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The 2019 Loro Piana Superyacht Regatta will host the **Southern Wind Rendezvous**, incorporating the 14th edition of the **Southern Wind Trophy**. Since 1998 the event has been held every two years bringing together SWS owners and friends in the Southern Wind family atmosphere.

Originally held in Capri, during the “Trofeo Loro Piana - La Settimana dei Tre Golfi”, in 2008, the Trophy moved to Porto Cervo to celebrate the YCCS 40th Anniversary. Since then it has been hosted by the Loro Piana Superyacht Regatta in Porto Cervo, arguably the most exclusive event in the Superyacht calendar.

The Southern Wind Rendezvous and Trophy has already been enthusiastically welcomed by a fleet of **9 boats currently pre-registered**, making up around 40% of the regatta fleet.

This year for the first time in superyacht racing, the SWS Owners will be given the fantastic opportunity to decide what the racing format should take for their yacht. There will be three racing divisions (Performance, Cruising and Corinthian) with different starting formats – either staggered starts or fleet starts. This will provide challenges and head to head starting tactics, which will doubtless be enjoyed by the spectator fleet.

Making her debut in June will be **Kiboko Tres**, the second in the mini-series of the new 105-foot model, launched in October 2018 and now in the Mediterranean having sailed on delivery from Cape Town, where she was built. This yacht was commissioned by a passionate and loyal Southern Wind owner, who has already built two previous yachts with SWS. He was looking for a high-performance yacht for racing in the world’s top superyacht regattas, as well as for comfortable blue-water cruising. Fixed keel, increased sail area, full carbon hull and deck, racing bowsprit: Kiboko Tres will give it her best to show her claws.

Not least will be the Custom **SW-RP90 All Smoke**, designed by Reichel/Pugh and Nauta Design, who will also make her debut on the superyacht regatta circuit. This high-performance blue-water racer cruiser combines the comforts of a modern superyacht with exceptional sailing performance, for both the Mediterranean and the Caribbean regatta circuits. All Smoke’s owner is not new to this event and will bring his experience to make his yacht shine in Porto Cervo.

The current holder of the trophy, the **SW102 Seawave** will be in Sardinia to attempt to retain the title, won in 2016 in Capri at the SWS 25th Anniversary and Rendezvous. The owner and his crew are equally motivated and determined to defend the podium finish they got in the 2016 edition of the LPSYS.

The **SW82 Grande Orazio** owned by YCCS member Massimiliano Florio, will compete on a level playing field with her sistership **Ammonite**, having just returned from Southeast Asia for the event. SW82 Grande Orazio is surely among the favorites over this race track, where she has won different regattas in the last three years.

The **SW100 Illusion** will also be on the starting line. Second in the mini-series of the successful SW100 she is one of the most loyal and enthusiastic participants to this extremely special family event.

**SW82 Feeling Good**, **SW100 Padma II** and **SW110 Thalima**, the flagship of SWS, will shadow the fleet to enjoy some wonderful sailing among the beautiful islands and islets of the Maddalena Archipelago.

This year is a very special one for Southern Wind, as the shipyard recently lost their beloved founder Willy Persico; one of the SWS yachts taking part in the Rendezvous will be presented with the **Willy Persico Trophy** in his memory. This is an award presented by Loro Piana and the YCCS Commodore, Riccardo Bonadeo, to celebrate the yachtsman whose passion and foresight has greatly influenced the history and future of the yachting industry.

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