



## Swan Croatia Challenge launches ClubSwan Racing season

- **2023 picks up in same sensational location it finished last year**
- **ClubSwan 36 class will get the party started in Split**
- **Friendly team and Nations League rivalries set to be renewed**

The ClubSwan racing season will kick-off later this month in the same welcoming venue it concluded a thrilling 2022 contest, with a return to the historic Croatian port of Split.

The Swan Croatia Challenge – April 25-29 – will see part of the Nautor Swan community reunited again on the azure waters of the Adriatic Sea.

Owners and crews of the ClubSwan 36 One Design class are leading the way in the debut event of the 2023 season and will be able to renew the camaraderie at the heart of the ClubSwan Racing experience while taking advantage of the excellent facilities and expertise available from their ACI Marina hosts.

The Swan Croatia Challenge also marks the first event in The Nations League 2023, the inter-nation contest which will be contested by a mix of all four ClubSwan Racing One Design classes across seven regattas throughout the season. No fewer than 12 countries are expected to take part with the scoring system recognising the performance of both nations and individual yachts.

*"It is fantastic to be returning to Split to launch the 2023 ClubSwan Racing season – the sailing conditions are fantastic and the welcome and support we get from our venue partner, ACI Marina is second to none,"* said Federico Michetti, Head of Sports Activities at ClubSwan Racing.

*"The owners and crews in the ClubSwan 36 class love this location and we can't wait to start the action at the end of the month."*

ACI d.d. is the largest chain of marinas in the Mediterranean, located along the Croatian coast. ACI Sail runs the ClubSwan 36 Training Centre located in ACI marina in Split, Croatia's atmospheric and ancient port city.

*"ACI and ACI Sail are pleased to welcome both Nautor Swan and the ClubSwan 36 fleet back to ACI Marina Split. We have developed a great relationship with both Nautor Swan and the ClubSwan Racing team and we are delighted that Split is once again recognised as a sailing destination,"* said Mr. Kristijan Pavić, ACI Chairman of the Board.

The venue provided the arena for the concluding ClubSwan Racing event in October 2022, the first ever ClubSwan 36 European Championship which was hotly contested to the final day.

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Richard Thompson's impressively consistent *Black Seal* team emerged the winner then, and will no doubt be looking to repeat the feat at the Swan Croatia Challenge. To do so they will have to overcome a determined challenge from 2022 runner-up Giangiacoimo Serena di Lapigio's *G Spot*, just one among several entries who will all be keen to make an early season statement of intent.

Also back in the frame in 2023 – after a break last year – is Sandro Paniccia's *Sixth Sense*. "It's great to be back and we are looking forward to renewing old friendships ashore, and friendly rivalries out on the water," said Paniccia.

"The ClubSwan Racing team always deliver spectacular racing and there is a real sense of community and passion around all the events."

As ever the ClubSwan Racing circuit attracts competitors from the world of professional sailing, who race side by side with enthusiastic Corinthian sailors united by a passion for the sport of yacht racing and the Swan brand.

The season will continue in May with the Swan Sardinia Challenge – May 16-20 – when the ClubSwan 36 racers will be joined by many other members of the Swan One Design family, namely the ClubSwan 50 and ClubSwan 42 classes.

#### How to follow the racing

- Click [here](#) for Race tracker
- Click [here](#) for Race results

#### The Nations League 2023:

- April 25-29: SWAN CROATIA CHALLENGE Split (CRO) | (CS36)
- May 16-20: SWAN SARDINIA CHALLENGE Sardinia (ITA) | (CS50, CS36, CS42)
- June 20-24: THE NATIONS TROPHY Sardinia (ITA) | (CS50, CS36, CS42)
- July 31 - August 5: COPA DEL REY Mallorca (ESP) | (CS50, CS42)
- September 12-16: CLUBSWAN 50 CHALLENGE Mallorca (ESP) | (CS50)
- September 12-16: CLUBSWAN 36 CHALLENGE Sardinia (ITA) | (CS36)
- October 10-14: SWAN ONE DESIGN WORLDS Tuscany (ITA) | (CS50, CS36, CS42, S45)

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### Nautor Swan and its racing world

Founded in 1966, Nautor Swan is recognised all over the world for its performance sailing yachts, and embodies the values of elegance, quality, performance, innovation, and reliability. With a state-of-the-art facility in Pietarsaari, Finland, a Global Service with four hubs in the Med and 18 service points, plus the ClubSwan Racing, Brokerage and Charter divisions, Nautor is a 360° brand. More than 2,350 yachts have been built over the last five decades of between 36 and 131 feet. The range is divided into four different lines: ClubSwan Yachts, Swan Yachts, Swan Maxi Yachts and the motor yacht division, with the Swan Shadow and Swan Overshadow.

ClubSwan Racing manages the entire Nautor Swan racing world and represents a benchmark in high-performance yacht racing organisation and events. With top-level, friendly and fair competition, ClubSwan Racing aims to represent the best expression of the spirit of Swan. It provides both One Design regattas with The Nations Trophy and the Swan One Design Worlds, as well as Rating events, such as the Rolex Swan Cup, the jewel in the crown.

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