

# YACHTING CLUB CERN

## Annual Report 2009



*You won't necessarily recognise the landscape (Lake Como) but that's Marleen and her cat! See inside for more.*



## Report of the Chairman on YCC activities in 2009

It's been a record year in the YCC history – we topped 351 members, out of these 333 are registered as “active”. If I were a president of a big NYSE quoted company a big bonus would probably be on its way. In a sailing club run solely by volunteers these impressive figures lead to more challenges for many of us and the rewards will only come next seasons – when these new members will hopefully continue with us and pass their experience to the next generation of newcomers. This year brought questions about the limits to the size of the Club and the capacity for coaching 101 (!) new members by the limited number of really active experienced ones.

In this publication you will find how we coped with this challenge, especially in Paul's courses report. If you are surprised reading these impressive figures, it might mean that we did not communicate too much this season. Times are changing and the new pace of life makes it hard to be on time with traditional News. We have become completely e-mail dependent, the newer members probably don't even remember that a few years ago everyone was getting a big paper envelope with the annual info and the YCC was contributing to deforestation. This is over now, all is via the e-mail, our active blog backed web and yes, the new YouTube channel with very professional films of Matt – where one can really catch the atmosphere of the Versoix events.

Last year, during the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party, I mentioned the uniqueness of our Club. Certainly most of you will agree with me, it is a unique place in Geneva, bringing hundreds of sailing and windsurfing enthusiasts together, letting them improve their skills, providing boats (of all tastes and sizes!) that we would not be able to buy individually, but also a place where one can integrate in the region and meet new friends. It's not only the Club assets that are attractive, but also its spirit. Preserving this has been one of my great concerns and making sure we can continue with our *low fees plus a bit of everyone's time* model has been my big preoccupation.

Four years ago with Sebastian we introduced the concept of expanding the burden of regatta organization onto all regular participants on a rotating basis. Then Rob and Luca suggested that all crews be involved in the cruise preparation. This year I asked you to help with the fleet maintenance: the reply was great and the new boats responsible named person supported by a team on e-mail call was introduced. I would really like to thank all of you that have replied to my hopes and then assumed their roles, especially Lars whose mail I got within three minutes of the call and Maarten who was there even before I asked for help. I am convinced that this massive participation in helping the Club by spreading the responsibilities onto all of us is the way forward!

I remember that some 6 years ago the club fees were slightly increased as the then Committee was very much concerned with the ability of regular fleet renewal. With my two treasurers: first Luigi, then Johannes, we have managed to maintain these fees and additionally find more savings by controlling the expenses. I know that sometimes it was tough and maybe one or two additional sails or maintenance jobs could have been ordered. Overall, I am very happy to say that we did prove that our economic model is viable and we are able to replace of the order of 1-2 boats worth some 40'000 CHF on average each year – including replacing the cruiser so much discussed in the past and - why not – buying a brand new Surprise!

The nay-sayers might complain that our Surprises are less seen in the external events and that the annual M-R has seen fewer participants. I'd say that our keel-boat sailors have simply reached a certain level of maturity. What used to be a real problem when I first joined the Committee – numerous accidents often causing serious material damage - have become a thing of the past. There was not a single accident the last four years. We should still stay vigilant: two near misses with falling masts were reported this year by the dinghy fans. If we don't participate so often in the external regattas, many members eagerly

subscribe and participate in the organized Surprise regatta training lead by our renowned sailors: Thierry and Remy, and yes despite the cold we are there on the *Hivernals*. So after juvenile enthusiasm, it's a more mature, more structured phase, which might now change with the new acquisition. For the Surprise has remained the most widely used regatta class on the Geneva Lake.

Several years ago the dinghies were hardly used. It has required a lot of effort from Jonathan, John, Sarah, Reiner, Mario and more recently Alex and Jan Fiete as well as many other teachers to change this trend. In 2009 quite a few dinghy sailors made it to the external regattas, six even went to the *Atomiade* in Berlin, where one team made it to the podium. For many years the dinghies and catamarans were sailed a lot on organised events, this year finally they started being used just as the Ynglings – by our sailors on their own. I popped up a few times in late hours to Versoix. Whoever says the Club social life is in decline is wrong, the *Buvette* was always filled with happy dinghy sailors discussing their accomplishments. Yes, today dinghy sailing has definitely become fashionable!

I was happy to have been able to contribute to it at least in one little way – by obtaining an additional ground place allowing the Club to buy a new dinghy and thus expand from six to seven, out of which 4 are less than 5 years old!

Four years have passed since I accepted the helm of the YCC. Over this period the Club continued its activities with a huge YCC presence in Versoix for sailing, courses, regattas. New ideas saw light: tall-ship Atlantic cruise, documentary videos, new courses, enlarged participation of the members in maintenance and regatta organization, structured regatta training etc.

