For Nautor's Swan, 48 is a magic number. One of the most iconic Swans ever first appeared in 1971 under this number: the legendary Swan 48. Designed by Sparkman & Stephens of New York, one of the best yacht design studios of all time, this iconic yacht won some of the most prestigious offshore races, including the Bermuda Race and Transatlantic Race, and was selected for the Admiral’s Cup - the “Formula One” race series of the time. “With many international races behind her – the Swan 48 is keeping up an irresistible challenge as a top-class ocean race,” says the original brochure. “With the speed of a bird of prey she combines the luxury and grace that make her the swift, astonishing Swan of tomorrow. The Swan 48 is equipped to the highest professional standards and the woodwork has the class given it by the Nautor specialists, men who have learnt their crafts around the Gulf of Bothnia, where woodwork and shipbuilding skills are traditional. The unique design and professional skills behind the Swan 48 make her the complete ocean cruising racer.”

Racing, however, was not the main purpose of the boat: like any Swan, she was designed to be a perfect family cruiser, capable of sailing around the world in total safety and comfort. A total of 46 units were sold during five years of production. In 1995 Germán Frers designed a new Swan 48, following the same design principles and with the same level of grace and performance as the original. With 57 units built, it proved to be another success story and is still loved and highly regarded on the brokerage market. Today, almost forty years after the original Swan 48, the legend lives on in a third interpretation...
"Like every design coming from our drawing board, the new Swan 48 has been designed with heart and passion. But rather than acting on a flash of inspiration, this new Nautor model is the result of a rational brief based on market analysis and the experience of the builder, agents and designers, coordinated by Nautor’s Product Line Leader. One can safely say the Swan 48 is a new model created by a team of experts that offers the best equipment and material specifications and solutions on the market. The equipment and tanks are low down in the bottom of the hull and close to the longitudinal centre of buoyancy. The angle of positive stability is in the order of 120 degrees. The displacement reflects the quality of the construction and the equipment dedicated to provide optimal comfort on board. Safe and a pleasure to sail, the yacht will have an easy motion at sea due to her stability and moderate ballast of the three keel options available (standard, shallow and racing). Following on from the latest larger models, the deck beam has been carried all the way back to the transom. A shallow twin rudder arrangement, positive control and extra waterline length are some of the advantages of this design. The yacht has a generous, well-illuminated interior where every one of the three cabins and two bathrooms, which include separate showers, has been carefully developed in detail by the interior designer. On deck there are distinct areas for relaxing and sail handling. All halyards and sails are controlled from the cockpit and the tails stowed in dedicated bins. Protection from the elements is provided by the dodger in combination with the bimini top. The lazarette is large enough to stow a fully inflated 2.8-metre tender. For those interested in racing at the Corinthian level, there is a performance package available from Nautor that includes a racing keel, a square top mainsail, carbon fibre mast and rigging, bowsprit, and upgraded deck gear."
The deck plan has been designed for maximum efficiency, safety and comfort. The deck design, particularly the coachroof, is the most relevant part of a boat in terms of aesthetics and character. At Nautor we have always paid close attention to this aspect and the ‘wedge’ coachroof design has been a brand hallmark since its introduction in 1971 with the original S&S-designed Swan 46. The design of the new Swan 48 represents the latest generation of wedge coachroof to evolve from that original design. It is designed with a combination of soft curves and faceted surfaces, presenting a new style but still in the family feeling of her bigger sisters, the Swan 65 and 78. It also introduces the ‘Eagle’s Eye’ feature, a long brow that gives the whole coachroof the appearance of a raptor’s intense gaze. The cockpit, well protected by deep coamings along its length, has Swan’s typically functional layout with a forward area dedicated to guests, that is fully protected by spray hood and bimini, a central section where all sailing gear is concentrated with winches within easy reach of the helmsman, and an aft area dedicated to sunbathing and direct access to the sea via the opening platform. Safety is always a priority on a Swan. To this end, a special solution for the main sheet has been developed to prevent the sheet crossing the whole cockpit and reduce the danger from an accidental jibe. As an option, the platform can also provide access to the tender garage. Other areas, like the forward sunbathing area with cushions well integrated into a recessed part of the coachroof, are dedicated to comfort at sea.
Optional tender garage layout and fittings in the lazarette

Standard table removable for racing, optional fridge compartment

Optional self-tacking track for staysail or jib

Standard 9mm teak on side decks, cockpit and platforms, option on coachroof

Large integrated sprayhood with rigid recessed housing

Dedicated sunbathing area on coachroof with recessed space for cushions

Optional tender garage layout and fittings in the lazarette
With its classic style and grace, the new Swan 48 has an interior arrangement that offers abundant space and volume. The three-cabin layout comprises an owner's cabin forward with a private head (a forward window for extra light is an option), a VIP cabin to starboard and a portside guest cabin, both aft. The two heads are comfy and spacious with room for independent shower stalls. The open-space main salon is located at the centre of the boat and furnished with a C-shape sofa and plenty of natural light to illuminate the whole space. The chart table on the starboard side is available in three different layouts: ‘flipper’ style (with a table that can be lowered to create a long sofa/navigation berth), forward facing with seat and storage, or with table and sofa. In terms of decor and finishing, the new Swan 48 is available in three different styles proposed by our interior designer Misa Poggi: Swan Soul that embodies the typical brand style, Scandi Vision inspired by Scandinavian design, and Velvet Vibe that reflects the warm ambience of the Mediterranean. Each style carefully balances the relationship between elements and materials to create a special atmosphere and energy. The galley configuration offers freedom of movement and is equipped with a domestic-size fridge and valuable storage space. The soundproofed engine room has good accessibility and includes a dedicated space for an optional genset.
Engine room with good accessibility and space for optional genset

