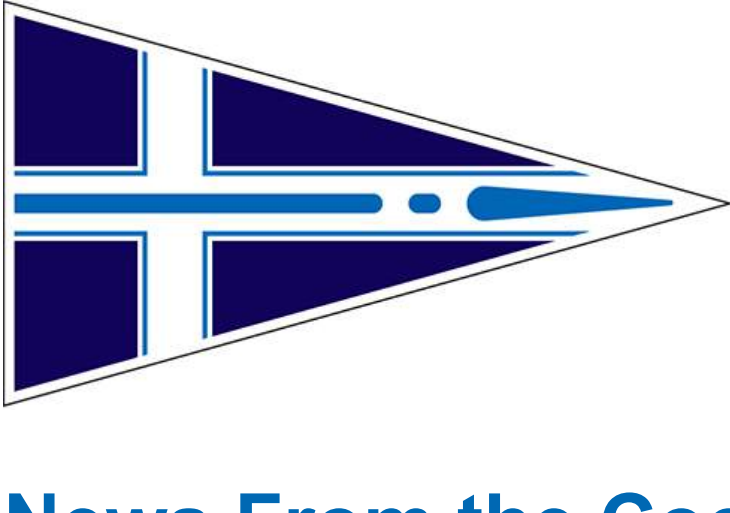




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11th S&S Swan Rendez-vous

Marciana Marina, Elba Island
17-22 June 2025



Participants, list updated on March 31, 2025
(subscriptions accepted until April 30th)

- 37/031 Tikka III, from Italy
- 41/025 Lithian, from Italy
- 41/047 Maje, from Ireland
- 43/047 Kokkola, from Italy
- 44/056 Deneb, from Italy
- 47/002 Hypatia, from Italy
- 47/004 Dream, from Italy
- 47/016 Grampus, from Italy
- 47/036 Lazy Duck, from Malta
- 47/041 Tortuga, from Italy
- 47/051 Djata, from Italy
- 47/056 Black Tie, from Italy
- 47/069 Vanessa, from Italy
- 57/006 Matchless, from Italy
- 57/037 Bianca di Navarra, from Italy
- 65/001 Peak, from Italy
- 65/036 Evrika, from France

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47/015 Saga around the world

A Saga of Dreams and Adventures

From a Dream in 2019 to a Decade of Circumnavigation

In 2019, our dream of owning a Swan sailing yacht became reality. With hearts full of anticipation, we -Nathalie and Chris- embarked on an extraordinary journey with Saga, our Swan 47/015. Under the expert guidance of the S&S Swan Association, Saga underwent a meticulous refit in Italy, preparing her for the challenges of ocean crossings and long offshore passages. A Swan 47 is not the typical choice for a circumnavigation, as most sailors follow the trade winds and the "milk run" route. But for us, owning this iconic Sparkman & Stephens design was a lifelong dream. The Swan 47 is renowned for her exceptional sailing performance, seaworthiness, and timeless beauty -a yacht built to take care of her crew when the seas get rough. During our first year sailing in Italy, we often heard shouts of "Bellissima!" as we sailed passed other yachts. And as we pursued our dream of sailing the world off the beaten track, we quickly learned just how capable Saga is.

Designed for the Ocean.

Our 2022 Atlantic circuit, a test run for our future circumnavigation, solidified our trust in Saga. She handles big seas and gales with ease, and with two reefs in the mainsail and a staysail, she cuts through heavy weather like a train on rails. Knowing your boat is crucial for long-distance passage-making, and we've spent years fine-tuning her systems to ensure reliability, efficiency, and safety at sea.

The Magic Touch:

Essential Upgrades For a successful circumnavigation, power management and reliable systems are key. One of our first major upgrades was a complete electrical overhaul, designed by Massimo Orlandini (Max)—a true Maestro of electrical work. Max became an integral part of our journey, and to this day, we remain in touch for ongoing enhancements.

Key Upgrades:

Heavy-duty cruising sails from Ullman Sails UK. Mainsail with three deep reefs, 110% Yankee cut Genoa, Staysail for heavy weather, Watt & Sea hydro power generator, Hydrovane self-steering system, Watermaker for fresh water independence, Diesel heater & engine-powered matrix heater for cold climates, Pressure cooking pot -because good food matters at sea-

Power Management: Our Beta 60 engine is equipped with a 180-Amp alternator, controlled by an Alpha Pro external regulator, which charges our 800Ah gel service batteries.

At sea: Our Watt & Sea hydro generator keeps our batteries fully charged, even while running the water maker. No need to run the engine for power.

