

# YACHTING CLUB CERN



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## Report of the Chairman on the YCC activities in 2006

The 2006 was a transition year for the YCC. For the first time in its history, the Club was older than its president. I inherited a mature organisation, well functioning and well established. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Gigi and all the members of the 2000-2005 Committees for all the work they have done and for putting in place many good ideas. I would especially like to thank all the members of the past Committee who stayed together with me and guided me and other newcomers through the subtle and intrinsic parts of the club life.

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The 2006 Committee, listed in the table to the left, met in total 6 times and exchanged many e-mails and telephone calls. We have decided to limit the paper communication this year, by sending the Annual General Information and the Newsletter by e-mail, with the exception of the rare cases where members explicitly requested paper copies. Despite all the means we have (e-mail, paper, web), I am aware that communication is still an issue in the club as there seems to be no unique way of efficiently reaching all the members. The Newsletter was a big success, just to cite one e-mail that I received: *"Congratulations on a very interesting and professionally presented Newsletter...."* and we are dedicated to publishing it on a more regular basis.

In this report you will find information about the core activities in 2006: the courses and trainings, cruise, regattas, surveillance, the fleet and its usage statistics as well as information about the shop. You will not find a report on social activities. First, because Anne had to leave the Geneva region to take a new job assignment. Second, because the subject itself needs a certain revision. I have a personal feeling that some of the events are organized just because they are a tradition, but the interest in them is steadily decreasing despite the goodwill of the organizer and the energy invested. It was quite disappointing to see some members argue with the *Buvette* personnel to get the 'CERN' menu instead of using the menu reservation system at their disposal on the club web

site. Putting this little critic aside, it was very encouraging to see very large member representation on many Thursday evenings, on one occasion so large, that only thanks to members possessing private boats we were able to accommodate everyone. Many thanks to them!

The club activity in Versoix definitely reaches its peak each Thursday, but already from early May we can see many YCC members around, with the start of the courses. In addition, the dinghy community has continued the Tuesday trainings coordinated by John where knowledge is passed from the more to the less experienced. These trainings and a lot of effort invested by Reiner and Mario in testing has resulted in a big number of dinghy licences attributed this year. I am sure that the dinghy community will continue expanding within the next years and I would really like to thank Jonathan, who during the past years has given new life to these boats! Jonathan and Louise have seen their dinghy 'baby' grow up and today Jonathan is leaving the Committee to take care of their new baby - Joshua, congratulations from all of us!

Equally expanding is the windsurfing section. Regular windsurfing courses started only a few years ago, but today they offer the highest number of places out of all club categories thanks to the enthusiasm of Stefano. During the past years only a small fraction of course participants remained in the club. With the change of the course lottery system (putting more weight to the candidate's wishes), the first step was made to attract the motivated windsurfers and retain them for the next seasons. Additional measures are being discussed in order to assure a better integration of the windsurfing and sailing activities.

If I was to make only one comment about this year, I would no-doubt mention the extremely low (zero!) level of serious boat damages. Our boats have been well prepared for the season, thanks to the maintenance responsables. I have already mentioned the dinghy team, it is worth noting the constant efforts of Gennaro with the catamarans and Alain, who aided by Thierry and Jean-François made a major refurbishment of *Mic-Mac*. However, even the best prepared boat can suffer from an accident. The crew must be equally well prepared and I am particularly thankful to Marco and Rob, present and past courses coordinators and to all the teachers, examiners and surveillance crews of this and previous seasons for doing an excellent job. Thanks to your work, we are regaining good reputation in Versoix and, let's be frank, we are able to save more money to replace the old boats.

For just as the club itself, many of our boats are no longer in their 'teens'. This year, the boat replacing group led by Sandro, with active participation of Sascha, Gijs and Giovanni, has searched for a possible successor of the First. This is not an easy task, as the new boat will have to fit into our mooring place, putting severe size constraints. I am persuaded that the coming winter will be more lucky for the search team and we will soon see new boats. Yes, boats, for one of the 470 needs an immediate replacement

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as well. In the pipeline the other 470 and then... well, that will be in the next year's report.

You might have noticed this year a certain shift in the external regatta participation. The club members are very active, but not necessarily sailing on our boats. Nevertheless, we could see *Miss Match* taking the 4<sup>th</sup> place amongst 30 boats during the *CCS'ienne*. And of course, the monthly regattas have seen a large crowd of participants. Sebastian introduced a major change this year, involving all the regular participants in organisation of at least one race. Everyone accepted the challenge and we have seen a lot of interesting events.

I think that the model of sharing tasks among a larger club community has to be extended in the future into all possible areas of activities. It shall be especially important during the next season. For many of us, who have contributed numerous years, if not entire professional life, to the construction of the LHC, next year will mean endless hours at work. Hence, the good functioning of the club depends on active involvement of every member! This may in particular apply to the cruise, where Sandro was helped by only one skipper in 2006. Reading their report, I am confident that more skippers will join next year, as the mileage the YCC made this year amounts almost to two cruises of the past, impressive and tempting!

