

The Sparkman & Stephens Association Global Regatta - a proud commemoration of the beautiful Olin Stephens designs



The **Global Regatta** is a racing competition between the regions of the S&S Association. The prize, the Challenge Cup 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

[Challenge Cup rules](#)

Global Regatta wall of fame

1996	Holland	2008	Sunstone England
1997	Sweden	2009	USA Dorade
1998	S England	2010	Germany Sasha
1999	S England	2011	USA Marionette
2000	Olin J Stephens	2012	Australia Constellation
2001	S England Prospect of Whitby	2013	Finland Inkeri
2002	USA NE Falcon	2014	Finland Inkeri
2003	USA SE Finnesterre	2015	Australia Blondie
2004	USA NE Falcon	2016	USA Marionette
2005	W Australia Huckleberry	2017	Finland Inkeri
2006	Germany Sasha	2018	USA Marionette
2007	Finland Tarantella		

2018 Winner

This year saw 7 entries. However, this year favoured racing around the cans racing and consequently 3 entries from Finland, USA and Germany were in competition for winning the 2018 Challenge Cup. Once again Marionette showed her style and won with a quite big margin.

Remember that the racing in 2017 is what can qualify for the 2018 prize, the Challenge Cup.

**Winner of the Challenge Cup
2018
USA
Marionette, a Dolphin 24
Skipped by Ron Breault**

**Camden Classic Cup
29 July 2017**



The Camden Classics Cup is one of the world's most beautiful regattas -sailed where the mountains meet the sea off the lovely harbour town of Camden, Maine.

The Camden Classics Cup gives sailors the time of their lives with terrific on-the-water racing, and stellar onshore partying.

Camden, Maine is one of the most picturesque towns in New England. The harbour is surrounded by a lively village center, filled with one of a kind boutiques and no your average seaside restaurants. Framing the scene are the sweeping iconic hills, from which hikers are treated to unbeatable views of Penobscot Bay. The sailing grounds off Camden offer exhilarating challenges and comfortable cruising for experienced racers and weekend cruisers alike

This was a 2 race regatta. Times reported for to the S&S Association Global Regatta are for Race 2. The class was the New England Championships for Dolphin 24s. Marionette also won Race 1 the previous day. Race 2 course shortened -light air. Details and pictures at <http://dolphin24.org/ccc2017.html>

**Pepper III, Swan 44
Finland
Skippered by Tommi Uksila**



Viaporin Tuoppi Race

The biggest off shore race in Finland, or even in the world

Viaporin Tuoppi is the biggest wooden boat race and meeting in Finland, probably in the whole Baltic Sea (or even in the world, according to the race organisers). This year 138 wooden boats were competing.

Viaporin Tuoppi is an exciting race for wooden beauties and a spectacular feast for sailboat enthusiasts. You are warmly welcomed to join the race with your boat, or just enjoy the summer's day at the unique Suomenlinna Sea Fortress.

All nationalities are welcome to the race, which is sailed on the waters surrounding Suomenlinna. All types, models, and sizes of mahogany sailboats will participate, from all around the Baltic Sea.

For the crews, a traditional Finnish sauna were available right after the race. It is a splendid way to relax after the sail, before joining the dinner and festivities at the marina.

The race is organized by Suomenlinna Yacht Club (SuPS).

**Nina
Custom S&S 45
Skippered by Kerstin Schaefer**



German Classics 2017

Kerstin Schaefer wrote:

The yearly race takes place at Laboe, close to Kiel, so it's Baltic Sea. The Friday usually has 2 races in a triangular course in the firth (~20 nm) We were second in both, but best in total, so no. 1. The weather was smooth, sunny, 6 m/s.

The Saturday always is a longer distance, also about 20 nm but leads outside the firth where it becomes a little more rough. The weather was more windy, about 10-12 m/s, grey and cloudy, so harder work.

Last but not least you have to know, that very different ships start against each other because so many classical yachts are unique. They try to objectify it with a special classical race rating and have classes / groups which sail against each other in the hope they are close to equal.

If you ask me what was special (I don't want to say why we were successful):

1. We sail S&S, what stands for hard to beat, of course.
2. There were more women than men on board (Friday 3:2, Saturday 4:2)
3. For me the most important thing is to have fun and to keep my crew and the ship safe and undamaged, I am never fixed on winning.
4. Together we have always a very good spirit and a lot of fun on board.
5. I am very proud we did it all without gennaker or spinnaker.
6. The crew that bet us on Saturday were only men, younger than we were, so they are welcome. Congratulations! I am sad for them, it's no great S&S.