



GSTAAD YACHT CLUB

13th GYC RALLY & YACHTING – and the challenge of winning long-term

Since 2006, the Gstaad Yacht Club (GYC) in collaboration with the Gstaad Automobile Club (GAC) has organised an annual classic car rally, combining a car drive highlighting some of the most beautiful roads in Switzerland with remote-controlled model boat sailing.

On Friday evening, all the pilots and co-pilots met at the GAC for the traditional get-together and registration before getting up on to the Lac Rétaud. All participants had to test their knowledge about car parts when the evening set down.

The wind and weather conditions on the lake allowed for one round of model boat sailing and the dinner party to be hosted outside on the terrace of the fabulously renovated mountain restaurant.



2: Sailing up at Lac Retaud



3: Coffee break in Schloss Münchenwiler

They were welcomed for an aperitif in the beautiful gardens with a Sknife atelier – where knowledge on knives was discretely taught and chef Kurt Mösching, originally from Schönried, served a magnificent lunch at the restaurant Sonne.

In the afternoon, the cars followed the route back through the landscape of the Bernese Seeland and Oberland back to Gstaad.

The winner of the 13th edition of the Rally & Yachting with a 1979 Morgan 8+ was followed by a 1970 Rolls Royce Corniche and a Bentley S3 from 1963.

In the evening, everybody got together for the prize giving dinner at the GYC Clubhouse, where British Racing legend Sir Jackie Stewart and American Sportsman of the year (1973) captured the



1: Welcome and Registration at GAC

The next morning a splash of rain did not hinder any participant. Coffee and croissants in the GYC and all 26 cars were lined up for the start in front of Le Grand Bellevue.

The participants started their engines and headed alongside the road book and a picture competition through magnificent small roads of the Fribourg landscape towards their first stop at the 11th century castle of Schloss Münchenwiler, a former Cluniazenser monastery.

The 26 cars were then challenged all the way through the Jura up to the heights of the Col du Chasseral. Crossing the four cantons - Berne, Vaud, Fribourg and Neuchâtel - the cars were making their way back down to Scheunenberg, in the commune of Wengi.

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4: The winning team with Commodore Manrico Iachia and managing director Cindy Schönrich



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audience with his challenging and at the same time emotional presentation on *The Challenge of winning long-term*. Born in 1939, Sir Jackie was involved with cars from an early age. Leaving school at 15, (his dyslexia undiagnosed until much later), he found his personal voice in sport, first as an Olympic class shot, then in motor racing. Sir Jackie's motor racing career took off internationally in 1965 when, at Monza, he scored the first of his 27 Grand Prix Championship victories. During his Formula One career, he was crowned World Champion three times 1969, 1971 and 1973 and achieved a total of 27 victories, out of 99 races. Besides his greatest achievements were tremendous improvements in motor racing's safety and one of his greatest success factors was to think out of the box. Sir Jackie is founder of Race Against Dementia, which he created inspired by his wife's battle against this disorder.



5: Sir Jackie Stewart in the evening

Thanks to the contributions of participants, partners and helpers, the event was such a great success and the GYC looks forward to welcoming all again next year.

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". 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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