What a perfect location with only one downside, the sailing distance for most of the members meant that there was limited representation of our boats. However, the three boats participating made it possible for any attendee, who wanted to, to participate in a leisurely race designed by the local Clube de Vela de Lagos and won by Clive Williams in Shenanigan of Hamble. But there was much, much more to this wonderful weekend.

About Lagos
As far as touristy towns go, Lagos (lah-goosh) has got the lot. It lies along the bank of the Rio Bensafrim, with 16th-century walls enclosing the old town’s pretty, cobbled streets and picturesque plazas and churches. Beyond these lies a modern, and not overly unattractive, sprawl. The town’s good restaurants and range of fabulous beaches nearby add to the allure. With every activity under the sun (literally) on offer, plus a pumping nightlife, it’s not surprising that people of all ages are drawn here. In season, with all the crowds and action, the town can feel hectic and claustrophobic. But at the time of year we were there, before the summer season really kicks in, it was heavenly. Aside from its hedonistic appeal, Lagos has historical clout too, having launched many naval excursions during Portugal’s extraordinary Age of Discoveries.

Event locations
The centre for the Welcome Event and the Gala Dinner was Hotel Tivoli located just 5 minutes’ walk from the historical centre of the city, next to the marina, the beach and seven golf courses! The other recommended hotel was the Marina Club Lagos Resort, also very close to the Marina. The S&S participants used both locations plus berthing on the participating boats.

Hotel Tivoli did an absolutely splendid job delivering many of the key activities: the welcome party, the Gala Dinner and the AGM itself.
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Friday 20 May 15:00 – Visit to Sopromar Boat Yard
This yard was most impressive and can obviously cater for any problem in almost any yacht. They truly live up to the work ethic: “Everything in its place – A place for anything”. One could only wonder about the invested capital in such a big and comprehensive inventory. There were places of interest for everybody, and as one of the members mentioned: “All the usual suspects could be found transfixed by the engine department”.

Friday 20 May 17:30 – late – Welcome Party
Held in an excellent location in hotel - Tivoli’s Pink Lounge. Snacks, wine on tap and a bunch of S&S Association members, obviously the recipe for a great party dragging into the night.
Saturday 21 May 10:00 – 16:00

Choice of two great activities:
1. Bus tour to the village Caldas de Monchique
2. Regatta

Bus tour to the village Caldas de Monchique, a spa town in the Monchique Mountains in the Algarve region of Portugal. It has been famous for its waters, which supposedly have healing properties, since Roman times. The local bar/restaurant demonstrated a really, really laid back approach to service; so laid back, in fact, that they didn’t actually serve anything. And after a very, very long wait the intrepid S&Sers went in search of a resolution and were able finally to enjoy refreshments and a little drink or two.
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Bus tour to the village Caldas de Monchique continued…
The Regatta

...was a sort of race between the 33 ft Shenanigan, Nimrod, a Lacoste 42, and Tigris, a Swan 76. With a very light wind Tigris was disadvantaged and Shenanigan seemed to have some insider knowledge. She sailed brilliantly and was first back in port and won the race, with Nimrod number two and Tigris in the unusual position of number three.

We all had a great time and I can vouch for the food on Tigris being a true winner. After the race we all congregated on board Tigris where Gavin & Nicky demonstrated their normal generous hospitality. Racing at it’s best!
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Saturday 21 May 19:30 – late – Gala Dinner

What a location! It could not have been more romantic. The Duna Club with a view onto the Atlantic, wonderful temperature and a selection of interesting welcome drinks was a perfect venue. After a lot of talk and a few drinks we congregated in the dining room, beautifully laid out with a panoramic view of the beach. We had the usual introduction of the evening by our Chairman David Olley and the sharing of a welcome drink out of the Founders’ Cup. In addition David Olley gave a more in depth presentation about how the S&S Association was started. The food was excellent and so was the wine, all locally sourced.
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After the dinner we had a wonderful Fado performance by Suzete Leote accompanied by her backing group. The Fado performance was emotive and touching and clearly Suzette is a great Fado performer. Her backing group gave a most inspiring separate number showing off the crisp and clear tunes of their instruments.

And then guitarist Joao Lino took over. He is a modern singer & keyboard player, who possesses the ability to get everybody up on the dance floor with a mix suitably adjusted to the age and preference of the audience.

The coffee. Portuguese coffee is (in my opinion) the best in the world, and where better enjoyed it than in moonshine on Duna Beach, looking at the moonshine reflection in the Atlantic. Could not want for better.
Sunday 22 May 10:00 – AGM

Back to the Tivoli where a lovely meeting room was set up for the AGM with a healthy supply of coffee and snacks. The Chairman, David Olley, ran an efficient meeting and by midday all points on the agenda had been covered. The AGM Minutes will be published on this website, when they have been properly audited.
Sunday 22 May 10:00 – AGM
Two particular items stood out:

1. **The winner of the S&S Association Global Regatta 2016, Ron Breault came** all the way from the USA to receive the Challenge Cup and the associated certificate. Ron has won the regatta before and he “modestly” explained he was just sailing with his children. However, those two children, a boy and a girl, are adults and are some of USA’s top elite sailors. Still, without a good boat you cannot keep winning, and the 24 ft Marionette is such a good boat.

2. **AGM 2017 and 2018**

Derek presented the outline programme for the 2017 AGM to be held in Lymington, England, 9 – 11 June. Because Lymington is very sought after this time of the year, it is paramount that you book your accommodation now! Look for the pre-announcement on this website.

For the AGM 2017 Erika suggested Helgoland, which as you all know, is the very small island the British tried to eradicate after WW2. It is quite a bit away from land as you can see from the map.
Sunday 22 May, 12:00 – 16:00
Clive had arranged a boat tour in a catamaran big enough for all of us. We sailed first along the coast south of Lagos where we viewed the rugged rock formations and caves passing by so close that we could almost touch them. After that we sailed to the picturesque Alvor, where we were let free to roam and find a good lunch location. As you can see from the pictures, most ended up in the same location, but a few took advantage of local knowledge and had lunch with spectacular views of the total coastline.

After the return the formal event had reached the end, but several stayed until next day or later relishing time with dear friends and extending the adventure that is an S&S AGM event!
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Clive has been most efficient in achieving help from local companies and organisations. They all contributed to making this excellent event run smoothly and at a very acceptable cost. Whenever you are in Lagos, why not take the opportunity to use the excellent Marina de Lagos, have a lift out at Sopromar, visit the sailing club, Clube de Vela de Lagos, or just enjoy a holiday at Hotel Tivoli right in the centre of town.

Ingrid Fortunato / Marina de Lagos
Ingrid was kind enough to provide a discount on the mooring fees for those attending with their yachts.

Hugo Henriques / Sopromar Estaleiro Naval de Lagos
Hugo and his suppliers had provided the prizes for the racing and also hosted the visit to the premises on the Friday.

Guy Simmonds / Clube de Vela de Lagos
Guy is the club president and arranged the Saturday race.

Ana Mourao / Tivoli Hotel
Ana was especially helpful and patient with all the amendments that kept coming up. Without her expert help in arranging events Clive’s job would have been a whole lot more difficult.