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

**Global Regatta wall of fame**

- 1956: Holland
- 1957: Sweden
- 1958: S England
- 1959: S England
- 2000: Olin J Stephens
- 2001: S England Prospect of Whitby
- 2002: USA NE Falcon
- 2003: USA SE Finnisterre
- 2004: USA NE Falcon
- 2005: W Australia Huckleberry
- 2006: Germany Salsa
- 2007: Finland Tarantella
- 2008: Sunstone England
- 2009: USA Dorade
- 2010: Germany Salsa
- 2011: USA Marionette
- 2012: Australia Constellation
- 2013: Finland Ymer
- 2014: Finland Ymer
- 2015: Australia Blondie
- 2016: USA Marionette
- 2017: Finland Inkeri
- 2018: USA Marionette

**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.

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**Winner of the Challenge Cup**

**2018**

USA

Marionette, a Dolphin 24

Skipped by Ron Breault

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**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/cas2017.html
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 136 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, 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 was 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 been very good spirit and a lot of fun on board.
5. I am very proud we did it all without genset 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.