

The Meteor

Since 1968, more than FORTY years of history

Over forty years ago, in 1968, she was born the Meteor. That year, the Sipla - a company of Forlì in its infancy in the marine industry and specializes in resins - was exhibited at the Genoa International Boat a Flying Junior innovative fiberglass. At the booth of Sipla he turned a young Dutch architect to become famous for his naval projects: was Van de Stadt. The Dutch architect explained to the leaders of Sipla designs of one of the first keel boats designed entirely of fiberglass (excluding the drawbar that originally was made of wood). It was a small boat, the length of six meters, particularly suitable for navigation in seas and lakes Italian. It was the Meteor ... The boat was born from the pencil of the Dutch a few months earlier, it will be exhibited for the first time at the International Boat Show in Genoa in 1969.

Since the late sixties, in the shipyards of Forlì they built two regularly Meteor week. Elegant and classic lines of the topsides, with a high, but not exaggerated, hydrodynamic efficiency, simple and complete maneuvers on deck and, above all, safe and robust, the Meteor became a very popular boat in the seventies: it was one of the biggest hits of Sipla and, subsequently, the Comar. "We thought of you when we decided to build a new boat. We wanted: very sporty and fast upwind, agile, stable, safe. Elegant and comfortable, easy to handle and absolutely irrovesciabile, fits most experienced regatista as the most inexperienced beginner ", with these words - mentioned in this brochure is illustrative - was given the Meteor on the market. Never slogan revealed herself more appropriate, as the Meteor is still produced today and many sailors come late to the sport have taken over the bar for the first time just with the Meteor, as well as established champions have gone from drifts to more monotypes celebrated bulbous "passing" for this boat. Producing the Meteor in "assembly line", as if it was a small car, the Comar has flooded the market of sailing Sunday with almost a thousand specimens that still sail across Italy; many of them do not feel the weight of years, are very competitive and disputed races, animating the Assometeor, the association of design class, officially recognized by FIV, which is organized to promote and coordinate the competitive activity of the Meteor national level.

The construction in series has begun, in fact, in 1969 and the audience - still quite small - Italian sailors showed early on to appreciate its characteristics. The immediate sales success, achieved through an efficient network of local vendors, allowed the Meteor soon become the most popular cabin in Italy. In just a few years, in 1973, the owners of the Meteor gathered nell'Assometeor; throughout the country they were born the "Fleets" to organize the first few races and rallies monotype designed by Van de Stadt. Currently the owners Assometeor has about two hundred members, distributed in twelve Flotte, very active in the organization of racing in the class, which is at the top of Italian sailing as to the number of members.

La Spezia in 1974, he held the first edition of the Italian Meteor won - for the record - from the boat "Scheddy". From then to now, they are regularly carried out twenty-seven editions of the maximum national title of the class monotype Meteor which, even today, sees a level playing renowned professionals, talented amateurs and crew composition

family. The water lines of Meteor, the traditional conception, allowing it to compete in the races by considerable technical content and above all tactical.

The Meteor have taken the first steps in the field of bulk or monotypes made a brief appearance as a very famous Italian sailors Flavio Favini, Sandro and Paolo Montefusco, Enrico Negri Giorgio Zuccoli, Francesco De Angelis Tiziano Nava, Jerry Ford, Claudio De Martis, Gianni Torboli (... and excuse the inexcusable omission!). Recently, the competitive activity of the class has spread also to the organization of the match race regattas of high technical and competitive level, with the participation of the best helmsmen of the class beside plurititolati professionals and sailors that appear at the top of the ranking list national and international specialties. Despite the "seniority" of the water lines, the simplicity of equipment and maneuvers and for easy maneuverability in the water, the Meteor is a boat very suitable for the match race.

In 1984, the class Meteor was officially recognized by the FIV. With regard to the construction, after Sipla intervened Comar until the beginning of the eighties, when the molds are passed to Nauticaluino. Years ago, in 1988, the construction of the monotype of Van de Stadt has taken on the Nauticalodi that, while respecting the strict one-design boat, has made some changes in the techniques of construction of the deck. This, however, does not prevent old specimens to keep up the boats of more recent construction: total in Italy is today can count about a thousand sailors Meteor. Undoubtedly, a great success; a success due to the simplicity of the boat, to the limited acquisition costs and management and, above all, the opportunity to race every Sunday, dealing on equal terms with other competitors in many bodies of water throughout the Pensiola. E 'with this rich wealth of history and experience that the old monotype Van de Stadt faces serenely next millennium.

TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

Project: Van de Stad (1968)

Hull length: 6.00 m

Displacement: 770 Kg

Randa 9.55 m²

Genoa: 12.00 m²

Jib: 8.35 m²

Storm: 4.05 m²

Spinnaker: 26.00 m²