With my own workload, the last major club event in which I could participate was the September Match Race of Dinghies and Ynglings. Organized in an excellent manner by Michał, it certainly was a big success. I was particularly proud to see a large crowd on the jetty in the pouring rain during the second day. We have shown to everyone that sailing is our passion and the YCC is a tough player on the lake! Your president together with the regatta organizer formed one Yngling team, while the vice-president formed another. In the finals we could see the teams of Gigi, the ex-president, and Marco, the ex-vice-president, showing that the new Committee should still learn a lot!

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## 2006 YCC Awards

As per tradition, YCC rewards members showing excellence in contributing to the club's life. Prizes are distributed at the Closing Night - This year's cups are awarded as follows:

### **President's Cup**

*Awarded to ... (to be announced at Closing)*

The President's Cup is granted by the YCC President to a member of the Club who has given an outstanding contribute to the Club's life. Committee's members are not eligible.

### **Nichols' Cup**

*Awarded to ... (to be announced at Closing)*

The Nichols' cup is awarded by Chick Nichols- YCC Honorary President –and his wife Susan, to a member who helped the club during the season, in a particularly discrete, still effective manner. Committee's members are not eligible.

## **2006 YCC Internal Regatta Championship**

Best Dinghy Skipper  
Jonathan Cook

Best Dinghy Crew  
Jane Frost

Best Keel-boat Skipper  
Michał Kwiatek

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**Member statistics**

Members by membership		
Active members	247	85.8 %
Active Junior members	12	4.2 %
Friend members	26	9.0 %
Temporary members	1	0.3 %
Honorary members	2	0.7 %
Members by category		
CERN members	129	44.8 %
CERN Related members	30	10.4 %
External members	129	44.8 %
Totals		
Total	288	100.0 %

## Our Boats

Note - This year we are not reporting fully on each category of the fleet as, for many, it has been an uneventful year.

### The YCC dinghies in 2006

(J. Cook)

The dinghy season actually began back in the cold and snowy days of February and March with a series of weekend work days at BA5. Both Laser2s and both 470s had been called for an official cantonal inspection that had to be completed before the start season. There was much work to be done before the boats reached Port Choiseul! Hulls had to be cleaned, gel coat repaired, pulleys replaced, rudders and dagger-boards repaired, fittings serviced and ropes checked. The turnout by club members was excellent and there was enough manpower and enthusiasm to do some additional jobs on the ISO and the RS400 too. A good example of the great efforts by those present was given when a spreader on a 470 mast was found to be broken. A replacement was ordered and delivered but at the following work day it was found to require a slightly different mounting. Two club members removed the new pair of spreaders to a CERN workshop, applied some high quality engineering skills and returned a couple of hours later with spreaders that fitted perfectly. Happily the boats passed their inspections with flying colours and the sailing season was ready to begin.

Now, on reaching the end of the season, it can be reported that the fleet is still in generally good condition. The durability of the Laser2s continues to amaze, especially having received new jibs and mainsails mid-season. The ISO and RS400 appeared to be more heavily used this year by a broader group of people but coped well with the increased workload. The only real concern was that by end of the season 470 "Susy" had succumbed to some fairly serious structural problems. It is hoped to replace her during the winter, club finances allowing. 470 "Alice" is in better condition but is sadly also showing the first signs of the same problem.

It was very gratifying this year to see a highly motivated group of dinghy course students supported as ever by the fantastic efforts of the course teachers. Courses were again organised on a one-to-one basis and this seemed to be well received by both students and teachers. An article dedicated to course and test activity appears elsewhere in this Annual Report so suffice to say here that the 2006 dinghy courses were a success story. In parallel to the courses there was a group of five or six people, not lucky enough to win course places, who managed to create their own unofficial courses. They began by attending pre-season theory sessions and then coming regularly to the port. They got to know the active dinghy sailors and asked to sail with them. They participated at regattas, Thursday practice sessions and later at Tuesday

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practice sessions and by these means they managed to gain the skills and experience necessary to pass their D licence tests.

Tuesday evening training sessions were again a resounding success this year. Since demand continually outstripped available places there were even proposals towards the end of the season to extend into Wednesday evenings too. It seems that many club members, particularly the less experienced, feel more comfortable sailing dinghies at an organised group session rather than on their own. The added security provided by the Q-boat or the Green Bathtub contributes to this but there also appeared to be a certain team ethic and atmosphere developing. People trying new boats with more experienced sailors, getting rigging tips, asking questions, answering questions, building more regular helm/crew partnerships, helping each other onto and off of the water and then sharing an apero afterwards. All great to see and definitely something to continue building and developing in 2007.

A potential plan for 2007 will see Tuesday training running from the start of the season but with particular focus on helping D and ED licence holders to improve their skills. The breeze tends to be a little more reliable and a little stronger in May and June and so should provide better opportunities for practising trapezing, spinnaker handling and refining those helm and mainsheet control skills. In July and August the sessions would aim more towards allowing course students to gain on-the-water experience before their tests.