All tanks below floor level and amidships, very low CG

Galley with 360° layout, domestic-size fridge and good storage space

3 chart table layouts: flipper style, forward facing with seat and storage, or sofa

Alternative layout with double berths for owners stateroom

Standard European Oak veneers based on interior style concepts
"Working on the interior of a Swan yacht means creating a special atmosphere for onboard comfort and contentment and a reciprocal enrichment beyond the practicalities of place, function and space, always involving Finnish passion for excellence.

The process for producing a sense of intimacy combined with the necessary seamanlike features is a multi-faceted one that enriches itself thanks to the collaboration of the great expertise of the Nautor’s Swan team, our technicians and, of course, evaluating the dreams of Swan enthusiasts. The atmosphere onboard and its energy are determined by the relationship between special elements and materials. Nautor's Swan materials are chosen carefully and tested by the whole team to guarantee their best performance in all the challenging areas of the sailing context."
Woods

Swan Soul

Natural European Oak varnished

Scandi Vision

European Oak treated with light stripes varnished

Velvet Vibe

American Walnut varnished with light stripes varnished

American Walnut varnished glossy finish

All moods. Fabrics and leather

Swan Soul suggested

Caleido Taupe 11309

Optional Nougat Brown Leather SYDNEY 5529

Caleido White 10995

Optional Nature Leather SYDNEY 3394

Scandi Vision suggested

Caleido Jeans 3585

Optional Nature Leather SYDNEY 2594

Caleido Light Jeans 11309

Optional Oxblood Leather

Velvet Vibe suggested

Caleido White 10995

Optional Nature Leather SYDNEY 2594

Caleido Cognac Leather SLK 1029

Caleido Chili Red 2598

Optional Chestnut Leather SLK 0229

All moods

Caleido White 10995

Coral Glacier White
Drawing on long experience of designing large yachts, the naval architecture of the new Swan 48 takes advantage of the thousands of miles sailed all over the world by her bigger sisters. The hull form combined with the keel ballast provides a high righting moment for performance under sail, comfort at sea and livability both on deck and inside the yacht. The hull lines have been optimised for maximum performance heeling of no more than 20 degrees, so the yacht remains comfortable and fully liveable at sea in any conditions. The twin rudder configuration enhances the balance of the boat, preventing any tendency to broach, and provides the helmsman with good feedback and sailing pleasure while heeling. At the same time, the reduced draft of the double rudder blades and modest draft of the T-shaped keel increase cruising capability by allowing access to shallow waters and harbours. For racing enthusiasts, the new yacht is true to Swan’s winning heritage. The waterlines are designed with performance in mind and the full package is set up for getting the best out of the boat even by a non-professional crew. For speed lovers, a Performance Package is available as an option.
Glass and foam core sandwich
Vinylester resin
Vacuum infusion, postcured
Gelcoat finishing
2 composite 100% watertight bulkheads
Standard 9 mm teak on salways, cockpit and platform
Maxi style toerail, with space for principal deck gear
Massively constructed, oversized bottom structure
All tanks and most of the loads on the bottom of the boat
Carefully assembled, accessible in every part, no compromise on quality
Standard interior in European Oak
Dimensions
LOA 14.76 m 48.49 ft
LWL 13.88 m 45.53 ft
Beam max 4.59 m 15.06 ft
Draught:
Standard keel 2.40 m 7.87 ft
Shallow draught keel 2.00 m 6.56 ft
Deep keel 3.00 m 9.84 ft
Displacement (light) 15,000 kg 33,070 lbs
Ballast, standard keel 5,200 kg 11,465 lbs
Engine Volvo D2-75 Saildrive 55 kW 75 Hp

Rig and sail dimensions
IG 20.80 m 68.24 ft
J 5.66 m 18.57 ft
P 19.90 m 65.29 ft
E 6.60 m 21.65 ft
TFD 6.95 m 22.80 ft

Sail areas
Fore triangle 58.9 m² 633 sq.ft
Main sail 77.1 m² 830 sq.ft
Jib 62.5 m² 673 sq.ft
Gennaker 216.7 m² 2333 sq.ft

Tank capacity
Fuel 360 l 95.10 Usg
Water 500 l 132 Usg
Hot water 40 l 10.60 Usg
Holding tanks 100 l 26.40 USg

Battery & power sources
Service battery, AGM 24 V 230 Ah
Shore power 230 V 32 A 50 Hz
Battery charger 70 A

Naval Architect
Germán Frers

Construction Approval
CE-approval: Category A Ocean

Details

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