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.

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Global Regatta wall of fame

1996 Holland
1997 Sweden
1998 S England
1999 S England
2003 Olin J Stephens
2001 S England Prospect of Whitby
2002 USA NE Falcon
2003 USA SE Finnesterre
2004 USA NE Falcon
2005 W Australia Huckleberry
2006 Germany Sasha
2007 Finland Tarantalla II
2008 Sunstone England
2009 USA Donade
2010 Germany Sasha
2011 USA Marionette
2012 Australia Constellation
2013 Finland Inkeri
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2015 Australia Biondo
2016 USA Marionette
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
Skippered by Olli Martio

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 yacht 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 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 brother 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.