A new development this year was the creation of a dedicated "Dinghy Sailing" area on the club website. The idea was to make this a place to find:

- dinghy related messages and information,
- photos, videos and coaching tips from Training sessions,
- course and test information,
- links to interesting external sites.

Although there was little feedback about the content of these pages it is hoped that they were used and appreciated. If anyone does have feedback, ideas for extensions or offers of help to keep the site content "live" and interesting then please contact the Dinghy Team. One suggestion already received is to create a Forum where people can share stories, ask questions and find sailing partners. Perhaps someone would like to keep a Blog of their dinghy sailing season?

The YCC Dinghy Team has developed from one person in 2004, to three or four people in 2005 and now to a group of seven or eight people. It is up to everyone interested in sailing the YCC dinghies to support this group, keep the boats in top condition, continue growing the sailing activities and build on the successes of the last couple of years.

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## **Windsurfing**

(Stefano Fratianni)

The 2006 was another year spent waiting for the wind! Nevertheless, thanks to the new "wide-concept" boards most of our students reached a good level and passed their final test. The most important acquisitions of the 2006 are 3 new advanced boards: NAISH Vector 87L, NAISH Hybrid 110L, NAISH Titan 160L. We hope, in fact, that these boards will attract more confirmed windsurfers giving at the same time the beginners the possibility to progress!

The general condition of the fleet is very good; the foam protections of the wide boards, the use of the old sails for the very first beginner's lessons and the refreshment course have drastically reduced the breaks and damages to the equipment. No major interventions are therefore foreseen for the 2006/07 except the usual preventive maintenance on the container and the renewal of few very old rigs.

## **Chick-en-II**

Members are aware that, following confirmation at the last GM, November 2005, a decision was taken to replace Chick-En II with a more recent and better condition inboard keelboat (probably). A search committee headed by Sandro Vascotto has still not found anything suitable (although narrowly missing the "perfect" boat at one stage!), despite researches around Switzerland and Europe too. The budget is still allocated and the search continues.

For actual work on Chick-En II, we simply report that very little was needed or done, except unblocking the keel, due to misuse of the mechanism.

## **Surprises**

(Allain Gonidec)

Last winter Mic Mac was brought to BA5 for maintenance. The old interior lining inside the cabin was removed and replaced by paint, thanks to Thierry Boileau and Jean-François Arbogast. All the wooden equipment was varnished and the electrical cabling in the cabin and the mast redone. The hull was painted with VC17. Mic Mac was returned to Port Choiseul a bit late but the weather had not permitted completion of the work before.

There were no major problems during the year on the two Surprises (repair of a spinnaker, repair of the front balcony on Mic Mac, change of the light bulb on Mic Mac, repair of one jib traveller) This winter Miss Match will be brought to BA5. A few things

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will need to be checked during the winter. After inventory of the sails we should decide on the opportunity to replace some of them. Two travellers have been ordered to replace two which are broken. The rear balcony of Miss Match should be repaired. Plus few improvements to be done when time permits.

## Surveillance

Nothing particular needs to be reported for our Q-boat this season. Quite a lot of work had been commissioned of a shipyard during the previous winter: while some was carried out, it was not completed and she will certainly be going back for this over the next few months.



*All in a day's job for our Q-Boat*

## Jeûne Genevois Cruise 2006 – Canary Islands

Two boats took part in our annual and traditional cruise, and all crew members thoroughly enjoyed new experiences.

Over the six days of the cruise, we made four principal navigations, two of them during the day, two mainly at night. We ran 281 NM, of which 187 by sail and 94 by motor. The time spent on the sea was 62 hours, of which 38 on sail and 24 on motor.

The longest run was the last, 107 NM in 21 hours, plus 3 hours after a lunch break.

Skippers were Sandro Vascotto (also the organiser of the whole event) and Micheal LeVine for one boat, and Sascha Schmeling and Gijs de Rick for the other. A permanent record of the event, picture, charts, the navigations, a digital copy of the logbook, is being prepared for the fourteen participants.

## YCC Internal Regattas

(Sebastian Łopieński)

There were 9 monthly regattas and two Match Races planned for this season. Unfortunately, a strong *Bise* thwarted the second monthly regatta. And even more regrettably, the Surprise Match Race had to be cancelled because of lack of participants! Otherwise, the racing season was long (from early May till early October), active, and exciting (except, of course, when there was no wind...). And good news: there were quite some protests, but no major collisions – and the most serious rescue action performed was helping a (non-YCC) half-sank wooden boat from Founex, at the finish of the fourth monthly regatta.

Regatta participation this year was slightly lower than on average during the last few seasons. There are several possible explanations for this fact – but I simply think that the “old” regatta participants already have large collections of regatta glasses. So is it time for those who haven’t raced that much yet to start their collections? Try next year!

