



GSTAAD YACHT CLUB

Swiss Sailing Awards 2021 – GYC members nominated and honoured

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February was again a month of joyful moments for the GYC and the reason for this and for many Club News, is the results of its members or the successes of the GYC Racing Team. On February 13, 2021, the Swiss Sailing Association together with Skippers Magazine celebrated the 7th edition of the Swiss Sailing Awards. Several GYC members were among the winners and nominees.

A new generation of sailors competing at international level shines and makes its way into the spotlight of sport. The GYC is fortunate to be able to help these athletes to turn their dreams into reality. Only very few competition opportunities in 2020 allowed the athletes to apply their training sessions and all their sailing know-how into top performances.

Anja von Allmen took every opportunity and managed to turn 2020 into a golden year. European Champion 2020, World Champion 2019 - Anja von Allmen has more than earned the title of Junior Sailor of the year. The laser sailor from Spiez, a member of the GYC Racing Team in addition to RCO, YCSp and DRCS, was nevertheless completely surprised at the award ceremony and after she had regained her speech again, she said: "This is a great honor for me and a great source of motivation. Many thanks to Swiss Sailing and my trainer Damir Nakrst, with whom I have been working for many years and to whom I owe these successes. " Anja will resume very soon her water training to prepare for the European Cups, the European and World Championships this season. Thanks also go to your parents, who tirelessly support the young sailor on her way.

With gentle but important support from the GYC and its members, the club has set itself the ambitious goal of continuing to promote further this generation of sailors in their future, thus contributing to the fact that the name of Gstaad is carried to where the sailors compete.

Three other members were represented in teams that were nominated as Sailing Team of the Year: Nils Theuninck in the Tilt team and Simon Koster in the Rösti-Sailing team and Ernesto Bertarelli with Alinghi, the team that received the Sailing Team of the Year title for 2019/2020.

Team Alinghi with Arnaud Psarofaghis, Bryan Mettraux, Pierre-Yves Jorand, Nils Frey, Coraline Jonet and Ernesto Bertarelli is still on the road to success. It won the GC32 World Championship title in 2019 and won the GC32 Tour with three victories. Ernesto Bertarelli wants to continue with the successes in 2021: «We hope that we will soon be able to experience GC32 regattas again. Our RTF35 project got off to a good start last year, and of course we have as well the Bol d'Or in our sights”.

The Gstaad Yacht Club extends its congratulations as well to the winners in the following categories:

Female Sailor of the Year 2019/2020: Maud Jayet SNG

Male Sailor of the Year 2019/2020: Eric Monnin SCStä

Sailing Project of the Year 2019/2020: Swiss Foiling Academy

Public Award: Alan Roura CNLy

For once, the award ceremony did not take place in the form of a gala evening but was staged as a road trip through Switzerland of sailing. The result is a very special award ceremony, which manages to honor the

achievements of the excellent sailors as well as convey the fascination of sailing. Swiss Sailing and the sailing magazine “Skippers” had chosen a special format for the 7th SUI Sailing Awards and last Saturday presented their heroes to the sailing fans in a live broadcast on screen. And so Christian Scherrer, sailing expert and accomplished communicator, also a member of the Gstaad Yacht Club, did not stand in a festive cloakroom in front of an illustrious crowd. Instead, accompanied by his film team, he sets off on a road trip across Switzerland to visit the actors of the SUI Sailing Awards of the years 2019/2020 and presents them with their deserved award. On Saturday evening, this year's winners were awarded in a successful live stream alongside many great recordings of their sailing activities across diverse social platforms. For those who still want to follow it, the online event can be found on Youtube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2WfMYTOULSI&feature=youtu.be>



Anja von Allmen is happy about her award as Junior Sailor of the Year 2019/20.



Alinghi CEO Ernesto Bertarelli and Arnaud Psarofaghis (right) are delighted to receive the Team of the Year 2019/20 award.



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Pictures: High-resolution photos of the award winners are available at the following link:
<http://bit.ly/3ahJQxx> Unless otherwise stated on the photos, the images are from Birdviewpicture.

Editors' 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". 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 20 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.

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