At anchor: We use 300W of portable solar panels on the foredeck.

Backup system: A small Honda generator can provide emergency charging and power our two high-volume emergency bilge pumps, if needed.

Future upgrade: We are planning to switch to 800Ah lithium batteries, with the design currently underway -again, thanks to Max!

The Journey Ahead: A Decade-Long Circumnavigation with Saga fully prepared, we stand on the edge of a grand adventure -a 10-year circumnavigation that will take us to remote islands, diverse cultures, and some of the most breathtaking places on Earth.

Where Are We Going Next? A common question we get is, "Where are you headed next?" Well, the answer is simple: we're sailing around the world! Instead of following the easy downwind trade routes, we're taking the challenging path around Cape Horn and the Cape of Good Hope -often called the "hard way" or "uphill route." This choice is inspired by the voyages of great explorers like Magellan, Darwin, and Joshua Slocum. And yes, Cape Horn is the ultimate bucket-list challenge for sailors! Our Circumnavigation Route 2025 – North Atlantic Ocean We begin with an "uphill" Atlantic crossing to Newfoundland, revisiting Nova Scotia & Newfoundland, which we fell in love with during our 2022 Atlantic circuit.

2026 – Western Caribbean Exploring islands we missed during COVID, including Cuba, Panama, and Colombia. Suriname & Brazil Sailing against the Equatorial current and SE trades, we push south along Brazil's Costa Verde before preparing for the Southern Ocean in Uruguay. Patagonia & Cape Horn From Puerto del Este, we head to Ushuaia & Puerto Williams, rounding Cape Horn and navigating the Beagle Channel and Glacier Alley. Pacific Crossing From Puerto Montt, Chile, we stop at Robinson Crusoe Island, Easter Island, and Pitcairn, before making landfall in the Gambier Archipelago, Southern Pacific.

The Pacific Islands. Crossing the Pacific in one season, stopping at Society Islands (Tahiti, Bora Bora), Samoa, Marshall Islands to reach Japan—one of our biggest bucket-list destinations!

Japan (2 years!). Spending nearly two years cruising and exploring Japan before sailing across the Northern Pacific to Alaska & British Columbia, Canada. Hawaii & Back to the Pacific Returning south via Hawaii, exploring the Marquesas & Fiji, and making our way to New Zealand.

New Zealand & Australia. A full circumnavigation of New Zealand, followed by a passage to Tasmania & Australia's East Coast.

Asia & Indian Ocean. Sailing through the Torres Strait to Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, and the Chagos Archipelago before reaching Mauritius (our home port).

South Africa & South Atlantic. From Mauritius, we sail to South Africa, stopping in Madagascar and onwards to Namibia and St. Helena. Completing the Circumnavigation From St. Helena, we have options: Head west to the Caribbean & Panama for a second circumnavigation.

Sail north to explore the Baltic & then cruise the Mediterranean for an easy retirement!

Fair Winds & Following Seas Saga, our dream yacht, is ready to take us on this epic voyage. With every mile sailed, we embrace the challenges, the beauty, and the unknown. The sea is calling, and we are ready.

Nathalie & Chris Saga47swan Sailing | Swan 47 – Hull 015 Set Sail To Adventure



Saga planned route

Nautor Mast Wanted for 47/045

During a trip between Thailand and Greece S&S Swan 47/045 Mallemuk, while in Suez canal, collided with a ship (*the ship was at anchor with no lights and no AIS...*) on a totally black night, and the original Nautor mast unfortunately broke and is now beyond any possibility or being repaired. It's designed and built to beat any condition except a pirate ship!

The owner would like to find a Nautor mast, instead of getting a commercial one. If possible.

If someone knows where an original Nautor mast could be found, please contact us and we will get in direct touch with Mallemuk's owner!



Mallemuk's mast after the collision with a pirate ship

S&S Swan in Marstrand

Calling for Sparkman&Stephens Swan

August 2025

Swan European Regatta

The event, organized by Maarstrand Yacht Club, in collaboration with Nautor's Swan, will feature three days of coastal racing (August 7th to 9th) in the stunning archipelago surrounding Marstrand, combined with a perfect blend of exclusive social events ashore. Highlights include the unmissable Welcome Cocktail on Wednesday, August 6th, and the Regatta Dinner on Friday, August 8th.

Marstrand Notice of Race

Next Month:

S&S Inc. and Nautor

"Everything You Always Wanted to Know About the End of a Legendary Partnership but Were Afraid to Ask"

the true story

S&S Swan - A Legend

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