### Monthly Regatta participation since 2003

Regatta	2003			2004			2005			2006		
	K	D	K+D	K	D	K+D	K	D	K+D	K	D	K+D
1	8	6	14	4	3	7	8	5	13	4	4	8
2	8	4	12	3	3	6	6	4	10	5	4	9
3	0	10	10	0	10	10	0	7	7	regatta cancelled		
4	7	7	14	3	3	6	2	5	7	0	8	8
5	3	4	7	6	3	9	3	5	8	2	7	9
6	7	0	7	5	0	5	6	0	6	5	5	10
7	regatta cancelled			5	4	9	6	8	14	7	0	7
8	4	5	9	6	8	14	regatta cancelled			5	5	10
9	11	4	15	3	4	7	8	4	12	5	7	12
	<b>48</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>73</b>

It was the first year of internal regatta series after Marco’s (its previous organizer) departure from the Committee. And as you could see through the season, there were no big changes in the regatta schedule, types of events etc. Simply, the whole internal regatta schema that I inherited seems to be very good: a big variety of regattas, regularly held, and available for all club members. Having said that, there is always room for improvement – if you have any new ideas for the next season, don’t keep them for yourself!



photo: Angelika Lippitsch and Sarah Fullerton

Training a gybe...?

This year we've tried (and managed!) to get the regular regatta participants more involved in the organization of the races. Thanks go to Louise Adams-Cook, Gigi Rolandi, Mario Campanelli, Marco Benvenuti, Marleen van Nes, Sarah and John Fullerton, and Thierry Boileau for running monthly regattas – and to Juergen-Hans Buchenbacher, Sascha Schmeling, Rob Veenhof, Marco Benvenuti and Manfred Willenbrock for driving the Q-boat during these events. Special thanks to Michał Kwiatek for making the huge effort of successfully organizing the Yngling and Dinghy Match Race, to Haude Morel for help in running the races, and to Rob Veenhof for umpiring all 27 matches.



photo: Tomasz Ladański

Not a collision course – even if it seems so!

Below are the results of the YCC Championship 2006. Congratulations to the winners: Jonathan in dinghy skippers category, Jane in dinghy crew and Michał in keelboat skippers, as well as to Gigi and Ariella (Yngling Match Race winners) and Thierry and Bernard (Dinghy Match Race winners).

Last but not least, thanks to all regatta participants – I hope you'll come and race even more numerous next season!

(Find regatta results, pictures and descriptions at <http://cern.ch/yachting/Internal/Welcome-2006.html>)

## YCC Championship 2006 results

dinghy skipper			dinghy crew			keelboat skipper		
	name	points		name	points		name	points
1	J.Cook	186.5	1	J.Frost	95.1	1	M.Kwiatek	126.4
2	R.Geyer	151.8	2	J.Boyd	82.1	2	S.Maurin	84.8
3	J.Fullerton	77.1	3	S.Fullerton	77.1	3	M.Campanelli	79.8
4	L.Canali	58.5	4	P.Smith	47.4	4	N.Brudon	69.4
5	M.Adams	56.1	5	A.Koschik	41.7	5	C.Mester	45.7
6	A.Koschik	43.7	6	J.Feite	41.4	6	J.Brudon	35.7
7	A.Lippitsch	41.7	7	I.Jen-LaPlante	39	7	S.Lopienski	32
8	A.Wertenbach	28	8	M.Muecke	38.7	8	M.van Nes	31.4
9	H.Morel	23.7	9	R.Chauvet	33.4	9	D.Gasser	25.1
10	G.Bruno	23	10	K.Mester	26	10	Boucivacher	19.4
11	D.Litim	22.4	11	R.Widmer	24.7	11	T.Hancox	13
12	M.Benvenuti	21.7	12	Coralie	23	12	D.Litim	13
13	N.Ziogas	19	13	N.Ziogas	21.7	13	Y.Rogers	11.7
14	I.Da Castro	11	14	P.Ibbotson	16	14	J.Buchenbacher	11.7
15	T.Boileau	10	15	M.Kwiatek	11	15	P.Catapano	11.7
16	S.Lengsfeld	6.7	16	B.Dizier	10	16	V.Gomez-Costa	5.7
17	J.Radmore	6.7	17	H.Morris	8	17	T.Boileau	0
18	M.Losasso	5.7	18	P.Brand	6.7			
19	P.Smith	3	19	M.Maculan	5.7			
20	P.Catapano	1	20	L.Canali	3			
			21	M.Struik	1			

## External Regattas

( Nick Ziogas)

Just as with the Surprise Match Race, which could not take place due to lack of competitors, participation in the External regatta events was down this year.

New club members probably need more coaching, more encouragement and maybe a bit more confidence in order to participate.

It is a wrong perception that these events are for expert sailors only. True, some events like the Criterium are more competitive but most people who have participated in a 'Semaine du soir ' event can bear witness to the relaxed and very friendly climate.

Most old members who used to participate in these events now race on private boats with more or less fixed crews that have been formed through the years. All the 'usual suspects' were there during the 'semaine du soir' events. So we could assert that club sailors race - but not on the club boats! It would only be a good thing if we could get these two worlds together.

