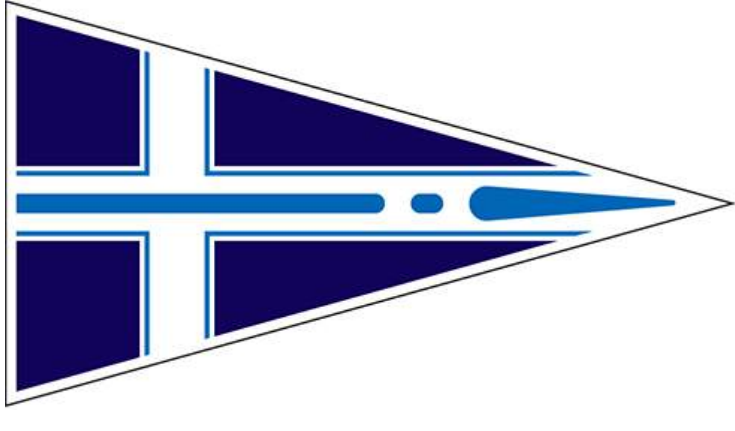




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Every S&S Swan Has a History

Help us to Save it!

Sparkman & Stephens designed Swans are unique, and we all know it is impossible that production boats of this quality will ever be built again. They definitely are, in every sense, works of art. To steal Kirsten Neuschäfer's words, they are **functional works of art** *, and like every work of art, they must not only be preserved, but their history must be recorded and passed on.

In the art world, this is called **"provenance"**.

We are increasingly contacted by prospective S&S Swan Owners who are considering a particular boat and, understandably, want to know everything about her, not only about her originality level and technical condition (*something we are always delighted to help with, as we have since the Association's founding*) but also about her history: who owned her, where she sailed, what stories she carries, and so on.

Our own records begin in 2000, the year the Association was founded, and in some cases we have managed to trace an S&S Swan's history further back, though only for a few of them.

It is **essential** that the history of each S&S Swan be **documented** and handed over to each successive Owner.

Lars Ström, our beloved "Professor", spent a lifetime gathering this kind of information. Sadly, after he passed away, his personal S&S Swan archive was dispersed and is no longer available to us (*this is, in truth, a sad story, one we hope, one day, to be able to tell in full*). This makes it all the more important that we rebuild this archive together.

As with any work of art, every Owner should know the story of their Swan, and be able to pass her story on to the next Owner.

A work of art with a traceable provenance is never valued the same as an identical one with no known past; the same is true for an S&S Swan.

A documented history is value.

S&S Swans will outlive all of us, and their value has been rising steadily for years, a trend that shows no sign of reversing. Preserving provenance is therefore in every Owner's own interest.

We ask you, current and even past owners alike, to send us anything you know: documents, photos, memories, anything you have gathered during your years of ownership. Every contribution helps us rebuild the archive of the S&S Swan Association, an archive that, as always, and in honour of the legacy of Olin Stephens and Lars Ström, will remain available to every Owner.

To make this easy, we have prepared a form, simply fill in what you can, even briefly, and send it back to us. It takes only a few minutes, and it matters: a well-documented S&S Swan is a more valuable S&S Swan, today and for the Owner who comes after you.

Try to picture your S&S Swan 40, 50, even 60 years from now, still sailing, still admired. A boat with a documented history will always be worth more than an identical one with none.

Think of this small effort today as an investment in her future.

Please send me the form

(with thanks to *Tapio Lehtinen, Pia Grönblom, Neil "Supertaff", Claes von Heiroth and Oskari Häkklä*)

* Kirsten Neuschäfer, *All good, K. Along the way to victory in the Golden Globe Race 2022, 2026*, p. 187

S&S Swan. A Legend

second edition

we are thrilled to announce that the second edition of *Sparkman & Stephens Swan: A Legend* is in this very moment at the print shop, in Florence!

We can confirm the book will be available from **November 6th**.

To reserve your, please [contact us](#).



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S&S Swan, Bow Fitting Inspection

