

## Vintage Starboat Race Zürich – 3rd edition and going strong

„Vintage Starboats – Come to Zürich!“ While the Old Fashion Race originally planned for this weekend had to be cancelled due to Corona restrictions the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Vintage Starboat Race hit a new high with 15 boats and a full program on and off the water. Safety precautions and social distancing including. Zürcher Yacht Club was again a formidable host, greatly supported by Oldtimer Boot Club Zürichsee, the Swiss Star Fleets and numerous sponsors.

The event started with a boat (re-)christening of SUI5244 BIANCA, beautifully re-built literally to the last day before the race by Dominik Schenk of Lake Constance. Proud and happy owner Hans-Ruedi Osterwalder, the son of the original owner, sponsored the dinner and polo shirts for everyone. And he's already on the next project ...

Race day 1 brought perfect sailing conditions with continuous wind from the South at force 2-3. A nice mix of sun and clouds added the right touch for an unforgettable experience for star sailors, photographers and spectators alike and also put 3 up and down races in the bag. The field sailed tight with Vintage Performance and Vintage Classic boats changing positions frequently and enjoying match racing. The following two days were characterised by light and patchy winds. Day 2 did not see any starts. The race on day 3 had to be abandoned after many changes in wind direction but while it lasted, everyone enjoyed being out on the water and competing with likeminded sailors.

Therefore the race weekend ended on the standings of day 1: FRAM VI SUI5009 Christoph Gautschi / Tina Gautschi (YCB) finishing first with a series of 3-2-1. Second place PENELOPE SUI5249 with Peter Wyss / Martin Fleck [ZYC] finishing 1-4-4. The oldest boat in the fleet and Olympic Bronze medal winner of 1936, BEM II NED1294 with Harm Adriaans / Jeroen Kop (WSVDB) gave a strong show on 3rd with a series of 8-1-3.

Meanwhile, Vintage Starboat owners always find topics to talk shop and exchange experiences on maintenance, restoration and sailing of their wooden beauties. Pairs and triples went out every now and then to catch some of the wind, do friendly matches and provide photo ops.

In the evenings, beer flowed freely, and wine, too, with everyone outside and spaced out on the floating boathouse pontoons as indoor sitting had been banished. Gorgeous summer weather and the spectacular scenery of the city skyline at dusk added to the enjoyable atmosphere. The catering team of Zürcher Yacht Club excelled again in providing tasty food and treats throughout the long weekend up to the closing ceremony

In the meantime, modern web communication via the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association and the Swiss Star Fleets carried the spirit of the event to the Starboat and wooden boat community, with many likes and cheerful comments. Special recognition was given for the colourful variety of wooden Stars in contrast to the all-white imagery of modern day fleets.

The award ceremony was again out on the deck with socially distanced winners and participants. A special restoration award was inaugurated and given to GER 5072 GAMBLER, built in 1967 by Portier on lake Zurich with actual participation of master boat builder Josi Steinmayer who sailed again on SUI4677 MONIQUE-ANN II. GAMBLER'S owner Felix Schaut received the award for showing a keen interest in learning how to restore and re-build to old glory. The boat will hopefully return to a future event sporting a wooden mast!

Everyone went home cheerfully and with high hopes for future events. Vintage Star racing now has a true home in Europe and the Swiss Star Fleets want to expand to other venues!

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Link to the results

<https://www.manage2sail.com/de-CH/event/5295b188-644b-4b5d-9180-85823e718324#!/results?classId=5918605d-9a68-4c24-bde4-2ad29a053db7>

### **3rd Vintage Starboat Race Zürich**

Bildnachweis (bei Bedarf in höherer Auflösung):

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(1) Ablegen vom schwimmenden Bootshaus des Zürcher Yacht Club

*(1) Going out form the floating boathouse of Zürcher Yachtclub*



(2) Segeln am 1. Tag, SUI 5009 FRAM VI vor NED 1294 BEM II

*(2) Sailing on Day 2, SUI 5009 FRAM VI leading NED 1294 BEM II*



(3) Holzboot-Vielfalt in den Farben des Zürcher Yacht Club und des Oldtimer Bootclub Zürichsee  
(3) Wooden boat variety in the colors of Zürcher Yacht Club and Oldtimer Bootclub Zürichsee



(4) Ausreiten im Stil der 30er bis 60er Jahre  
(4) Hiking in the style of the 30's through 60's



(5) Glückliche Teilnehmer auf SUI4654 ESTELLA  
(5) Happy participants on SUI4654 ESTELLA



(6) Startszene im 3. Lauf  
(6) Start of race 3



(7) Downwind zurück Richtung Zürich  
(7) Downwind back to Zurich

*Taufe von SUI5244 BIANCA*



(8) Taufe von SUI5244 BIANCA  
(8) Christening of SUI5244 BIANCA



1. Christoph Gautschi / Tina Gautschi



2. Peter Wyss (R) / Martin Fleck (L)



3. Harm Adriaans / Jeroen Kop