To give some numbers, this year 14 keel boat events were proposed in the calendar. Three of these events were 'semaine du soir' events so 5 day racing while another three were 2 day events. Overall about 29 racing days. For dinghies 7 events one of which was the SdS of Versoix, were offered.

Out of these events club boats participated in only five, one of which was the Versoix SdS. For the rest, no crews were formed due to lack of volunteers. We did however participate in the two lake classics, the Ge-Rolle-Ge which was windless this year and the Bol d'Or which started with no wind and ended in a storm!

I sincerely hope that next year more members get the racing fever since it is a very enriching experience and good clean fun!

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## Courses and tests

(Marco Silari)

The lottery for attributing the places to the sailing classes was held on 4th April. A total of 75 places were available against 167 applications. As in the past, applicants could express up to three choices, but this year a new rule was introduced in the lottery scheme, which gave much more weight to the first choice. The dinghy and yngling classes were again the most requested, and only about 25% of the people who applied for the D and Y course as their first choice obtained a place. People applying for the other courses were much luckier and virtually everybody could enrol for the course of their choice. Finally a total of 70 students (exactly as in 2005) started the sailing classes, as only 4 out of the 8 places available for the CK course were filled, and 8 against the 9 available in the SU course. This season saw the reintroduction of the advanced windsurf (EW) and advanced dinghy (ED) courses. The table below summarises the courses along with the prerequisites, the number of places available in each course and the number of 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice applications.

Course	Prerequisite	1 <sup>st</sup> choice applicants	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> choice applicants	Places available
Windsurfing (W)	–	17	50	18
Dinghy (D)	–	66	54	14
Advanced dinghy (ED)	D	7	8	3
Catamaran (K)	D or Y	6	11	8
Yngling (Y)	–	59	65	15
Surprise (SU)	Y + any other	8	4	9
Cabin keel-boat (CK)	Y	4	6	8

to try to solve the recurrent problem of the lack of sufficient number of crew for the Q-boat surveillance shifts, this year it was decided that students would have to take two shifts as part of their sailing course, as a prerequisite before they could take their test. It was also agreed that helping in one regatta would count as two Q-boat shifts. This new rule was finally applied in a broader sense and the 2-shift requirement was extended to all people who wanted to take a test, whether or not they followed a course.

Rob Veenhof and Torsten Layda swapped places as course coordinators for the Y and SU classes with respect to the previous years. In 2006 the course coordinators thus were: Stefano Fratianni for the windsurf, Jonathan Cook (with the help of John Fullerton) for the dinghy and advanced dinghy, Gennaro Ruggiero for the catamaran, Rob Veenhof for the yngling, Torsten Layda for the Surprise and Sascha Schmeling (also responsible for the Q-boat) for the First 25.

The theory classes started on 12th April and continued until the end of May. The keelboat courses started the first week in May, the dinghy and catamaran in mid-May and windsurf in the beginning of June. In the first few weeks the D, ED and C courses



experiences some delays because of the occasional unavailability of the Q-boat due to some urgent repairs. Apart from that there were no major problems with the boats and all courses could be run (almost) to schedule. The organization of the dinghy courses followed the scheme introduced in 2005, in which each student was paired to a teacher. The First 25 with its outboard engine did its duty properly and allowed the CK course to be run as planned.

The Thursday practice sessions were well attended and many students profited to get some extra training and improve their skills before taking their test. The dinghy training session started in 2004 continued every Tuesday with a lot of success and video feedback.

A novelty introduced this year was the appointment of a test coordinator for each licence. For all courses the test coordinator coincided with the course coordinator, with the only exception of the D and ED tests, for which the coordination was assured by John Fullerton, later helped by Mario Campanelli and Reiner Geyer. Thanks to them many more licences were attributed to the D course students this year than in the past years. Marco Silari was the back-up for all courses; he only had to intervene for the Y tests during Rob's few absences. The duty of the test coordinator was to appoint an examiner, receive the recommendation of the examiner after the test (sometimes supported by a written report), check whether the person fulfilled the other requirements (like holding the prerequisite licences and having taken the Q-boat shifts) and finally ask Elena Gianolio to register the licence.

The two tables below present: 1) a summary of the licences obtained this year as compared with 2005 and 2) the fraction of the students who passed their test at the end of the course, again compared with the same data referring to last year. The total number of licences is comparable, as well as the fraction of the course participants who got their licence, but there are quite some variations from licence to licence. Out of 70 students only 25 obtained a licence for the boat of their choice.

	W	EW	D	ED	C	Y	SU	CK	M	Total
2006	12	3	14	3	1	21	7	3	2	66
2005	3	1	16	6	5	16	8	6	–	61

Course	W+EW	D	ED	C	Y	SU	CK	Total
Number of students	18	14	3	8	15	8	4	70
Test passed	7	7	1	0	8	2	0	25
Fraction 2006	0.39	0.5	0.33	0	0.53	0.25	0	0.36
Fraction 2005	0.11	0.26	–	0.37	0.60	0.50	0.37	0.34

The striking difference is the much higher number of W and EW licences attributed this year. This fact can definitively be attributed to the new lottery scheme (actually proposed by Stefano). Last year it was observed that several people took the W course

as a “reserve” course because they could not be selected for the course of their choice. This finally led to several people abandoning the course during the season or not taking the exam because of lack of real interest in windsurfing.