Figure-wise the Club is in full expansion. The membership number that has oscillated the last years slightly below 300 has risen to a record 351 this year. We observe a generation renewal, while maintaining a considerable fraction of experienced members - last year at the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party, beautifully prepared by Danielle, all ages were present! The Club bought six new boats for all tastes: a cruiser, three factory-new dinghies, a catamaran and this year a brand new Surprise - thanks Michał for piloting this acquisition! With these large investments, the Club still has some 85 k CHF on the accounts – 25 k more than 4 years ago.

However, the Club is not about figures or spending money; it is about spending time – time sailing, competing, organising, repairing boats, having a friendly chat in Versoix etc. Time, that I simply no longer have - both for private and professional reasons. Although I have been greatly seconded by many Committee and Club members, with my new family commitments I will not be able to give the YCC the attention which it requires for the next season and thus I do not intend to stand for re-election. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank especially my closest collaborators; overall 29 people have been on one of "my Committees" and if there is no space to list all of them here (but you can find them in this and the previous Annual Reports) it is worth mentioning at least those that have started with Gigi and Marco and stayed all these years providing me with lots of experienced help: Elena, Gennaro, Gijs, John, Rob, Sascha, Stefano and Tim.

A few months ago we discussed a possible candidature with three young and dynamic Committee members in order to assure continuation and at the same time bring new ideas. I am happy to announce that Alex has agreed to stand for election and I sincerely hope that he will benefit from your support as much as I used to!

Thank you all for the past four years,

Tomasz

2009 Committee	
<i>Tomasz Ładziński</i>	<i>President</i>
<i>Gijs de Rijk</i>	<i>Vice-President, Versoix matters</i>
<i>Johannes Gutleber</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<i>Elena Gianolio</i>	<i>Secretary &amp; administration</i>
<i>Danielle Moraes</i>	<i>Social Activities and Shop</i>
<i>Haude Morel</i>	<i>Insurance</i>
<i>Michał Kwiatek</i>	<i>Match-Racing</i>
<i>Luca Canali</i>	<i>External Regattas, Cruise, IT support</i>
<i>Alessandro Cerri</i>	<i>Internal Regattas</i>
<i>Sebastian Łopiński</i>	<i>Internal Regattas back-up</i>
<i>Paul Aspell</i>	<i>Courses, Practical and Teachers</i>
<i>Rob Veenhof</i>	<i>Surprises maintenance, Lectures, Winter</i>
<i>Reiner Geyer</i>	<i>Dinghy and ED courses</i>
<i>John Fullerton</i>	<i>BA5, Dinghy Training</i>
<i>Stefano Fratianni</i>	<i>Windsurfing</i>
<i>Sascha Schmeling</i>	<i>Safety &amp; Q-Boat</i>
<i>Tim Hancox</i>	<i>Publications, Q-boat back-up, new members</i>
<i>Gennaro Ruggiero</i>	<i>Catamarans</i>
<i>Chick Nichols</i>	<i>Honorary President</i>

### 2009 YCC Internal Regatta Championship

Best Dinghy Skipper

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Best Dinghy Crew

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Best Keel-boat Skipper

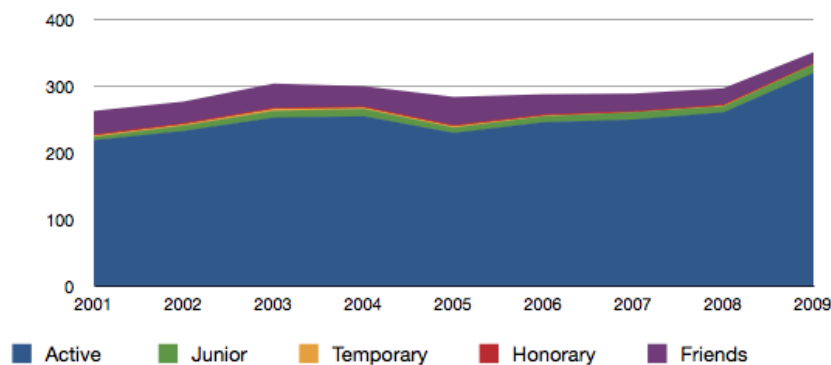
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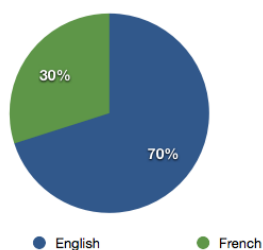
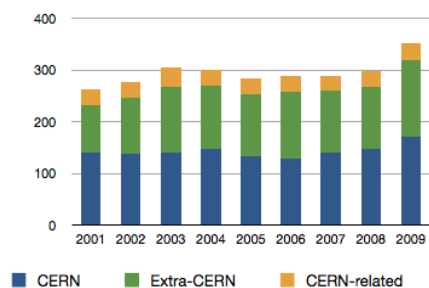
## Members Statistics

