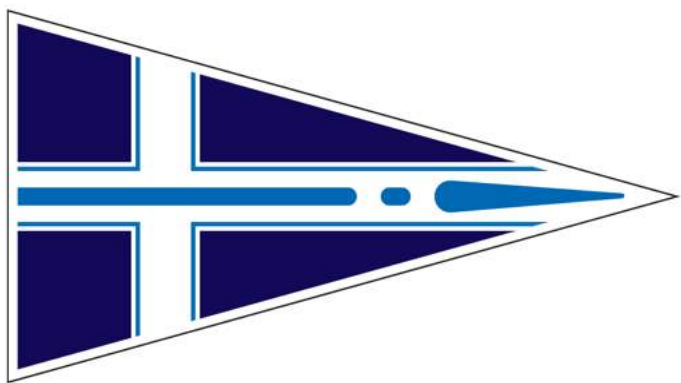




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Alan Gilbert and Sparkman&Stephens Legacy

Not many of you may know one of the key engineer and designers at the Sparkman&Stephens Inc. was **Alan Gilbert**. Yachting addicted since he was 5 years old, Alan was invited to join the S&S by Rod in 1971, and worked at the Madison Avenue and later 5th Avenue offices for 27 years; he was directly or indirectly involved in the design/alterations of all the S&S designed Swan. We asked our long time friend **Juan Corradi** to interview Alan, and this is the amazing document they produced (*Thanks Alan and Juan!*):

[Please click here to download the interview.](#)

(As this is non-fiction any resemblance to characters or events, is purely coincidental. The author and interviewee bear no responsibility for the contents)



Alan and Marry Gilbert, circa 1980, onboard a S&S 48', Nova Scotia (or Maine?)

S&S Swan 65 Mast Step

Replacing the Mast Step on a S&S Swan is quite a tricky job, in particular on the 65s. Until now it was thought you needed to cut it in two parts to extract the one piece built beam from the boat (and subsequently to build the new one in two parts, to be connected once back down below). We are thrilled to tell you (a huge thanks to our friend **Fabio Sperduti**) that it is possible to get it out of the boat without cutting it, which means you can use the original one as a template to rebuild the new one, which, of course will be re-installed "easily" without need to engineering a junction for a two part Mast Step. Should you need to talk to Fabio, please do not hesitate, we are happy to get you in touch with him.



1st S&S Swan Capraia Reunion

Capraia Island, Tyrranean Sea, 21 - 22 - 23 June 2024

Since our last newsletter we are now able to confirm the **TwentyThree participants** to the Capraia reunion, they are:

- 36/007 Josian, from Italy
- 36/010 Isabella, from Germany
- 40/043 Teragram, from Italy
- 40/047 Star Swan, from Portugal
- 41/025 Lithian, from Italy
- 41/026 Freya, from Canary Is.
- 41/047 Maje, from Ireland
- 411/034 Hironnelle, from Italy
- 43/043 Kokkola, from Italy
- 43/045 Magia II, from Italy
- 431/023 Maiky 3, from Spain
- 44/016 Selene, from Italy
- 44/022 Floortje, from the Caribbean
- 44/056 Deneb, from Italy
- 47/002 Hypatia, from Italy
- 47/017 My Low, from Italy
- 47/039 Outrageous, from Italy
- 47/041 Tortuga, from Italy
- 47/051 Djata, from Italy
- 47/056 Black Tie, from Italy
- 47/069 Vanessa, from Italy
- 65/035 Eve, from Australia
- 65/040 Joie de Vivre, from Brazil

any other S&S Swan Association Members who would like to join us?