



## GSTAAD YACHT CLUB

Gstaad, Switzerland – March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### **Glorious victory for the Royal Thames Yacht Club - winning the 19<sup>th</sup> GYC Ski Yachting**

In a thrilling final race against the last year's winner, the YCM – Yacht Club de Monaco, the Royal Thames Yacht Club with J. Archer, J. Clark, A. Waxman & N. Williams won the prestigious Interclub Ski Yachting event in Gstaad. The team from London finishing last in the skiing made its way up from the repechage to the final race, taking home the trophy for the first time in 19 years.

The 2018 edition, which was held in the world famous mountain resort, brought together 19 teams representing 15 different yacht clubs from nine different countries. Past winners include the Royal Yacht Squadron, Bayerischer Yacht Club, Société Nautique de Genève and Gstaad Yacht Club.

The by invitation only event, which consist of giant slalom Friday night ski races, followed by match racing with remote control carbon fibre yachts in Gstaad's semi-Olympic indoor pool, powered by state-of-the-art wind machines on Saturday, welcomed again a huge number of 19 teams from all over the world, including the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club and every year participant, the Royal Yacht Squadron.

Given that one of the club's objectives is to promote youth sailing, an identical event was organized also for the under 16, which was won by the GYC-One team with Anja von Allmen, Shana Burger and Emilie Tschanz. Anja and Emilie had the chance to demonstrate their sailing skills on an Optimist, which they sailed on the swimming pool instead of the lake of Thun or on the high sea.

The prize giving ceremony for the Interclub competition was held with over 110 guests in the beautiful clubhouse, during which Mr. Pablo Roemmers, patron of Azzurra and racing for the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda was the Keynote speaker. Winner of the TP 52 circuit in 2012, 2015 and 2017, shared the passion and stories of the last years around the world season and encouraged the evening guests to join him on the adventure. "The 2018 season is reflecting our great momentum, with 9 new boats being launched plus the arrival of two America's Cup teams, such as Prada/Luna Rossa and Land Rover/Bar, showing the high competitiveness and advanced technology of the class."

The next Ski Yachting will take place on the first weekend in March 2019.

[Results Interclub](#)

[Results Juniors](#)

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#### **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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## 2018 Interclub Ski-Yachting Official Results

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| Winner:              | <b>Royal Thames Yacht Club</b><br><i>(J. Archer, J. Clark, A. Waxman &amp; N. Williams)</i>   |
| Runner Up:           | Yacht Club de Monaco<br><i>(R. Suhner &amp; J. Richner)</i>   |
| Semi-Finalists:      | Gstaad Yacht Club – Team One<br>Real Club Nautico de Palma  |
| Quarter Finalists:   | Nyländska Jaktclubben<br>Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club<br>Royal Swedish Yacht Club<br>Star Fleet Basel   |
| Qualification Round: | Gstaad Yacht Club – Eagle Team<br>Gstaad Yacht Club – Team Two<br>Team Credit Suisse<br>Yacht Club Costa Smeralda   |
| Repechage:           | Deutscher Touring Yacht Club<br>Norddeutscher Regatta Verein – Damen Team<br>Norddeutscher Regatta Verein – Herren Team<br>Royal Yacht Squadron<br>Segel-Club St. Moritz<br>Team Maserati<br>Zürcher Yacht Club |

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