



## **Gstaad Yacht Club Centenarian of the Year 2025 – Barnabas (1881)**

It's that time of the year again—when classic yacht enthusiasts come together to celebrate maritime heritage and cast their votes for the most exceptional vessels in the world.

Each year, a panel of seasoned experts meticulously curates a shortlist of remarkable yachts for the prestigious Classic Boat Awards, making the choice anything but easy. This edition was no exception. With over 20,000 passionate voters participating—an all-time record in the awards' 19-year history—the enthusiasm for classic yachting is stronger than ever.

Among the categories, “Centenarian of the Year” stood out with six extraordinary nominees, including some impressive vintage racers that took part in the GYC Centenary Trophy regatta in Saint-Tropez. In the end, the public held the final say. - The well-deserved winner of the 2025 Centenarian of the Year Award is the remarkable Barnabas, launched in 1881.

Designed and built by Henry Trevorrow of St Ives, Cornwall, this 40-foot dipping lug yawl was originally a hardworking fishing vessel - and she's never stopped sailing since. Today, she is proudly owned by the Cornish Maritime Trust, who oversaw a major restoration in 2005 to bring her back to her original glory.

Her story is more than a tribute to craftsmanship—it's a homage to the generations of fishermen and maritime workers who shaped these vessels and sustained the traditions of coastal communities.

In 2024, Barnabas embarked on an ambitious six-week, 1,000-mile voyage around Cornwall, Wales, Ireland, and Scotland. The journey aimed to educate the public about Britain's fishing heritage while also raising vital funds for her continued preservation.

At the helm is skipper Toby Floyer, who considers himself incredibly fortunate for every opportunity to sail this living piece of maritime history.

The awards ceremony took place at the Royal Thames Yacht Club, hosting some 130 guests and the Gstaad Yacht Club was duly represented for the trophy handover by the Managing Director, Cindy Schönrich.

The Centenarian Perpetual Trophy, is kindly sponsored by Robbe & Berking Silversmith since the first edition in 2017. The trophy is as well in permanent display at the Robbe & Berking Yachting Heritage Centre.



## PAST WINNERS GSTAAD YACHT CLUB CENTENARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Since 2017 the Gstaad Yacht Club's Award ties in with the centenarian theme and seeks to recognise yachts of this vintage that have achieved something special.

- 2024** – Barbara, owned by Roberto Olivieri
- 2023** – Dainty, owned by Peter Nicholson
- 2022** – Firefly, Owned by the Clay Family
- 2021** – Thalia, owned by David Aisher
- 2020** – Greta, owned by Steve Norris
- 2019** – Carlotta, CAN/UK owned by Michael P. Wright
- 2018** – Folly, ARG owned by German Frers
- 2017** – Jolie Brise, UK owned by Dauntsey's School.



Centenarian of the Year Award Silver Trophy

### The Classic Boat Awards winners 2025:

#### **Restored Sailing Vessel of the Year (over 40ft)**

*Tally Ho, Design Albert Strange, Build Stow & Son, 1910, LOD 47ft (14.3m), Rig gaff cutter*

#### **Restored Sailing Vessel of the Year (under 40ft)**

*Dorothy, Design Linton Hope, Build Thames Yacht Building Co, c1903, 32ft 10in (10m), Gaff sloop*

#### **Spirit of Tradition Sailing Vessel**

*Laerling, Design Paul Spooner & Jim Dines, Build Downs Road Boatyard, 2024, 52ft (15.8m), Gaff ketch*

#### **Powered vessel over 40 ft**

*Llanthony Gonca, Design CE Nicholson, Build C&N, 1934, LOD 77ft 5in (23.6m), 2 x Doosan 360hp*

#### **Powered vessel under 40 ft**

*Bou Saada, Design and build W King and Sons, 1935, LOD 33ft (10m)*

#### **Small, unique sailing vessels**

*Tiny Giant, Design Gary Dierking, Build William Lewis, 2024, LOD 17ft 9in (5.4m), Rig shunting lateen*

#### **Classic Boater of the Year**

*Will Stirling*

#### **Classic Boat Lifetime Achievement Award**

*Tim Gedge*

#### **Gstaad Yacht Club Centenarian of the Year**

*Barnabas, 1881, Designed and built by Henry Trevorrow of St Ives, Cornwall, 40ft, Dipping lug yawl*

#### **Gstaad Yacht Club Highly Commended Award**

*Dorothy, 1897*

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#### **Editor notes:**

The Gstaad Yacht Club was founded in 1998 by a group of sailor enthusiasts with the vision to "create a unique global yacht club away from the waters, instead of another local club by the waters". Based in the Swiss mountains and in the beginning, very often acknowledged with surprise, the GYC developed to a club with 400 members from over 40 different countries and to a place where members and their guests love to meet.

The GYC supports sailing projects on all levels from juniors to professional sailors and it has become a solid force on the Swiss sailing scene and especially among Olympic sailing and the classic yachts. Since 2011, topics relating to the protection of the oceans and waters as well as other topics around sustainability and the well-being of our environment have been an integral part of the club's life, enriched by collaborations and events such as with Sylvia Earle, the Blue Marine Foundation, or the IUCN Ocean Ambassador William Winram.

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