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the countdown to the **12th S&S Swan Rendez-vous** has begun!
From 16 to 20 June 2027, Marciana Marina will once again bring together our Sparkman & Stephens Swan community for five days of sailing, friendship and shared passion.

And this year we have something special to announce:

we are proud to introduce our Title Sponsor for the 12th *S&S Swan Rendez-vous*: **Mapei Marine!**

Mapei Marine is not just the Company run by dear friends of the S&S Swan Association, it is a strategic partner we are certain will bring an exceptional contribution to the 12th S&S Swan Rendez-vous; it is the boating division of Mapei, a Company founded in 1937 by an Italian visionary entrepreneur with a deep passion for his job, a passion which still drives the family Company today, the very same passion that also drives us at the S&S Swan Association.

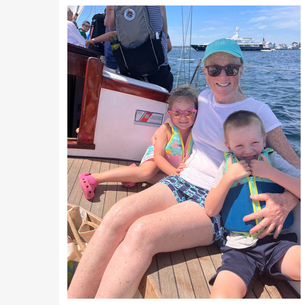
We are working closely with **Mapei Marine**, sharing one common goal: to build not just an event, but one whose only purpose is the happiness of S&S Swan Owners, bringing them together, renewing old friendships, and starting new ones.
Mapei Marine makes a line of boat maintenance and care products that has no equal on the market, and we are proud and delighted to have them by our side in Marciana Marina!

Thank you very much to all the people at Mapei Marine, together, we will organize the ultimate Rendez-vous for the best sailing boats in the world!

Jennifer Stewart Appointed Judge for Best Maintained S&S Swan Award

Speaking of maintenance, **Jennifer Stewart**, also known as "***The Swan Lady***" is not simply a familiar face in the S&S Swan world; for nearly 40 years, she has been "the" S&S Swan market in the US, building relationships with Owners one boat at a time, and no one else understands the S&S Swans, and the people who love them, the way she does. Having her to judge the **Best Maintained Swan** award at Marciana Marina is a real mark of prestige, and every Owner competing for that trophy will want **Mapei Marine**'s products close at hand!

And, as always, this is an event organized by S&S Swan Owners, for S&S Swan Owners. Owners, from all over the world are invited to join us! And if bringing your own S&S Swan to Marciana Marina isn't possible, come anyway: we will do our best to find you a place aboard another S&S Swan so you can experience the S&S Swan Rendez-vous with us!



Jennifer, the Swan Lady, sailing in Newport harbor with two of her favorite people!

Sparkman & Stephens Swan
A Legend
second edition

the second edition of the book "**Sparkman & Stephens Swan**. ***A Legend***" is now printed, and from November 6th we will be ready to ship it.

This is not just a reprint of the book we published in 2016 (280 pages, now out of print). It now runs to 404 pages and brings together 25 years of study: the time spent with Olin J. Stephens, Mitch Neff and the whole team at the Sparkman & Stephens office in the 90s, and the knowledge absorbed day by day, in thousands of messages and phone calls, from the people who designed and built the S&S Swans (among others Lars Strom, Alan Gilbert, John Rousmaniere, just to name a few), sailed them in every weather, surveyed them, repaired them, designed their sails and studied their ratings. In short, it is a concentration of knowledge we have been able to put together with a fantastic team of experts and friends, definitely the best in the world.

It has an elaborate hard cover in canvas and aluminium, and is printed on high-quality Gardamatt paper. (Sorry, the book is quite heavy: 2.7 kg.).

The book will be presented in Milan on November 5th by ***Corrado Di Majo***, a great friend of the Association and an experienced solo sailor, who raced the 1976 OSTAR on *Ykka III*, S&S Swan 37/051; a second presentation is scheduled in Venice, at the **Compagnia della Vela**, venice, 4th December, presented by Francesca Lodigiani.



Reserve your copy (*click on the cover detail*)

Provenance Project

Thank you to all S&S Swan Owners and Friends!

The response to the **Provenance Project** has been beyond anything we hoped for (*even if not everyone has sent back the form yet… please do, it's important!*). To every Owner, present and former, who has already filled it in: thank you. You have understood something essential. You are writing the first pages of a story that will outlast all of us, and, at the same time, you are adding value to your boat, and we, all together, are writing history!