Also, the D+ED licences have practically doubled with respect to 2005. On the other hand, none of the catamaran students has taken the C licence. There has also been a marked drop in the CK licences and a slight decrease in the fraction of SU students passing their test. This was compensated by a number of more experienced people obtaining the SU licence without following the course, so that the number of licences is comparable to 2005. One person obtained four licences (D, Y, SU and CK), a remarkable achievement, one person obtained three (D, Y, SU) and five got two.

As usual, the success of the courses owes a lot to the dedication of Sascha and of the Q-boat key holders who assure the necessary surveillance, particularly important for the W, D, ED and K classes. The Q-boat team ran a total of 68 surveillance shifts throughout the season. The people responsible for maintenance of the boats also deserve a big thank, as this task is fundamental for the smooth running of the courses.

Last but not least: no course could have taken place without the several teachers who dedicated many hours to the outings and very often acted as examiners (but never for their own students!). They are listed below:

**W:** Nicola Amapane, Thierry Boileau, Giovanni Cervelli, Fabio Corsanego, Martin Eller, Stefano Fratianni, Kuba Moscicki, Witold Pokorski and Katarzyna Pokorska

**D:** Thierry Boileau, Mario Campanelli, Laura Cassani, Jonathan Cook, Roberto Copercini, Ilaria Frau, Reiner Geyer, Alexander Koschik, Michal Kwiatek, Nicole Lelouerec, Angelika Lippitsch, Paul Mayoud, Manfred Muecke and Michal Ropka

**ED:** Jens Spanggaard and Anja Werthenbach

**C:** Jeremy Loveless, Luca Monge Roffarello, Hugues Richard and Marleen van Nes

**Y:** Michel Cornevin, Paul Aspell, Suzanne Maurin, Marco Silari and Rob Veenhof

**SU:** Remy Andrean and Torsten Layda

**CK:** Manfred Willenbrock and Sascha Schmeling

**Theory classes:** Enrico Bravin, Jonathan Cook, Michel Cornevin, Stefano Fratianni, Sebastian Lopienski, Gennaro Ruggiero and Sascha Schmeling

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## Reservation and key systems

(Enrico Bravin)

This is the second year of operation of the electronic key distribution system in Port Choiseul. A few problems detected last year were corrected before the new season started and the system also got a new look.

There were almost no problems worth mentioning this year, the computer worked very reliably during the season, the only hiccup was caused by someone inadvertently unplugging the telephone line of the modem while storing regatta gear in the booth, this prevented the update of the local reservation table over several days. There was also some problem with a couple of locks that needed some greasing.

Apart from regulating the distribution of the boats, the electronic system allows to make statistics of the usage of the boats. For this purpose it is necessary that the data introduced in the database is correct in the first place. At the moment for example it is not possible to distinguish between an outing or a maintenance intervention, hopefully in the future a more detailed logging system will be implemented. It is however up to the users to ensure that the data is inserted correctly.

It is also a duty of the users to ensure that the system is used in the correct way, when you log in an instruction page is shown, I would like to suggest to everybody to read it once in a while. During the season in several occasions it was observed as keys were returned but not locked (not turned), this means anyone could have taken the key out without being authorized nor logged (or even worse stolen the key, which would result in a major problem).

In the following tables and plots you will find some statistics of the reservations system and also of boats usage, as mentioned above it is not always possible to identify the real meaning of the records so the presented numbers are more indicative than anything else.

### Reservations usage

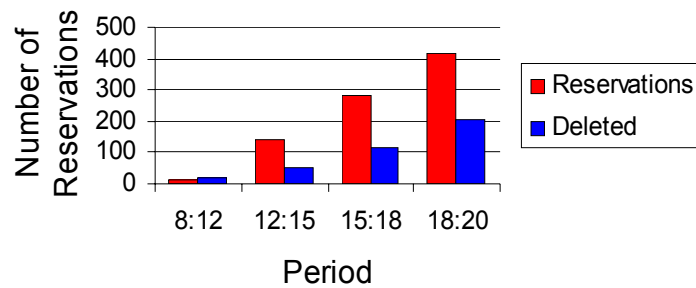
\*Number of times a reservation existed and a boat has been taken by that person (+/- 3 hours from the time of the reservation)

<b>Reserved boat</b>	478
<b>Other than reserved boat</b>	33
<b>Did not sail</b>	342

### Reservations by Period

<b>Period</b>	<b>Reservations</b>	<b>Deleted</b>
<b>8:12</b>	16	21
<b>12:15</b>	140	51
<b>15:18</b>	280	114
<b>18:20</b>	417	202

