

The Sparkman & Stephens Association Global Regatta -

A proud commemoration of the beautiful Olin Stephens designs



The Challenge Cup is a racing competition between the regions of the S&S Association. It is awarded at the AGM to the yacht that in the preceding year, secured a class or overall win by the greatest percentage corrected time margin relative to the next placed yacht, in either an offshore or around the cans race.

For details of the rules, click on the button below

[Challenge Cup rules](#)

Global Regatta wall of fame

1996	Holland	2007	Finland Tarantella II
1997	Sweden	2008	Sunstone England
1998	S England	2009	USA Dorade
1999	S England	2010	Germany Sasha
2000	Olin J Stephens	2011	USA Marionette
2001	S England Prospect of Whitby	2012	Australia Constellation
2002	USA NE Falcon	2013	Finland Inkeri
2003	USA SE Finnesterre	2014	Finland Inkeri
2004	USA NE Falcon	2015	Australia Blondie
2005	W Australia Huckleberry	2016	USA Marionette
2006	Germany Sasha	2017	Finland Inkeri

2017 Winner

This year saw competition between 3 entries. However, this year favoured overnight racing and consequently Marionette could only win if there were no overnight contenders As it was, there were overnight entries from Finland and Holland.

The racing in [2016](#) is what can qualify for the [2017](#) prize, the Challenge Cup.

Winner of the Challenge Cup 2017

Finland
Inkeri, S&S 6.6
Skipped by Olli Martio



Inkeri with it's family crew is seemingly unbeatable in the overnight category, but to prove there is more to it than that, the family decided to win further 5 races and came 2d on two more.

The list of the scores in the the North Sails LYS Ranking can be found at <http://www.avomeripurjehtijat.fi/lysranks2016#>

General information of the series can be found at <http://www.avomeripurjehtijat.fi/> General information on the Helsinki Tallinna race 2016 can be found at <http://www.helsinkitallinnarace.fi/etusivu> This also includes our scoring among all yachts who took part in the race.

The results in the class LYS 4-6 in the Helsinki Tallinna race are in <http://www.helsinkitallinnarace.fi/assets/uploads/file/2016/lys46.html>

Helsinki -Tallin Race

...and more race wins

Although Inkeri won just one overnight race the Helsinki Tallinna Race (14 participants in the class LYS 4-6, Inkeri won her class; total distance 45 miles, all the way upwind) but the point is that Inkeri won the North Sails LYS 2016 Ranking in the Gulf of Finland for yachts under (or equal to) the FINLYS number 1.16. There is another series for yachts over 1.16 LYS ranking. The series consists of 40 races of which only one is an overnight race (the Helsinki Tallinna Race). In addition to the Finnish yachts there were some boats from Estonia and Russia who took part in the races.

The scoring for the North Sails LYS Ranking is somewhat complicated but roughly speaking 6 best races are included plus from each finished race the participant gets 2 points. The scores depend on the number of participants in each race so that in order to win the North Sails LYS Ranking one must participate (and succeed) in races with many participants. Altogether there were 147 boats who took part in some race but not many of them seriously.

Inkeri took part in 8 races winning 6 of them. In the remaining two races Inkeri was the second. As a rule we picked those races which were supposed to have maximum number of participants. In general the races were 15 – 26 miles long except the Helsinki Tallinna Race. Our net score was 76 points. All the others remain under 50 points.

Among the competitors were several yachts who had won the Finnish Offshore Championships (ORC) during the recent years (actually we had done the same more than 10 years ago). Inkeri had a family crew consisting of my two sons, the wife of the elder son, my bother and myself. In the summer of 2016 winds tended to be strong compared to the earlier years but our S.S yacht Inkeri came out in one piece without even sail damages.

