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11th S&S Swan Rendez-vous

Marciana Marina, Elba Island, 17-22 June 2025

A Celebration of Passion, Friendship and Elegance at the 11th S&S Swan Rendez-vous

Four unforgettable days of sailing, stories and shared emotions lit up Marciana Marina, as the 11th edition of the S&S Swan Rendez-vous brought together a truly special fleet — and, above all, a truly special group of people.

This event was much more than a regatta. It was a gathering of passionate S&S Swan owners who, after 25 years of sailing and growing together, have built something rare: a strong, vibrant community where friendship and fair play always come first.

The atmosphere ashore was as magical as the racing at sea. Laughter on the docks, conversations that ran late into the warm Elba nights, and the unmistakable feeling of being part of something meaningful — a tradition that honors not just the S&S Swan, but the people behind them. This is the spirit that the S&S Swan Association has cultivated over a quarter of a century, and it was felt deeply in every moment of this year's Rendez-vous.

Despite light winds at times, all four races were completed, guiding the fleet through the stunning seascapes of the Tuscan Archipelago. The celebration also marked the 25th anniversary of the Association — and we couldn't have imagined a better gift than such a warm, enthusiastic and heartfelt participation from our members.

Many owners and friends joined us from around the world — not all were able to bring their S&S Swan, but several of them made the effort to fly in at dawn just to be part of this special gathering. Their presence was a true sign of affection and dedication, and it deeply enriched the spirit of the event.

The 2025 Rendez-vous winners:

- **Class Moby:** *Tortuga*, S&S Swan 47/041, Filippo Masci
- **Class Toremar:** *Deneb*, S&S Swan 44/058, Antonio Puntello
- **Racing Class & Overall Winner:** *Solano*, S&S Swan 44/047, César Chuffart
- **Class Whites:** *Isabella*, S&S Swan 36/010, Frank Winter
- **Best Restored/Maintained Swan:** Kokkola, S&S Swan 43/047, Vittorio Ghizzoni
- **Zeppelin Trophy for the Most Elegant Swan:** *Bianca di Navarra*, S&S Swan 57/037 ketch, Camillo Manfredini

A warm and meaningful presence at this edition was Cecilia Perotti, daughter of Massimo Perotti, Chairman of Nautor Swan and Sanlorenzo Group, underlining the brand's commitment to its roots: *"S&S Swans are the pride of Nautor — elegant, fast, and full of character. With Sanlorenzo, we're proud to strengthen our connection to this history. Events like this are essential — they allow us to meet the owners, hear their stories, and stay close to the spirit of Swan."*

24 yachts took part in the Rendez-vous, including three majestic Swan 65s — one of which sailed all the way from beyond the Strait of Gibraltar. But what made the event truly unique wasn't just the beauty of the boats, or the setting, or the sailing. It was the people: the owners, families, friends and crews who, after decades, continue to gather with the same joy, generosity and shared love for these boats — and for one another.

The 2025 S&S Swan Rendez-vous was organized in collaboration of the Circolo della Vela Marciana Marina, and made possible thanks to the generous support of:

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A special thanks also goes to the Race Committee, chaired by **Fabio Barrasso**, and to the Technical Committee, chaired by **Nicola Sironi** of ORC, for their professionalism, dedication, and invaluable contribution to the success of the event.

We are also deeply grateful to **Juan E. Corradi**, who travelled from Newport, USA, to personally award the prizes for **Best Maintained Swan** and **Zeppelin Trophy for the Most Elegant Swan** — an incredibly difficult task, given the outstanding level of excellence across the entire fleet of S&S Swan.

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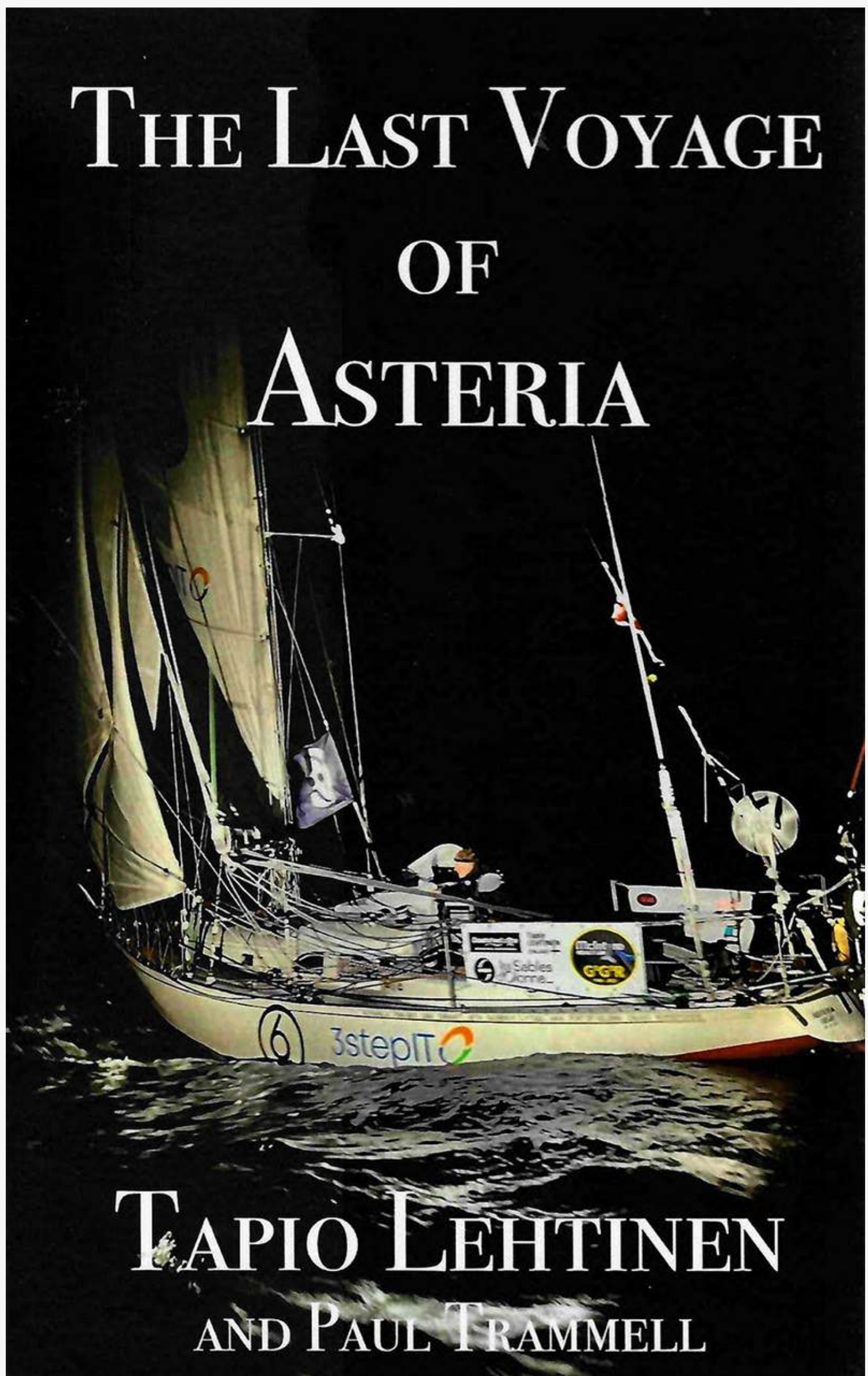
12th S&S Swan Rendez-vous

We are now collecting ideas for the next S&S Swan Rendez-vous (15-20 June 2027)...!

Tapio Lethinen , his new book

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