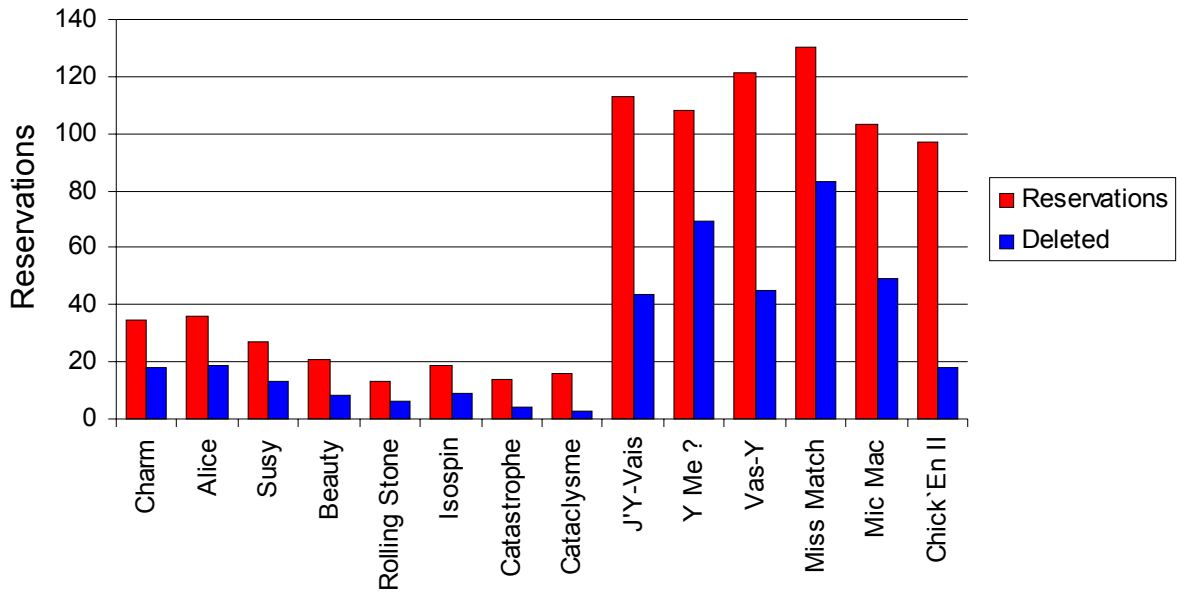
### Reservations by time of day



### Reservations by Boat

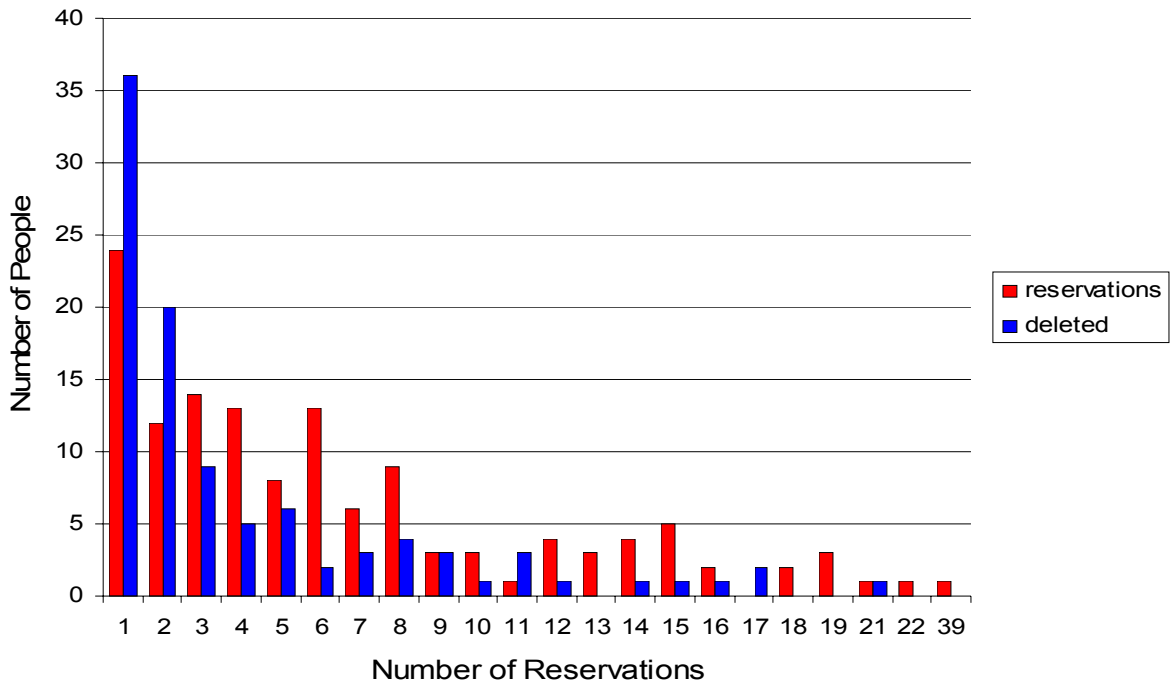
	Reservations	Deleted	Administrator	Administrator Deleted	Out of Service (days)
<b>Charm</b>	35	18	80	15	0
<b>Alice</b>	36	19	84	11	16
<b>Susy</b>	27	13	82	18	0
<b>Beauty</b>	21	8	75	7	7
<b>Rolling Stone</b>	13	6	74	6	0
<b>Isospin</b>	19	9	68	4	12
<b>Catastrophe</b>	14	4	90	3	30
<b>Cataclysm</b>	16	3	59	5	1
<b>J'Y-Vais</b>	113	44	79	7	0
<b>Y Me ?</b>	108	69	81	8	2
<b>Vas-Y</b>	121	45	88	6	0
<b>Miss Match</b>	130	83	95	13	1
<b>Mic Mac</b>	103	49	103	70	29
<b>Chick`En II</b>	97	18	74	14	0

