

S&S Association Annual Meeting Tuborg Havn, September 8-10th 2023



*We gather at the Royal Danish Yacht Club
Tuborg Havn Marina*



Jos of Hamble and Valona



Mera and Bohemia



Nina and Manouche



Tigris and Wood

The 2023 Annual Meeting of the S&S Association was a great success. We met at the Royal Danish Yacht Club's Tuborg Havn Marina located in Hellerup, a pleasant suburb some 6 km north of Central Copenhagen.

Built on the site of the old Tuborg Brewery, we were welcomed into the harbour entrance by two extra large beer bottles – with red and green lights!

Helped by the friendly and helpful Marina Manager, ten stunning S&S boats (plus Henrik's Folkboat) gathered over the preceding days, moored up in prime position outside the bar and restaurant.



Sasha and Topas



Henrik's Folkboat – an interloper perhaps?

Fifty-one members and friends from eight countries enjoyed a happy and sociable weekend on and off the water, staying on board, in nearby villas and hotels, and with friends and relations. A great opportunity to catch up with old friends and new, exchange seaborne tales of adventure (and mishap), compare notes on completed projects and those to do over the forthcoming winter, and generally have a fine time.



Friday evening began with drinks on the deck of *Tigris* and was followed by a wonderful dinner in the marina restaurant overlooking our S&S beauties lined up outside



The meal was preceded by the usual toast to the host of this year's meeting, Henrik Philipsen, and of course raising the Founder's Cup to our one and only Olin Stephens. In traditional style a glass was also raised to Queen Margarethe II of Denmark, our host country.





Saturday morning saw us up bright and early ready for a day's sailing.



Following a skipper's briefing from Henrik, well-crewed boats headed out for the island of Hven, across the Swedish border some 10 NM to the northeast. Clear skies and a reasonable wind (fortunately not last year's 50 knot squalls) meant we all had the sails up making it in good time for lunch.



Approaching Kyrkbacken Harbour on Hven we discovered (a) not much room available inside – only two boats managed to tie up – and (b) not much water available in the entrance. *Wood* decided it was better to err on the side of caution and headed for the alternative of Backviken just across the island but the rest anchored or rafted up outside with Gavin running a very successful ferry service.



Once ashore we all repaired to the nearby restaurant for a wonderful seafood lunch, followed by a gentle amble across the island to the Tycho Brahe Museum. Here we were treated to a guided tour of the works of the

famed 16th century astronomer, gazing amazed at his man sized quadrant used to make the most accurate stellar measurements ever seen.



Tycho Brahe gazes at the stars.



During lunch we grabbed the opportunity to award the Global Challenge Cup for 2022. The 2021 winner Jonathan Rolls passed over the cup to the 2022 Winners, Peter and Alison Morton who were leaving that afternoon. Their Swan 36 *Scherzo of Cowes* achieved an outstanding performance during Cowes Week in winning all but one race to win IRC Class 6 with a day to spare. Their immaculately restored boat also won Black Group overall, and claimed the title of Overall Cowes Week winner.

In true S&S style the end of the afternoon was spent aboard enjoying a glass or two in the sunshine.





A gentle sail home brought us back to harbour about 8 pm ready for a relaxing evening prior to the formal AGM on Sunday morning.

This went off without a hitch and closed with a splendid cake and fizz to celebrate the Association's 30th Birthday. Sadly none of our founders are still with us to celebrate but we know they will have been looking down at our gathering with pride.



So it was time to say farewell for another year and to wish ourselves fair winds till we meet in Enkhuizen in 2024 – dates for your diary June 14 – 16th. See you there!

