



George Andreadis (left) being presented with the Beppe Croce Trophy in 2016 by World Sailing President Carlo Croce  
[photo courtesy of World Sailing]

## George Andreadis

We were much saddened to learn of the death in June of George Andreadis, at the age of 81.

Former Vice President of World Sailing, and President of the Hellenic Sailing Federation and the Yacht Club of Greece, George had been a member of the AYH since 2016 and was a prominent figure in Olympic sailing and Offshore Racing. He took part in two Olympic Games, first in the Flying Dutchman class in Mexico in 1968 and later in the Soling class at Montreal in 1976. He was also Team Leader of the Greek Sailing Team at Moscow in 1980.

Throughout his sailing career George was an active member of class associations and boards, and he played an important role in initiating Para Sailing in Greece. George was also a member of various yacht clubs across the world including the New York Yacht Club, Yacht Club de Monaco, Royal Ocean Yacht Club in the UK and Gstaad Yacht Club. He was part of the Organising Committee for the 2003 International Foundation of Disabled Sailing World Championship.

In his professional life George was a successful Board Director in various industries: shipping, insurance, tourism and banking.

On George's loss Sofia Bekatorou, two times Gold Olympic medallist, commented: 'On an international level, only two Greeks have contributed so much to sailing: one is George Andreadis and the other is King Constantine II.'

*AYH members here record their own personal memories of George:*

Stratos Boumpoukis, Hon. Treasurer, AYH: 'AYH records show that George and his son Stratis were the only two sailors from Greece (before myself) who were members of the AYH.'

'Among his other interests, George was passionate about classic yachts, owning *Glaramara* (named after the English Lake District Mountains), which was designed by Fredrick Shepherd and built at Moody's Bursledon in 1947 for Sir Philip Bowyer-Smyth, a Royal Navy Commodore and aide-de-camp of King George IV.'

'George and Stratis played a crucial role establishing the major classic yacht event in Greece, the Spetses Classic Yacht Regatta, which is now one of the largest events in the Mediterranean.'

John Evans, AYH committee member: 'Indeed, a sad day as another member of a key generation for yachting passes on the tiller!'

**World Sailing** has published the following press release in memory of George:

<https://www.sailing.org/2023/06/27/in-memoriam-george-andreadis/>

George's personal page <http://atalantiracing.com>