



GSTAAD YACHT CLUB

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Nostromino launched, first challenge the Bol d'Or Mirabaud 2019

***Nostromino*, the Wally Nano MK11 007 that blends Italian style with Dutch know-how, was launched in June 2019, fresh out of Joop Doornik, the Dutch shipyard known and appreciated for its Dragons and other outstanding traditional yachts.**

Christened the day before its very debut at the Bol d'Or Mirabaud 2019, *Nostromino* is owned by Sir Andrew Cook, an Englishman living in Switzerland, who also owns *Nostromo*, a 100 feet sloop designed by late famous naval architect Ed Dubois, that has been sailing in the Mediterranean for over 10 years.

Sir Andrew Cook is a man deeply connected to his family's history, faithful to his ideals, values, friends and projects as much as to the mountain villages he loves: Champéry and Gstaad. He's a member of the Royal Thames Yacht Club and the Gstaad Yacht Club.

Thanks to the GYC and its managing director Cindy Schönrich's efforts and surrounded by his sailing team, a mix of professionals and corinthians, Sir Andrew as his crew call him on board, can finally see his new boat touch the water and compete on the Lemman lake. Beyond competition at all costs, the *Nostromino* project is inspired by history, fairplay and respect, style and passion.

Further to two Barcolana races in Trieste - the biggest race in the world with its 2689 boats on the water- finished with an excellent 10th in the cruising division and a 34th place overall, Sir Andrew Cook will once again be teaming with Sweden's former Finn Gold Cup winner Thomas Lundqvist and Danish triple Olympic medalist Jesper Bank for the Bol d'Or, who will both contribute with their huge tactical skills and racing experience.

On board *Nostromino* will also be the Dutch builder Joop Doornik, UK's John Archer from the RTYC, Switzerland's Bertrand Geiser, -second placed in the Bol d'Or 2008 on a M2 multihull who will be back to monohulls for the occasion- and Swiss artist Anthony Bannwart, a key member of the project who has been sailing since his childhood, namely with his father, winner of the Admirals' Cup in 1991 under the colours of France.

Interesting to see that on board *Nostromino* single use plastic is banned and to further support sustainable sailing, the engine is fully electric.

Nostromino is a true "classic modern day boat" deriving from the co-operation between Luca Bassani's Wally, the designer Andre Hoek, and the Dutch shipyard Doornik,

Nostromino's technical specs:

Length : 11,30 m

Beam: 2,60 m

Draft : 2, 60 m

Upwind sail area: 75 sq. m

Downwind sail area 200 sq. M

Editor's 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". The GYC was regarded with astonishment in the beginning as a club in the mountains without water and meanwhile developed to a club with about 400 members from over 20 different countries. With sailing projects on all levels from juniors to professional sailors and the launch of the Centenary Trophy regatta in 2011 it has become a solid force on the Swiss sailing scene and for classic boats.

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