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22 centenarians awaited for the 13th Gstaad Yacht Club Centenary Trophy

They've all arrived in Saint-Tropez for the Voiles de Saint-Tropez. On Thursday 3 October, for the traditional Voiles de Saint-Tropez challenge day, twenty-two competitors will cross the start line of the 13th edition of the Gstaad Yacht Club Centenary Trophy. The spectacle promises to be exceptional once again for this unique race that everyone is looking forward to. Tomorrow, Wednesday 2 October, all the crews will be on the Place des Lices for a Swiss night full of surprises.

The Gstaad Yacht Club is proud to be organising the 13th edition of the Centenary Trophy once again in partnership with the Société Nautique de Saint-Tropez during the Voiles de Saint-Tropez. Throughout the year, we have worked hard in collaboration with the SNST (Société Nautique de Saint-Tropez) to make this regatta, which brings together the finest centenary boats, an event in the friendly spirit of Les Voiles', said Daniel Heine, Gstaad Yacht Club sailing officer.

Beautiful centenarians for a unique race

As it has every year since its creation in 2011, the Centenary Trophy will be contested under the 'pursuit race' format: the boats cross the start line at a specific time according to their rating, and the first to cross the finish line is the winner. This race format allows competitors to race on an equal footing.

'We love being here in Saint-Tropez and taking part in the Centenary Trophy, and if we could, we'd come back every year,' added Jan Peter Andersen, who sails **Thea**.

The two magnificent 15m JI, **Mariska** (William Fife III 1908), and the flagship of the Yacht Club de Monaco, **Tuiga** (William Fife III 1909) will once again be on the starting line of the Centenary Trophy.

*'For the crew of **Mariska**, taking part in the Centenary Trophy is a must. We're also in Saint-Tropez to take part in this challenge organised by the Gstaad Yacht Club,'* says Manon Bajart, captain of **Mariska**.

*'We're very happy to take part in this regatta every year with all the hundred-year-old boats. The fact that we're starting according to our rating is really a great idea, it's a format that we don't have in other races. For **Tuiga**, it's good because we've got all our rivals ahead of us and we have to do everything we can to catch them. Often it's the other way round for us,'* adds Daniel Pereira, skipper of **Tuiga**.

The start will be given on Thursday 3 October at 12:30 for the first boat.

Lulu (1897) will once again be the oldest centenarian at the start, while **Arrow (1924)** will be the youngest.

'Swiss Night, Place des Lices

On Wednesday October 2, all the competitors will gather at the Place des Lices for '**Swiss Night**'. For the third year running, the Gstaad Yacht Club is putting Switzerland in the spotlight in Saint-Tropez. On the programme: tasting of Alpine specialities and very Swiss activities... a 'cow milking' competition and an original ski race....



The Trophy itself

The Centenary Trophy, awarded each year during the Trophy Giving Owners dinner, is also a centenarian, created by Wakely and Wheeler in London in 1911, exactly 100 years before the first edition of the regatta.

Find more information and a gallery of stunning photos from previous editions on the Centenary Trophy website: [GYC Centenary Trophy](#)

The Centenarian Award

The "Centenarian Award" of the year, organized by Classic Boat magazine and the Gstaad Yacht Club, was created in 2017. All boats 100 years and older that are still sailing are eligible. Each boat must have accomplished something significant in the past year, such as a long cruise, a race victory, a major restoration, or any other remarkable event. The winner is announced at the annual Classic Boat Awards ceremony held at the Royal Thames Yacht Club in London. The winner receives a sterling silver cup offered by Robbe & Berking. The cup, crafted in the Bauhaus style (1919-1933), embodies simplicity expressed through precious materials with a clean and modern aesthetic. The 2023 winner is Barbara (1923), designed in 1923 by Charles Ernest Nicholson and built at Camper & Nicholson's shipyard in Gosport, UK, currently sailing under the Italian flag.

For all nominees for the Centenarian Award, visit: [Classic Boat Awards](#)

Centenary Trophy Winners:

2011: Bonafide (1899)

2012: Marigold (1892)

2013: The race did not take place due to unfavourable weather conditions, and the trophy was not awarded

2014: Olympian (1913)

2015: Oriole (1905)

2016: Spartan (1913)

2017: Tilly XV (1912)

2018: Tilly XV (1912)

2019: Olympian (1913)

2021: Olympian (1913)

2022: Kismet (1898)

2023: Spartan (1913)



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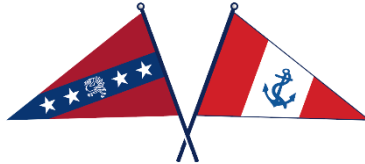
Editor's notes:

The Gstaad Yacht Club

The Gstaad Yacht Club (GYC) was founded in 1998 by a group of sailing enthusiasts with the vision of creating "a unique, global yacht club off the water, instead of another local club on the water". Located in the Swiss Alps, and initially often met with astonishment, the Gstaad Yacht Club has developed into a club with 400 members from over 40 different countries and a place where members and their guests enjoy meeting. The annual events calendar hosts a variety of social, sport and sailing events organized by a passionate crew of three together with 10 volunteering Board and Committee members is organizing up to 90 event occasion days per year. The network of reciprocal clubs has extended over all continents.

The Gstaad Yacht Club supports sailing projects at all levels, from juniors to professional sailors, and has become a permanent fixture on the Swiss sailing scene, particularly in Olympic sailing and classic yachting.

Since 2011, topics relating to the protection of the oceans and waters as well as other themes relating to sustainability and the well-being of our environment have been an integral part of club life, enriched by collaborations and events such as with Sylvia Earle, the Blue Marine Foundation, IUCN Ocean Ambassador William Winram and the Gstaad Cultural Encounters.



Société Nautique de Saint-Tropez

Founded in 1862, the Société Nautique de Saint-Tropez has been organizing regattas for over 160 years. Some of its members have left an indelible mark, such as Guy de Maupassant in 1887 and Paul Signac in 1897 (President of the SNST from 1908 to 1911), who are among the pioneers of French yachting. Affiliated with the FFVoile and an allied club of the Yacht Club de France, the SNST has continued to grow with the motto of always being open to modernity and new ideas while respecting tradition.

With a team of enthusiasts, including 15 board members, 3 permanent staff, 500 members, and many volunteers, the club organizes major events such as Les Voiles de Saint-Tropez, the ArMeN Festival, Les Dames de Saint-Tropez, Les Voiles d'automne, and the Paprec 600 Saint-Tropez offshore race, and co-organizes other events like the Loro Piana Giraglia in Saint-Tropez. The SNST hosts exceptional events, including various world championships and since 2021, the French leg of the Sail GP, as well as a leg of the 52 Super Series circuit for the TP 52, which will return to Saint-Tropez in 2025. The Société Nautique de Saint-Tropez is the supporting club of the French Orient Express Team for the 37th America's Cup, which will take place in September and October 2024 in Barcelona.

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