people smarter than myself, but most probably will remain a mystery in a depth of five kilometres.
What would Lasse say? Life goes on.
I am happy to be back in Finland, enjoying Christmas and New Year with my grand children, my mother and our big family. And happy to get prepared for the Ocean Globe Race 2023 with S&S Swan 55/002 Galiana and her young team. Sailing slowly around the world, having half of the universe visible on most of the nights reminds me always how small our Planet Earth - or Planet Ocean - is. Sailing and the Oceans unite us. Let us remember that we are all together on the small planet, let's work for peace and take care of the planet and ourselves together and make sure that the future generations can happily continue enjoy sailing and life.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Tapio & Team Galiana

* *Gaia Benello, S&S design #1710.C5 (full keel prototype of S&S Swan 36)*
** *in case you missed Tapio's marvellous book on his first GGR, click on below link to order it*

Order Tapio Lehtinen Book



Tapio Lehtinen at the helm of S&S Swan 55/002 Galiana

Rod Stephens . *Problem Areas*

Swan designed by Sparkman&Stephens are unanimously renown as the best production sailing boats ever designed and built, they are perfect, fast, their seaworthiness is beyond any imagination, they still win races, they are able to sail in the biggest blow, and after 50 and more years they are still as good as they were when just launched.
Did you ever asked yourself: why are they unique and perfect?
Straightforward answer is: Rod Stephens.
When P. Koskenkyla, founder of Nautor in 1966, wanted at his side nobody if not the best in the world, he asked Rod Stephens of Sparkman&Stephens, the greatest sailor, seaman and boat-building expert of the XX Century, to help him to design and build the best boats ever: together they conceived the S&S Swan. *(and our duty is to maintain and preserve these fantastic boats <which peculiarities have been completely abandoned after Rod Stephens involvement> for the next generations).*
Worth reading Rod's *Problem Areas* to begin understanding why S&S Swan are the perfect and unique sailing boats:

Rod Stephens: Problem Areas



Rod Stephens at the helm of S&S Swan 57/021 Klem, and owner Arnold Maersk Mc-Kinney Møller, during trials

10th 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 one S&S Swan Owners already confirmed their participation, they are:

- 36/007 **Josian**, Eugenio Alphantery, from Italy
- 37/031 **Tikka III**, Luca Alessandrelli, from Italy
- 37/052 **Tikka**, Ezio&Mailla Lancellotti, 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
- 43/047 **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
- 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 47/002 Hypatia at the 2021 S&S Swan Rendez-vous . photo courtesy James R. Taylor

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

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

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