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# **Posidonia 2014 SNAME Boat Race Participation** by Paris Dimitriadis

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(Athens, Greece) On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 2014, SNAME sailing team composed of Paris Dimitriadis, Nikos Dionyssopoulos, Vassilis Tsarsitalidis, Lampros Nikolopoulos, Eleftherios Dedes, Elias Soultanias, Konstantina Stamou, participated for the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive time in the biannual Posidonia Regatta organized by the Hellenic Offshore Racing Club (HORC) having chartered the sailing yacht Christina II, with its owners Spyros Kanaris (helm) and Lefteris Karatzanos assisting.

There were 60 sailing boats in the race, in Performance, Standard, IRC and Classic divisions, all chartered by companies participating in the 2014 Posidonia Exhibition.

This time, HORC inexplicably placed Christina II in the group of 19 Performance Yachts and was the slowest of all in handicap rating, so winning prospects were drastically diminished.

Against our objection, during the pre-race meeting, concerning safety, HORC insisted on having a common start of all participating fleet, following the excuse of a broad enough starting line which, predictably enough, could not be used by participants unless they were willing to lose their strategic advantage.

Force 6/7 winds blew throughout the race and despite SNAME crew's titanic effort Christina II predictably came last within its group. An indication of the prevailing conditions was that four boats of the same group failed to finish.

Christina II was hard pressed by winds gusting to 42Kts, coupled with 1.5 to 2.0m steep / high frequency pounding waves which drenched its fighting crew on board. A torn jib had to be replaced during the race putting extra load on the crew.

Fortunately sporty good humor and athletic high spirits prevailed during the same day awards evening at the spectacular Vouliagmeni Lake, while everybody enjoyed the magic anticlimax of tasty and plentiful food and wine, while doing a detailed post race analysis of lessons learned!



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*SNAME crew with President Elect Joe Comer & his wife Priscilla and Petros Lalangas prior to the start of the Regatta*



*Paris Dimitriadis on-board Christina II during the stormy race*

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