



Shipman Cup 2010 Unique Yachts, Unique Persons

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Shipman boat owners and guests from all over the world together with top professional sailors and boat constructors met at the second Shipman Cup in Portorož, Slovenia. Three regattas at the north Adriatic sea accompanied by the rich program featuring the presentation of the Shipman 100 project, Greenline 33 Hybrid, live violin concert and many other surprises have been concluded with the victory of the 72 feet long Shipman Nadejda and the team of Vladimir Prosikhin, a Russian business man.

Nine carbon sailing boats from 50 up to 72 feet have been waiting on Saturday for the start of the first coastal regatta from Portorož to Porto San Rocco in Italy. During the tense moments, Anja Bukovec, internationally recognised violin soloist, wished them good wind playing on the almost inaudible Greenline 33 Hybrid, the new innovation coming from the Seaway Group. In a weak wind the fleet slowly sailed toward Porto San Rocco, where the regatta concluded with a dramatic end for the Nadejda team which has been almost winning the regatta when the problems with the gennaker started. The Mahi Mahi team took advantage of the situation and won the first regatta.

After a welcome drink at the marina Camper & Nicholson, the second regatta back to Portorož, the city of roses, started and this time Nadjeda left no possibility to other teams. The team of Vladimir Prosikhin was decided to win the perpetual trophy of Shipman Cup.

Shipman 100 is coming

Shipman Cup 2010 has showed the creative and innovative energy of the fast growing Seaway Group which opened last September in Monfalcone, Italy, a new Shipyard with Europe biggest milling machine. On a ground of 43000 m² with direct access to the sea, Shipman 63, 72 and 80 are currently in production. In Portorož was for the first time presented Shipman 100, the biggest sister of the Shipman family which will maintain the many time awarded features that make these yachts unique.

"Shipman is a single-handed pilothouse high-performance carbon yacht in size of 50 up to 150 feet. Also the Shipman 100 project is focused on enabling handling of the boat with a crew of only two persons, thus making it possible to sail big distances with much less effort," said **Carlo Giordano**, the director of the new Shipyard and sales manager in Seaway Group, *"The size has been not chosen at random. With Shipman 100 we would like to create a new reference in short handed ocean cruising."*



As usual in Seaway history, also for this project international experts, among which Michel Desjoyeaux and his team, have joined their forces to recreate the uniqueness of Shipman in size of 100 feet.

Peter Harken and other special guests

Saturday evening program has been starring Anja Bukovec, this time playing with video and pictures of the first two regattas in background, and **Peter Harken**, who is, with his brother Olaf, one of the most influential persons in the marine industry in these latest decades. He has been cooperating for years with Seaway Group: *"The people of Seaway are super great to work with. They are probably my favorite yard to visit because they are so innovative and always doing something new and ahead of the rest of the world like the new Solar powered highly efficient hybrid power cruiser that is very successful. Stuff like that, they have always something new, every time I visit them."*

In Portorož, also professional sailors and boat constructors such as Chiara Calligaris, Vesna Dekleva, Andrea Caracci, Bertrand Cudennec, Denis Juhel, Mitja Margon and Tomaž Čopi, with experience from most prestigious and extreme regattas, joined other guests to share special moments from their careers and help the racing teams to get the right wind during the regattas.

Sunday, the second day of regattas, was a sunny day with perfect sailing conditions. At moments quite strong wind caused troubles to two teams which had to finish the triangle regatta due to technical problems, but not to the Nadejda team. "We came to win. We have many regattas behind us and I'm happy that we were able to use our experience. We had a lot of fun and enjoyed very much this wonderfully organised event. We're looking forward for meeting the Shipman family again next year!" was satisfied Vladimir Prosikhin with his team, which beside the trophy won also a personalised web site (www.nadejdayacht.net) to share the victory and moments with this unique yacht with others.

Idea of Shipman Cup

After all the years and successes, in 2009, the idea and wish to gather the members of the Shipman family spread all over the globe in a special event finally became reality in form of the first Shipman Cup. *"Unique yachts, unique persons and a unique scenic Portorož bay in a traditional annual gathering of the Shipman Family has been the purpose,"* said **Japc Jakopin**, founder of Seaway, *"Beside Shipman 100 we are also happy to show Greenline 33 Hybrid, the newest brand of the Seaway Group."* Following the Shipman success, the newcomer based on new values first built in summer 2009 is in fact the new Seaway's rising star with, among others, four Boat of the Year awards and two environmental awards.

The Shipman Cup 2010 is over. Concluding with the words of **Peter Harken**: *"I have talked a lot to other guests and they are all so excited. This is definitely one of the best events I have ever been. Congratulations to Seaway for organising this unique weekend."*

New ideas, such as Shipman foto context and other surprises are already planned for the next gathering of the Shipman family.

Shipman's History in Brief

In 1968, first Shipman was built on the island Visby, Sweden. In two decades Shipman became one of the best known sailing brands in Scandinavia and Northern Europe. In 1992 Shipman 8 m One Design was born, designed by J&J design and built by Seaway. Ten years later Shipman was acquired by Seaway and the development of the first carbon-built Shipman 50 started. In 2004 Shipman 50 won the European boat of the year title over all categories. A year later Shipman 63 set sail and won European boat of the year title in 2006. The success continued with Shipman 72 and 80 launched before end of the year. Thirty-five Shipman yachts are now cruising the seas around the world.

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The event was organised in cooperation with Association of Slovenian Istria Wine Producers, Generali, Harken, Helly Hansen, Internautica Boat Show, Jotun, Marina Portorož, Marina Porto San Rocco and Studio 37.



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Additional Information

Anja Bukovec is a young, energetic and sensuous violinist educated by most prominent music pedagogues. She gave memorable performances on elite locations all over the globe, among others also for her majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Anja recently released her new album Chameleon which is based on popular film music themes. She is accompanied by the world famous conductor En Shao and many times BAFTA winner, composer Christopher Gunning. The programme was recorded with 80 members RTV Slovenia Symphony Orchestra.

Denis Juhel has been involved over the past twenty years in the construction and technical support of the off shore open multi-hulls. He and the legendary French sailor Michel Desjoyeaux have recently founded the office design Mer Forte to bring a new vision from open racing field.

Association of Slovenian Istria Wine Producers supports the production and promotion of Istrian wines. Their traditional Malvasia Festival has become in twelve years the biggest wine event in Slovenia dedicated to one sort of wine. The so-called Istrian spring has recently been enriched by an original cooperation with local olive oil producers in which visitors are welcome in an event "from the wine cellars to oil farms".

Vesna Dekleva is one of the best Slovene sailors for many years dedicated to the class 470, where she belonged to the world top competitors. Last year she has started a new sailing story with the SLO W Match Racing Sailing Team and the 6m sailing boat Elliott. After first successes on international level, the three women crew's challenge is to win a medal at the Olympics in London 2012.