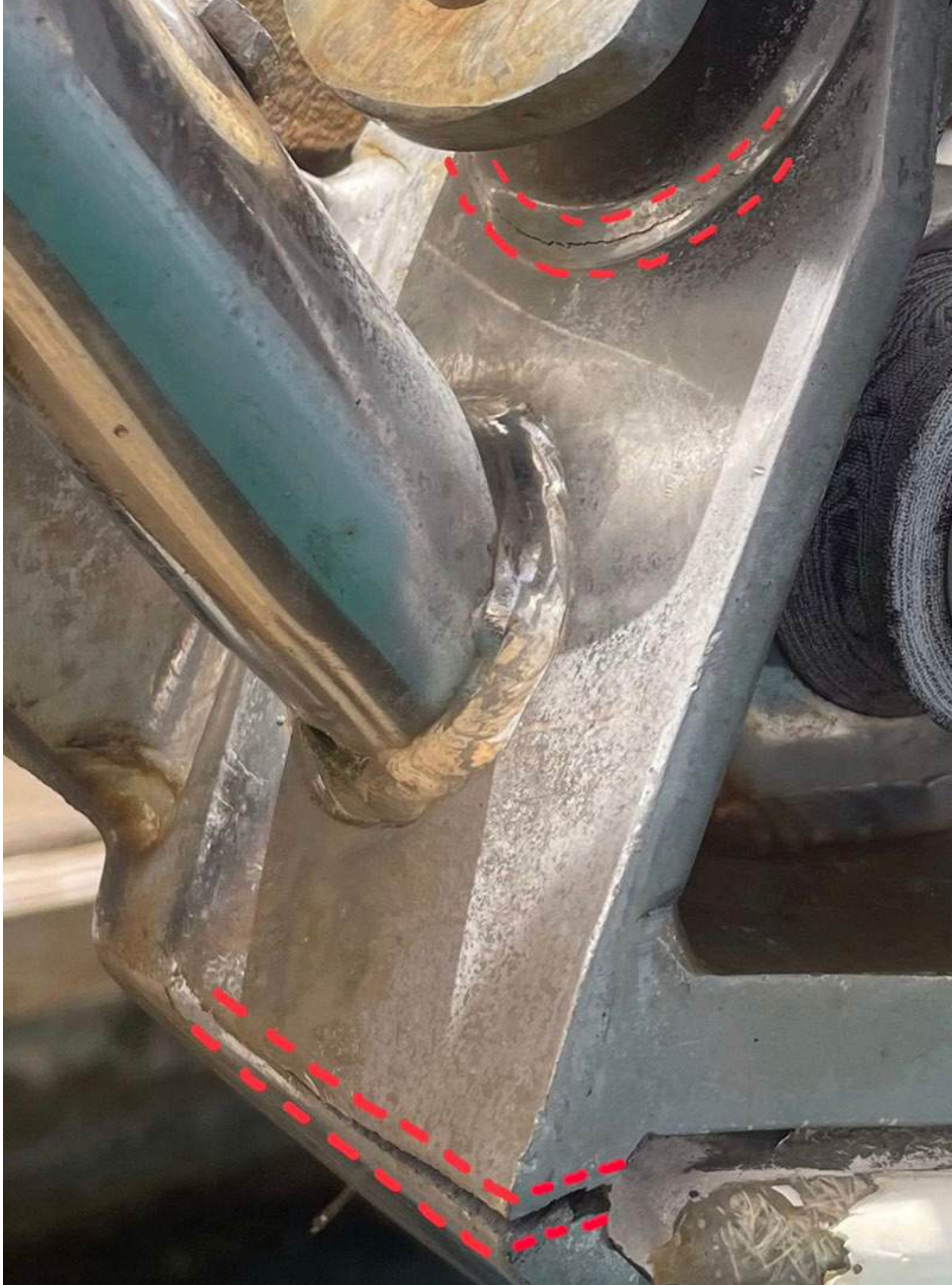
we would like to draw your attention to the stainless steel bow fitting of the S&S Swan, which, only in a very limited number of cases, has shown signs of cracking.

This may be caused by the use of a hydraulic or electric headsail furler, which can impose particularly high loads on the fitting when furling the sail, or by prolonged sailing in very strong wind and sea conditions. It should be told, however, that this cracking has appeared only in an exceptionally small number of cases, just two of them are known to us, in sixty years of sailing and 824 built hulls.

It was a known issue for many years. Lars Ström had already studied the problem and recommended a specific modification.

We strongly recommend that you inspect your bow fitting carefully. Should you find even the slightest indication of a crack, immediate action should be taken.

If you have the suspect your S&S Swan could have this crack, please send us a high res photograph of your bow fitting. We will be pleased to explain the permanent solution developed by Lars Ström, a simple and quick modification designed to solve the problem effectively.



Crack on the bow fitting

Swan Cup 2026. Kudos to Solano!

even if we are a bit sad the name **Sparkman & Stephens** has disappeared from our class title at the 2026 Swan Cup, a class now funnily renamed "Legacy" by the organizers*, 17 S&S Swans Association boats took part in the regatta!

A special congratulations to the unbeatable Cesar C. and his **Solano** (44/047), winner for the second time of the perpetual **"Rod Stephens Swan Challenge Trophy"**!

Our Sparkman & Stephens designed Swans at the 2026 Swan Cup:

36/001 Tarantella
36/010 Isabella
38/017 Mascalone Latino
41/047 Maje of Strangford
43/019 Manurau
44/014 Four Winds
44/040 Hokusai
44/067 Joconde
44/024 Pride
44/047 Solano
47/002 Dream
47/037 Matilda
57/007 Algol
57/015 Lintu
65/005 Saida
65/021 Shirlaf
65/002 Vahine

**we're happy that our friends of the Classic Swans by Frers and Ron Holland haven't had their names deleted.*

Not yet.



happy Cesar C. (S&S Swan 44/047 Solano) receiving the prestigious "Rod Stephens Swan Challenge Trophy"

12th S&S Swan Rendez-vous

Marciana Marina, 16–20 June 2027

Save the date! Our 12th Rendez-vous is already taking shape, once again in our beloved Marciana Marina.

We are proud and thrilled to let you know that the S&S Swan Rendez-vous has been granted the

Patronage of the Italian Ministry of Tourism

a wonderful recognition for all of us!

Behind the scenes we are already working to its organization, and there is a lot of news on the way. We can't reveal anything just yet... but stay tuned, the coming months will bring some nice surprises.

As always, the **S&S Swan Rendezvous** is organised by **S&S Swan Owners, for S&S Swan owners**, with the same passion that has guided us for 27 years: celebrating and promoting these extraordinary sailing boats.

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