

## **Les Voiles de Saint-Tropez – September 29th to October 7th, 2018**

### **20th edition**

August 17th, 2018

## **Voiles de Saint-Tropez : final straight before the 20th!**

**The pressure is on for the 20<sup>th</sup> edition of the Voiles de Saint-Tropez. Whilst the competitors prepare their weapons, the Société Nautique readies itself for action. The president and his team, a few hundred loyal volunteers both ashore and on-water are ready to man their posts. With just over a month to go before the curtain rises on one of the most looked-forward to shows on water, with 300 of the most beautiful classic and modern yachts gathered in the port and in the gulf of Saint-Tropez.**

### **The moderns: the hard-core!**

Heading the elite of racing monohulls, alongside the Wally Yachts competing for the BMW Trophy, are the Super-Maxis. Italian flagged *My Song*, 2016 Baltic 130, off the Reichel Pugh drawing board leads, in length, the IRC A Class at 43m; ahead of 35m Malcolm McKeon designed sloop, *Ribelle*, constructed in 2017 at Green Marine/Vitters. From the same yard in 2013 and not far off in length at 33m, is *Inoui*, a magnificent design from Philippe Briand. Also not to be missed are newcomers to the class – *Twin Soul B* and *Lady First 3*, both designed by Italian naval architect Alberto Simeone and from the shipyard of the moment: Mylius Yachts. Amongst the Maxi 72s, racing will also be tough between British owned *Jethou*, drawn by Judel-Vrolijk and the Italian *Cannonball*, designed in the Botin Partners Naval Architectural office, sailing with top crewmen, ex-America's Cup US helmsman Ed Baird and Frenchman, Sébastien Col. If Danish shipyard X Yachts appears well represented this year in terms of participants, the same may be said of Nautor Swan with over a dozen participants between 42 and 100 feet in length, with particular attention on four Swan 50s who will race for the Edmond de Rothschild Trophy in the IRC C Class.

### **The Classics: the majesty**

Unforgettable is the splendid sail plan and hull of the likes of *Cambria* (1928, 40m); little more elegant than the *Moonbeams III* and *IV* (1903, 30m and 1914, 35m); delicate *Eva* (1906, 13m); the speed and grace of the four 8M J1 racing under the International Rule, *Fulmar* (1930, 14.65m), *Caron II* (1935, 15.02m), *Silhouette* (1910, 15.4m) and *Falcon* (1930, 14.85m), not forgetting the prestigious 15 meters! More than a century after their conception, these boats designed by Fife along the shores of the river Clyde, have lost nothing of their fascinating appeal. Owning a Fife design is a privilege of which these yacht owners are eminently aware. The history of the gaff-cutter *Nan-of-Fife* (1986, 22.99m) tells something of this. Having stumbled upon the boat by chance over the internet, in a pitiable state, the boat that Philippe Menhinick's grandmother had bought from the sale of her engagement ring, came once again into the family. An antiques dealer in Saint-Malo, Menhinick had to stop his business and sell his house in order to acquire the damaged sailboat, going so far as to build his own shipyard to affect the restoration. This is one of many rich heritages that will make up the starting line for the 2018 Rolex Trophy, the ultimate prize for the Fife Jubilee that will bring together twenty-one of these extraordinary vessels of mythical pedigree. The year will also be marked by the return of J Class yachts *Topez* and *Valsheda* who will match their respective black and blue hulls against each other off the coast of Pampelonne.

### **In brief:**

#### **The 20<sup>th</sup> launches the youth!**

With the inauguration of the new dingy centre, the Société Nautique de Saint-Tropez has taken the initiative to give children and youth sailors the opportunity to have a presence in the 20<sup>th</sup> edition of the Voiles de Saint-Tropez. Preparing for the relay in future years, the SNST

and its president, Tony Oller, are organising a friendly Optimist regatta “*Les Petites Voiles*” open to children from the l’Ecole de Voile and participants.

## **PROGRAMME**

### **MODERN YACHTS**

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September: Registration and Inspection

Monday 1<sup>st</sup>, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> (J.Laurain Memorial Day, Challenge Day), Friday 5<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October: inshore races, 1<sup>st</sup> start 11h00

### **CLASSIC YACHTS**

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September and Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October: Registration and Inspection

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September: arrival of the Yacht Club de France Autumn Cup feeder race from Cannes

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> (J.Laurain Memorial Day, Challenge Day, Club 55 Cup, GYC Centenary Trophy), Friday 5<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> : inshore races, 1<sup>st</sup> start 12h00

Prize-giving for everyone

Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, from 11h00.

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