



*Julien Romagne:
Captain Nautor's Swan Yacht Charters.*

Being brought up in France only 500 meters from a sailing school ensured my childhood was spent involved in a sailing life on the Normandy Coast. At 6 years old I had command of my first vessel: the famous Optimist. Because my legs started getting longer I had to quit playing and join the more senior Laser class! It was not long before I was Teaching and working as a professional in the sailing world. For 7 years I spent an idyllic life racing and cruising with people of all age ranges, with only a small interruption for Military Service in the French Navy.

In time I had of course qualified as professional sailing teacher with regard to French law. But the deep ocean was calling and my windsurfer couldn't take me overseas that safely! I therefore graduated as a Certified International Sailing Captain to fulfil the dream. I spent 6 years delivering and chartering from the Caribbean to the Mediterranean via the Azores and visited many other islands in between.

I have experienced diverse sailing commands, from catamarans to a 60 feet Open Class Racer and a Swan 76 - I have even made a few tacks on a 1908 wooden Hoertz! Whatever the craft and what ever the company, to me the sea still arouses the same passion, one that keeps me alive.