

GUIA

HISTORY

Designed by Olin Sparkman (Sparkman & Stephens) in 1969 and built in Trieste by the Mariano Craglieto shipyard for Giorgio Falk, a well-known sailor from an important Italian family who had made their name in the steel industry.

Giorgio Falk called all his boats Guia, after his daughter. The name has no relation, however, to the Spanish word guía (guide) and, in fact the pronunciation is different as the [u] is voiced.

Three twin models were built: Guia, Mabelle (owned by Serena Ziafani) and a third boat which is believed to have been owned by the Mayor of Marseille.

Giorgio Falk launched the Guia in the Cape to Rio Race in 1970, a crossing between the Cape Town and Rio de Janeiro, and, in 1973, it circumnavigated the globe in the first Whitbread Round the World Race (now called the Volvo Ocean Race), as well as taking part in the Giraglia Cup.

Falk had the boat for around four years and it was then acquired by a second and third owner before finally being bought by Ramón M^a Rosés Batlló.

The boat is in excellent condition and fully maintains its original design. It is also used as a cruise boat for family and friends.

The Rosés Batlló family have also sailed the Guia around the world. Before doing so, Olin Stephens was called upon to prepare the vessel. The cadnotes de obenques were reinforced to better withstand strong winds, and the rudder was replaced by another original from the same period, as, during the building process, Giorgio Falk requested that a three-part rudder be fitted, although this proved to be an unwise choice.

Ten crew members can be found aboard during regattas. For the last three years, the boat has taken part in Les Voiles de Saint Tropez and has also participated in the Copa del Rey for Vintage and Classic boats on three occasions.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Sail no.:

Class:

Design date:

Designer:

Builder:

Construction date:

Skipper & owner:

Total length:

Beam:

Draft:

Club:

I 4971

CLASSIC / SLOOP MARCONI

1969

OLIN SPARKMAN

Craglietro shipyard (Trieste)

1970

RAMÓN M^a ROSES BATLLO

13.90m

3.90m

2.20m

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