Every Owner, past and present, holds a piece of the puzzle, and a single missing piece leaves a gap that may never be filled. Here is why it matters. One day, another Custodian will take over the care of your S&S Swan. That future Custodian will want to know who sailed her, where she went, what was changed and why. Exactly as you did.

Most of you contacted the S&S Swan Association before becoming an Owner, asking about the history of the boat you were considering, so you know better than anyone how much it matters. And perhaps some of you walked away from a boat because you could not be sure of her past: something was missing, something did not quite add up, and that doubt was enough to stop you. An S&S Swan with her story in order is a joy to have. An S&S Swan with a blank past is, maybe, a stranger who might, or might not, be exactly who she claims to be. And let's say it loudly: of two identical boats, the one with a documented history is worth more than the one whose past is a mystery. It is true of fine arts, of classic cars, of fine violins… and it is true of S&S Swans!

Every name, date and photograph you record is not only a gift to the next Custodian, it is a lasting contribution to the value of your own boat, and of all the others.

Our archive will always be accessible. And let's not forget that these S&S Swans were built 40, 50, 60 years ago: many of the people who knew their early years are no longer with us. Every memory that is not written down now is lost forever. The form takes about ten minutes to be filled in. Even a few lines are precious: a previous name, a year, a refit, a regatta, an old photograph. And if you would rather not fill in the form, just write to us and tell us what you know: a simple message is important. It adds to the history all the same, and forgive us if we repeat ourselves, but this Provenance Project is very, very important.

Your Swan has a story, and her story has a value. Help us keep it safe for the next Custodian.

Send me the Provenance Form

Charts

M.M., Owner of **S&S Swan 65/007** *Alpha Centauri*, generously gifted the S&S Swan Association the old navigational charts (525 charts) he found onboard when he became the new Custodian of the boat.
Alpha Centauri sailed around the globe for nearly 40 years, and the previous Owner meticulously collected and catalogued all the charts. These are now part of the **S&S Swan Association Library**, and of course available to be viewed by Members of the Association.
M.M. had the charts professionally scanned and gifted us a copy of the files too.
The Association is now richer than before.

Thank you, M.M.!

Browse the Library

Duarte Champalimaud Speaks to Paul Trammell

we do invite you to listen **Duarte Champalimaud** speaking to **Paul Trammell**, about his solo Atlantic crossing onboard his **S&S Swan 40/047 *Star Swan***.
We are proud of you Duarte!

Paul Trammell Podcast

The Second Swan Heritage Reunion - 2028

we are already thinking about the second **Swan Heritage Reunion**, scheduled for 2028, again on the beautiful island of Capraia, and again in June: 15-18.
At the Swan Heritage Reunion, all Classic Swans, **Sparkman & Stephens**, **Ron Holland**, and **German Frers**, built up to 1099 are welcome to take part.
In 2028, there will also be a friendly regatta open to all classes.
All ideas to improve our venue are very welcome!!!

SWAN HERITAGE

Happy Birthday Pekka!

Pekka Koskenkylä turns 89 years old today!
We all owe him a great deal: we would not have our beloved S&S Swan if it were not for this amazing and visionary entrepreneur, who in 1966 founded Nautor's Swan.
Thank you, Pekka — and happy, happy birthday!



Pekka and Heinz Ramm Schmidt (first Owner of *S&S Swan 36/001 Tarantella*)

Happy Retirement Simon!

Most S&S Swan Owners in Europe, and not just Europe, bought their Swan from **Simon Turner**. After more than 30 years spent selling Swans, Simon has now retired, and is enjoying his new life with his wife in Palma de Mallorca.
We could not be happier for Simon. But we must admit, it is a little bittersweet for us Owners: a true pillar of the Swan world is no longer out there, working day to day.
And yet, if Simon was your broker, even thirty years ago, and you ever need something, a memory, a detail you've long forgotten, Simon is still there. His personal archive (*which he kindly gifted to the S&S Swan Association*), and above all his memory, remain as generous as ever.
We will miss Simon dearly. But we also know one thing for certain: Simon will stand by his clients, always.

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