

LEVANTADES
Sparkman & Stephens Design No. 1825 and 1885

LOA 50'6'', LWL 37', Beam 12'9'', Draught 7'11'', Sail Area 1036 sq.ft.
Displacement 33,952 lb.

Designed in 1966 for Giuseppe Diano as an RORC rated auxiliary sloop. LEVANTADES was a development of Design No. 1825 which appears not to have been executed for a German client. The two boats can be seen to share almost identical hull lines, except for the profile of the ballast keel, which in one design is shallower and more radical than in the other. The sections show an unusually slack bilge shape with little hollow or curvature and a very straight flat run aft, almost from the ballast keel. In effect, for a vessel of 37 ft on the water line, LEVANTADES has a very light displacement for this era and in consequence proved to be an exceptionally fast racer.

Her overhangs are unusually long for a boat designed in 1966 and these help to increase the waterline length to well over forty feet when well heeled and hence her top speed.

LEVANTADES has been placed in every major race or regatta she has taken part in and is probably the Italian owned boat to have won the greatest quantity of silver. In 1967 she was 2nd in the New York Yacht Club cup and in the Plymouth-La Rochelle race. In 1968, 1969, 1970 and 1984 she was winner of the Giraglia race. In 1968, 1970 and 1972 she was winner of the Gorgona race. In 1982 she was class winner of the middle sea race.