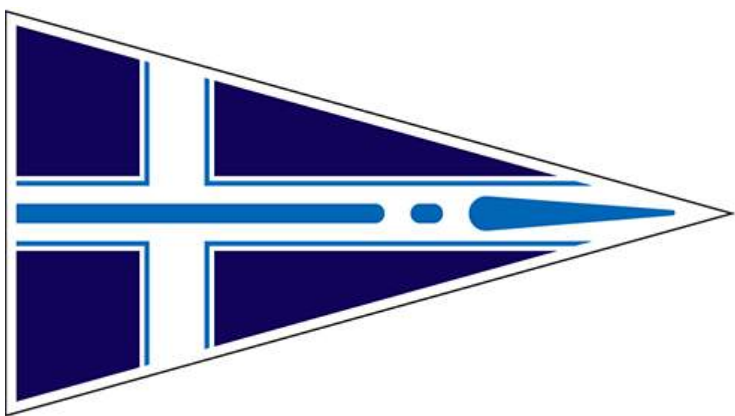




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Happy New Year, and Happy Birthday!

Twenty-five!

In 2000 I founded the S&S Swan Association, with my best friend Stefano (S&S *Swan 411/009 Oracabessa*). We were in Venice with Olin J. Stephens himself and our English friends of the S&S Association for the Annual General Meeting; Stefano and I decided that we wanted to do something exclusively dedicated to our Sparkman&Stephens designed Swan. So, quite simply and between two dear friends, this wonderful adventure began, on a cold Venetian evening at the Hotel La Fenice (*see photo below*) which over the last 24 years has grown and strengthened to what it is today. In 2015 Stefano left us, but not his passion and marvellous spirit.

Up do date we are 603 associated S&S Swan in five continents (out of 777 S&S Swan still afloat *<and 824 produced>*) and thanks to their passionate Owners, who have always shared with the Association the material in their possession, we can now count on an extraordinary archive of almost 30.000 files (*original drawings, plans, diagrams, written communications from/to the S&S Inc. and the yard, with unique and fundamental information, technical manuals, photographs, tutorial and manuals <these two latters all written with Lars precious contribution>, etc. etc.*), material available to Members and of paramount importance to help them for the maintenance and refitting of their S&S Swan. (*By the way, happy to receive all you can share with us, if you have hard copies, I am comfortable sending you a DHL, collect material, scan and send back to you the originals by DHL*). And finally we had the unique privilege of always having The Professor, Lars Ström, aka “Lasse” (*who certainly needs no introduction*), by our side until his passing in 2022.

In June 2024 many S&S Swan gathered for the Capraia S&S Swan Rally, and I know all of us can't wait to meet again in June 2025, at the 11th S&S Swan Rendez-vous in Marciana Marina, to celebrate all together our 25th birthday. We are working with the Circolo della Vela Marciana Marina and our Sponsors (*Acqua dell'Elba, Nautor's Swan and Porto Lotti*) to give you the ultimate Rendez-vous, and during the celebrations of our birthday we will show an unpublished interview to Olin J. Stephens which Stefano (*he was a fantastic producer*) shot during the Venetian evening, in 2000.

Dear Members and Friends, thanks for your amazing friendship, you are the beating hearth of the Association!!!

Your steering committee:
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Hotel La Fenice, Venice, January 2000, Matteo and Stefano giving birth to the S&S Swan Association

S&S Swan 38/001 at the Sydney to Hobart

Congratulation to Saskia and Maud, the two great friends participated with success onboard **Celeste**, a S&S Swan 38 (hull no. 001, built in 1974), to the Rolex Sydney to Hobart race. From Rolex Sydney Hobart Race website:

Celeste is Hull 001 of the S&S Nautor Swan 38s, co-skipped by Saskia Groen-In't-Woud (the owner) and Maud Demazure. They are participating in the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race as both a competitive venture and a delivery and qualifier for the 5500 nautical mile double handed Melbourne to Osaka race in 2025. Celeste, a cruiser/racer sailing gem, is notable for its legendary design by Sparkman and Stephens, with its construction coincidentally beginning on the day Groen-In't-Woud was born. After sailing Celeste extensively in Scandinavian and north-western European waters, she brought the yacht to Australia, where she lives at Southport Yacht Club. Since relocating back to Australia in late 2022, she has already added several thousand miles to Celeste's log.

Co-Skipper, Demazure, is a professional skipper with a Yachtmaster Offshore certificate with over 50,000 miles under her belt, who now resides in Yamba. She has sailed all around the world and brought her Rustler 36 to Australia. She and Groen-In't-Woud met through Annette Hesselmans, another double handed competitor in the race. The Celeste duo also met with Kathy Veel, owner and skipper of the first female double handed entry in the last two Hobarts, which they found beneficial.

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