







THE FRONT COVER PICTURE IS "BLONDIE"

THE S&S 34, ALREADY A LEGEND AND HEADING FOR ONE HUNDRED (100) OR MORE Years of safe and successful ocean racing, cruising, and day sailing.

The Sparkman & Stephens Association (of the world) believe the S&S 34 is probably the most travelled recreational ocean sailing yacht design in the world!!! Four times around the world via Cape Horn, at least a dozen around the world via Panama Canal and always at least half a dozen at any given time have been sailing the oceans cruising and or racing for the last thirty years!!!!!!

Already some of these yachts are forty two years old, a large number are thirty years old and like these newest yachts, should have no trouble reaching sixty years of age.



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### 2008 WAS A YEAR FOR TWO SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.

Firstly the passing of Olin J. Stephens in September just five months away from his one hundredth birthday, a great and honourable man who captured the hearts and minds of two generations of yachtsmen world wide, a man always gracious and approachable at any time.

Olin was a supreme helmsman, for fifty years an active yacht designer including successful America Cup yachts and thirty years in retirement actively involved in sailing, both racing and cruising.

With his brother, Olin set the standards for yacht design. Dorade sailed the 1920 Transatlantic Race and was fastest, then followed up with first in the Fastnet Race before returning to the US for a welcome home tickertape parade in New York. Dorade was a breakthrough which changed the design of racing yachts.

During the 1960/70s with fibreglass construction there was an explosion of sailing yachts being built and if you wanted the best you purchased a Fife or Sparkman and Stephens design.

Olin and his brother set the standards for speed, beauty, comfort and seaworthiness in yacht design and the yachts had a bow shape which was a design feature recognisable from miles away, that special appearance of our S&S 34s.

SECONDLY was the delivery of "Blondie" to Simon Torvaldsen on 13.12.2008, the third new S&S 34 in a short period built by Swarbrick Yachts. "Blondie" follows the launching of Mike Finn's super competitive IRC racer "Constellation" and Jamie Dunross's "Spirit of Rockingham" especially set up to cope with his disabilities and enabling Jamie to easily twice break world records for distances sailed by a person with his level of disability. "Blondie" is superbly fitted out with a colour combination setting off the beautiful layout design and finish, the yacht encompasses all the features of a Sparkman & Stephens design, speed, comfort, beauty, safety and seaworthiness. With "Blondie" gliding by in the recent pre Christmas social events, we old timers are wondering just how will we keep up from now on. I was honoured to launch "Blondie" on Sunday 6th January 2009.

PTO. FOR A LIST OF ACHIEVEMENTS PRINTED 19.08.1994 and that's only for 27 years.

RACING. We enjoyed the Sydney to Hobart Race reports and naturally we were all biased towards the Sparkman and Stephens design entries. What a wonderful result when "Winsome" was first overall on handicap. Our own famous yachtsman Jon Sanders sailing his beautifully refurbished S&S 39 "Perie Banou 11" had a most competitive race to STORM BAY!! and sat becalmed in this bay of broken dreams overnight, just as we did in "Sulphur" in 1983. In the past Jon achieved a third overall in his S&S 34 "Perie Banou 1" and has always been well placed in division whenever he has raced. The record of S&S design yachts in this race is impressive.

PS 15.01.09 at 1900hrs SA time as I write this page, Jon is in Port Perie sitting in a Pub having a quiet beer and will continue single handed to Albany then Fremantle.

My next effort will be to organise a second race on the Swan River. Perhaps on a Sunday at the Perth Flying Squadron Yacht Club, so it does not affect the consistency efforts of the Saturday racing.

### NEW MEMBERS.

Welcome aboard:- Mick Peart, new owner of "Star Path", our first record of this 34 so a special welcome, this brings our number of 34s in Tasmania to 5, with three paid up, an excellent situation.

Phil & Carline Michelides new owners of "Miss Cath". "Miss Cath" with past owner Wayne Fletcher at the helm, will arrive in Fremantle this Week to complete their circumnavigation of the world!

Jeff Holt new owner of "Quixote"





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# S & S 34 ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## NEWS LETTER

**CONGRATULATIONS ROSS BOURNE AND CREW ON CREDESCENCE.  
WINNERS OF BOTH THE S & S 34 CHAMPIONSHIP AND THE NUDRILL CUP.**

S & S 34 CHAMPIONSHIP results:- 'Credence' Ross Bourne first: 'Swagman' Bill Waldby second. 'Kungari' Denis Connor third.

NUDRILL CUP results:- 'Credence' Ross Bourne first: 'Kungari' Denis Connor second: 'Swagman' Bill Waldby third.

THE COMMODORE'S RACE again was a great success with twelve owners most positive in their wish to compete. THE RESULT WAS A RUNAWAY WIN TO THE TEAM ON MAN'ANA sailed by R.F.B.Y.C's Commodore Geoff Totterdell.

## S & S 34'S FOREVER

### CAN THIS RECORD BE BEATEN BY ANY OTHER DESIGN

1967 Design completed for Michael Winfield first yacht performed well and stock production commenced. 1968 "Morning Cloud" built for Ted Heath. Sailed very competitively and shipped to Australia for the Sydney Hobart.

1969 "Morning Cloud" and "Cecily June" from W.A. competed in the Sydney Hobart Race. We all know of Ted Heaths famed win. Elapsed time 4.05.57.53. Merv Finn Navigator on "Cecily June". Elapsed time 4.16.24.33.

1970 Swarbrick Bros commenced stock production.

1971 "Perie Banou" launched. From this year on every ocean race has been dominated by S & S 34's on one handicap system or another in their class or overall.

1977 Swarbrick Bros commenced hiring the mould and approximately 35 hulls were built in two years.

1978 S & S 34 Association formed by Bob Sampson and first S & S 34 race held in conjunction with the R.F.B.Y.C's Iberia race.

1979 "Blue Bell" won the cruising section of the Parmelia Race on a countback from "Perie Banou". First S & S 34 Championship held.

1981 "Sulphur" third YAH fourth IOR in the stormy inaugural Fremantle Bali race.

1981 "Perie Banou" set out on the double non stop circumnavigation of the world.

1982 "Perie Banou" returned after 420 days and 48,510 nautical miles to a hero's welcome for Jon.

1983 "Sulphur" sailed to Sydney for the Sydney Hobart race and performed well in medium conditions.

"Huckleberry" launched and the Finn's started their domination of the W.A. ocean race scene.

1984 "Perie Banou" sailed the stormy Sydney Hobart race and was placed third overall.

1990 Merv Finn awarded the National Title 'The Ocean Racing Veteran of the Year' by The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia New South Wales

1993 "Marara" from N.S.W. placed third overall and first division D in the stormy Sydney Hobart race.

Elapsed time 5.12.04.58 (adjusted). "Huckleberry" still winning offshore in W.A.

1994 I am told the IMS handicap system will be altered and these alterations will improve the competitiveness of the 34's.

On the 5th November 1991 Olin J. Stephens 11 wrote:-

"NO DOUBT THE 34 CLASS HAS BEEN ONE OF OUR MOST SUCCESSFUL DESIGNS"







THE BEAUTIFUL REAR COVER PICTURE IS "SIRIUS" OF SANDRINGHAM YACHT CLUB  
One of the near thirty year old ships looking like new with the classic perfection of the timber fitouts, built to the original specifications, forty foot mast and single spreader, motor in the center, heavy keel, skeg in front of the rudder and two inches of rudder showing above the water indicating the yacht is in perfect balance fore and aft. See our web page for "Sirius"





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