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Fred Shepherd-designed Owl reaches down to the mark behind *Skøiern*. Above: Glamour aboard *Aldebaran* in preparation for the bikini parade!



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Thibaut: "The best conditions we could hope for here in Ajaccio, or anywhere else for that matter!"



Results for the Régates Impériales in Ajaccio, Corsica

Spirit of Tradition

1. *Vortex*, 2. *Wild Horses*, 3. *Aldebaran*.

Vintage

1. *Oiseau de Feu*, 2. *Nagaina*, 3. *Elouan*.

Classic

1. *Mowgli*, 2. *Jericho*, 3. *Cervantes*.



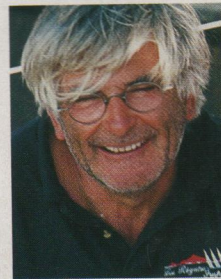
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Jericho

While the yachts were mainly French-flagged, the designers came from further afield – there was the steel-hulled *Jericho*, a 1966 Carter design of Maas construction, which won the Concours d'Elegance for best-dressed crew. Her owner Jean-Paul Du Chatellier commented on the event: "We are not too crowded here; it is very friendly and welcoming." A regular in St Tropez and co-owner of *Lulu*, an 1897 Rabot Caillebotte design, he added: **"The start line here is a lot less busy than the one at St Tropez for example – this is less stressful for the owners."**

He also pointed out two other advantages of Ajaccio: "The trip here is very pleasant and the sailing once you get here is excellent."

LOA: 52ft (15.8m), Beam: 12ft (3.7m), Draught: 6ft 8in (2m)



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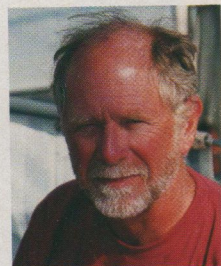
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Skøiern

Skøiern, owned by Patrick Chalmeau and Anne-Marie Della Casa, is a 1917 Christian Jensen-designed double-ender built in Norway.

She is a regular at Ajaccio, where her owners enjoy the relaxed attitude and the laid-back racing – they even have an old Reflex woodburner on board and there would be hell to pay if the plants were uprooted! **"We don't want to have to offload our every possession to make the boat lighter and this regatta doesn't have that sort of competitiveness,"** explained Patrick. He, his wife and their cat live aboard *Skøiern* all year round – based in Marseilles and cruising the Med. He added, however: "We would like to get better and better every year!"

LOA: 61ft 6in (18.8m), Beam: 11ft 8in (3.6m), Draught: 8ft 8in (2.6m)



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