



Gstaad Yacht Club member Mateo Sanz Lanz – Swiss Sailor of the year 2017/2018

Saturday, 23rd February 2019, at the sixth SUI Sailing Awards in Berne, the best Swiss sailors were honored for their achievements in 2017 and 2018. Swiss Sailing together with „Skippers Sailing and Ocean" nominated the awards for outstanding achievements in the categories Female Sailor, Male Sailor, Junior Sailor, Sailing Team, Sailing Project of the Year, Special Award and Public Award.

Gstaad Yacht Club (GYC) Sport Member, Mateo Sanz Lanz RS: X Windsurf won in the category – Best Sailor of Switzerland. Born to a Spanish father and a Swiss mother, he decided in 2013 to represent the home country of his mother Barbara instead of Spain - a stroke of luck for Switzerland and for the GYC.

In 2016 he decided to join the club. One year later, in 2017, renown now as light and medium wind specialist, Mateo won the silver medal at the World Championships in Enoshima and at the World Cup opening in Gamagori he finished 3rd. Also in 2018, the 25-year-old SST national squad athlete took part regularly in the world competitions. At the start of the World Cup season, he was second on the podium in Enoshima, home of the 2020 Summer Olympics, and won the Gold Medal just a few days later at Enoshima Olympic Week. The 2019 season is well on its way - currently in third place in the World Sailing ranking.

Another sailor of the Gstaad Yacht Club was nominated in two categories and was on the podium. Nils Theuninck, U23 European Champion in the Finn class in 2018, also sails in the Tilt team. The team took a third place in the Youth America's Cup 2017 and the first World Championship title in the GC32 class in 2018 and continues riding the wave of success. The GYC congratulates all participating sailors of the team with Sébastien Schneiter for winning the Sailing Team of the Year Award 2017/2018.

Swiss Sailing is proud that Swiss sailors have once again achieved outstanding results in the past two years and underlined that Switzerland is a serious sailing nation with exceptional sailors. There were more World and European Championship titles, World Cup and World Championship podium finishes, top rankings in small and large long-distance races, the Vendée Globe, Grade 1 Match Races and impressive par force performance with sport catamarans.

An important event for Swiss sailing

The SUI Sailing Awards have a high priority for Swiss Sailing. "The awarding of the SUI Sailing Award is a deserved recognition for the nominated athletes. In addition, the Awards help Swiss sailing to get a better publicity. Outside of Switzerland, the successes of Swiss sailors are observed even more than in Switzerland. "We want to change that," says Martin Vogler, President of Swiss Sailing and the jury of the SUI Sailing Awards. Thanks to the awards, the Swiss public is being made increasingly aware of the great results of the Swiss sailors."

The sixth edition of the SUI Sailing Awards took place in a festive setting, with around 150 guests from all over Switzerland, from Lake Constance to Lake Geneva.



SUI Sailing Awards 2017/2018 - awarded to the best sailors in Switzerland:

Male Sailor of the Year: Mateo Sanz Lanz GYC
Female Sailor of the Year: Justine Mettraux SNG
Junior Sailor of the Year: Maxime Chabloz SKA
Sailing Team of the Year: Team Tilt
Sailing Project of the Year: Bol d'Or Mirabaud
Public Award: Alan Roura CNLy
Special Award: Centre d'Entraînement à la Régate CER

We congratulate all winners for their deserved nomination and wish them as well as all the nominees much success for the upcoming sailing season!

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Swiss Sailor of the Year 2017 / 2018-
Mateo Sanz Lanz (GYC)
Award received from Tom Reulein – Head Coach SST



Sailing Team of the Year - Team Tilt



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Team member Team Tilt and GYC Sport Member
Nils Theuninck (Finn)

Editor 's' notes:

In 1998 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" founded the Gstaad Yacht Club. Based in the Swiss mountains and in the beginning, very often acknowledged with surprise, the GYC developed to a club with 400 members from over 30 different countries and to a place where members and their guests love to meet. The GYC supports sailing projects on all levels from juniors to professional sailors and it has become a solid force on the Swiss sailing scene and especially among Olympic sailing and the classic yachts.