

The Swan 45 Class racing season is now well underway, with Rolex Capri Sailing Week marking the start of the International Circuit.

In Capri, it was impressive to see how the Class continues to go from strength to strength since we organised the first Gold Cup there in 2004, not to mention the improvements to the Yacht Club Capri over the last four years. With 19 teams from eight nations competing, it was clear that the level of racing has also stepped up another level.

We are soon off to the Sardinia Rolex Cup, then it is on to the Copa del Rey at the end of July, where we hope to have a strong fleet racing in advance of the Swan 45 World Championships this September.

Good winds,



Jennifer Hall
Class Manager



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TECHNICAL

The Class has submitted a request to Chief Measurer Mike Urwin for clarification and interpretation of Class Rule G.3.2(f). Recognising teams' intentions to build sails before the Swan 45 Worlds, this clarification will be circulated to Swan 45 owners within the end of June. For the most recent version of the Swan 45 Class Rules, please refer to the website (www.swan45class.com).

RELIEF HELMSMAN

Owners are reminded to update their relief helmsman requests in advance of the Swan 45 Worlds. Relief helmsman approval is valid for two years and forms can be downloaded on the Class website.

2008 CIRCUIT SCORING

As in 2007, the 2008 International and Mediterranean Circuits will be scored based on cumulative points, with one discard for every ten races. Results to date can be found on www.swan45class.com.

NEW OWNERS

The Class is pleased to welcome two new owners to the fleet, Mr Carbonell, Owner of Swan 45 *Rats on Fire* (ESP) and Bruno Pitel, Owner of Swan 45 *Hornblower* (FRA).

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

The Class is actively seeking nominations for two positions on the Executive Committee, to be elected at the World Council Meeting in September. If you are interested in getting more involved in the Class, please contact the Class Manager or one of the current Executive Committee members for more information.

North Sails will continue to provide detailed weather forecasts for the Swan 45 Mediterranean and International Circuits. To receive these free daily forecasts, log on to North Sails' online weather center: http://na.northsails.com/ew/ew_main.taf

PARTNERS



SWAN 45 CLASS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Vittorio Codecasa, Class President,
Owner *Jeroboam Ca'Nova*

Tea Ekengren-Sauren, Owner *Blue Nights*

Grant Gordon, Co-Owner *Fever*

Enrico Chieffi, Nautor's Swan

Mike Urwin, Chief Measurer

Jennifer Hall, Class Manager

RACING RECAP

Rolex Capri Sailing Week 2008

Once the torrential rains passed through, the skies brightened and the Swan 45 fleet enjoyed a competitive four days of racing and glamorous social events in Capri. Glynn Williams' *WISC* was the winner of the event, while Marco Salvi (*Vertigo*) won the 2008 Swan 45 Italian Challenge Trophy.

1. *WISC* Glynn Williams GBR
2. *VERTIGO* Marco Salvi ITA
3. *EARLYBIRD* H Brandis/C Nagel GER



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Rolex Sardinia Cup

Five teams are registered to participate in next week's Rolex Sardinia Cup, the world offshore team racing championships. The Swan 45s include: D Salsi/*DSK-Comifin*, M Salvi/*Vertigo*, H Brandis/*Earlybird*, M Mouratov/*Murka2* and L Cirillo/*Fantastikinaa*. Measurement, crew weighing and sail controls will take place on Sunday, 15 June and Monday, 16 June.

Copa del Rey

We anticipate that there will be at least 15 Swan 45s on the start line at the Copa del Rey, from 27 July – 2 August. Please note that racing finishes on Saturday, 2 August and that the deadline to register is 20 June.



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SWAN 45 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Swan 45 Weighing

Owners and Boat Captains are reminded that as per Class Rule 7.4, all Swan 45s planning to participate in the World Championships must be weighed six months prior. The next opportunity to weigh will be on 21 June in Scarlino. To arrange a slot, please contact Marco Barbieri (mbarbieri146@yahoo.com).

Rules Advisor

Thanks to the support of the YCCS and Audi, International Judge and rules coach Juerg Kaufmann will be on the water and conducting daily debriefs during the Swan 45 Worlds.

World Council Meeting

The annual Swan 45 World Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 10 September at 1830 at the YCCS. Members unable to attend have the option to vote by mail in advance of the meeting.

Registration

The deadline to register for the Swan 45 Worlds is 30 June. Visit www.yccs.it to register.

Class Management

Diana McConnell will be stepping in as Class Manager for the Copa del Rey and Swan 45 Worlds while Jennifer Hall is on maternity leave.

2008 REGATTA CALENDAR

Sardinia Rolex Cup, YCCS	14 Jun – 21 Jun
Copa del Rey, Palma	26 Jul – 2 Aug
Swan 45 Worlds, YCCS	8 Sep – 14 Sep
VII Trofeo Cesar Manrique, Lanzarote	16 Oct – 18 Oct