### reservations by boat



### Reservations by members

\*ex.: 24 members reserved only once during the year, 6 members reserved 7 times etc.



**Keys taken between May and November**

\*only "outings" longer than 30 minutes are considered

**Administrator                      Private**

**Dinghies**

Charm	27	54
Alice	23	51
Susy	18	43
Beauty	22	33
Rolling Stone	25	33
Isospin	18	33
	<b>133</b>	<b>247</b>

**Catamarans**

Catastrophe	8	23
Cataclysm	9	21
	<b>17</b>	<b>44</b>

**Ynglings**

J'Y-Vais	25	89
Y Me ?	19	92
Vas-Y	24	92
	<b>68</b>	<b>273</b>

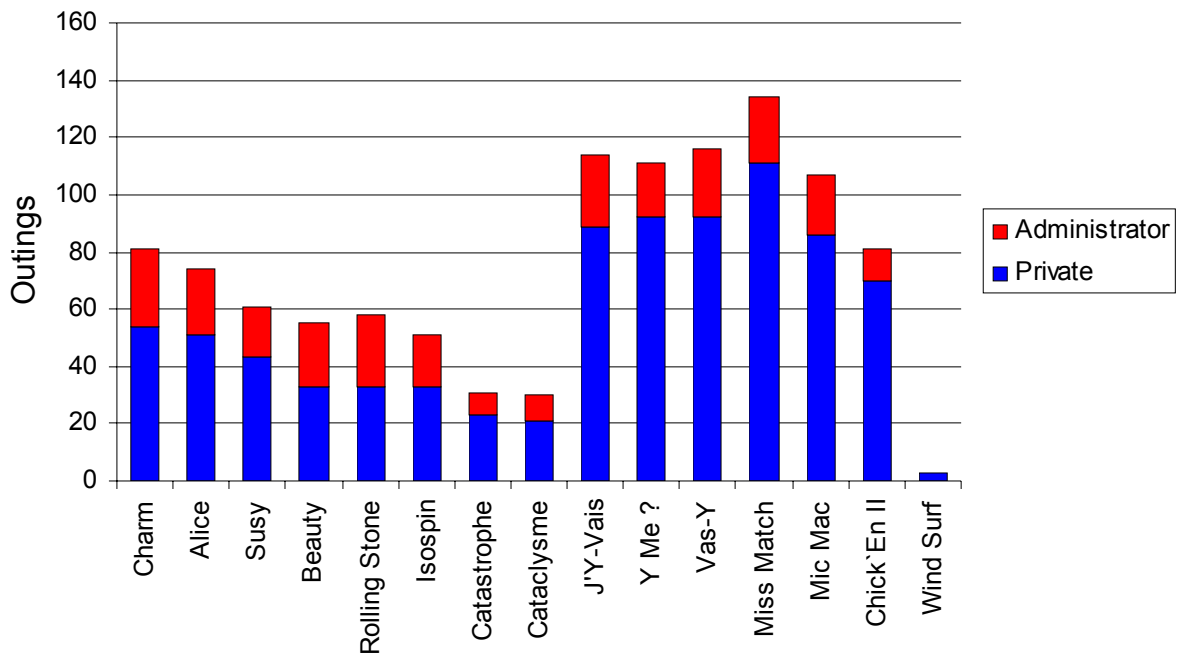
**Surprise**

Miss Match	23	111
Mic Mac	21	86
	<b>44</b>	<b>197</b>

**First 25**

Chick'En II	11	70	
<b>Total</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>1104</b>

**Boat outings (key out for more than 30 minutes)**



## YCC SHOP IN 2006

(Sandra Sequeira Tavares)

The YCC shop exists as a wearable statement of our club: all the items have an embroidered logo and good quality/price ratio is an asset!!

The club being a non-lucrative association, the profit arising from the Shop goes directly to the club activity, humbly contributing to its well functioning.

There is wide variety of choice, from t-shirts to fleeces, caps to burgees! If you think you have figured out an item our members would appreciate, don't be shy and send your suggestions!

Visit the YCC Shop on-line:

<http://cern.ch/yachting/shop/shop.html>

To place orders or send suggestions contact Sandra:

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Fleece, 50 CHF, available in blue or red

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