(Elena Gianolio)

Members	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>Active</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>320</b>
<i>Active (new)</i>	62	61	71	54	42	65	67	54	93
<b>Junior</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>
<i>Junior (new)</i>	4	6	6	8	6	3	7	4	8
<b>Temporary</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Honorary</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Friends</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>351</b>



	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
CERN	139	138	140	147	134	129	141	148	171
Extra-CERN	92	109	127	122	120	129	119	120	148
CERN-related	32	30	37	31	30	30	29	29	32
<b>Preferred Language</b>									
English	142	164	180	179	176	179	183	204	246
French	121	113	124	121	108	109	106	93	105



Country of Origin	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Armenia	-	-	-		-	1	-	-	-
Australia	1	1	1	2	1	4	1	2	1
Austria	10	10	10	13	15	12	15	16	17
Belgium	6	3	2	3	4	2	5	2	6
Brazil	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	2
Bulgaria	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Canada	3	4	3	2	3	5	4	2	1
Chile	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Colombia							1	-	1
Croatia	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Czech Rep.	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Denmark	2	3	1	3	2	3	4	4	4
Ecuador	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Egypt	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-
Finland	-	-	1	2	3	3	3	4	5
France	33	31	35	37	30	36	38	35	40
Germany	47	48	49	45	38	41	33	37	43
Greece	1	3	3	5	3	4	7	3	3
Hungary	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	2	2
Iran	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-
Ireland	1	1	2	1	1	-	2	3	3
Italy	45	56	65	57	59	52	46	51	62
Japan	1	1	1	2	1	1	-	-	1
Korea	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Lithuania	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Luxembourg	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Malta	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-
Marocco									1
Mexico	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	2	2
Netherlands	13	8	11	11	9	9	13	15	12
Norway	3	3	4	5	4	3	4	-	1
Philippines									1
Poland	4	10	11	12	14	14	14	19	18
Portugal	10	3	5	6	7	9	11	9	13
Puerto Rico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Romania	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Russia	1	1	1	1	3	1	2	4	5
Serbia Montenegro									1
Slovakia									1
Slovenia	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Solomon Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
South Africa	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Spain	16	17	14	13	13	12	11	18	25
Sweden	2	3	7	8	4	3	6	4	5
Switzerland	39	37	40	38	34	35	27	24	34
Trinidad and Tobago	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Turkey	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
United Kingdom	18	23	24	22	23	23	29	28	29
USA	5	9	8	8	6	7	5	4	4
Other									1
<b>Total</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>351</b>

## Our Boats

### The YCC dinghies in 2009

(John Fullerton)

Over the winter our two lasers were given a lot of TLC, making their hulls look as new in BA5. Thank you very much for the people who helped. This winter it is planned to work on the ISO hull.

During the sailing season we were blessed with great winds all the way until September, when the season came to an end sadly for us and with deep regret from North Sails.

It started with the Opening Regatta, in which 6 dinghies participated, in all the internal regattas we managed to have a high turnout of dinghies. In fact, only one regatta, the Drag Race, had to be cancelled in September due to low winds.

This year with the collaboration of the CNV we had an extra 30 students over our normal 16 (dinghy). This caused quite an overload to our instructors and testers, plus the administration behind the scenes, but with a number of extra events we just managed to cope. To help manage with this an additional RS 500 was bought at the end of the season.

It was great to see the dinghy usage going up over the weekend: we have been trying to do this for the last five years.



*Our RS 500, being sailed as the maker intends!*

*Photo: John Fullerton*

## External Dinghy Regatta

(John Fullerton)

For the final regatta organised by the Federation Voile Lac Jurassien at Bienne, we had two YCC dinghies, which participated, the RS500 Marleen Van Ness/Andrea Schlierf and RS400 Maarten Schokker and Jenny McGregor. It proved to be a great weekend with fantastic wind on Sunday allowing Jenny and Maarten to come third overall.

We now have a club dinghy trailer on Swiss plates, which will hopefully help more people to do external regattas.

Since we are on the subject of dinghies and regattas, Sarah kindly contributed a personal view:

### 43rd Bol d'Or - Lac de Joux version

(Sarah Fullerton)

Many dinghy sailors already know of the much-travelled RS 400 *Babe*: apart from sailing a great deal around Port Choiseul, she is good enough to take Sarah and John to many far-flung places, the Lac de Joux, and once to the Isle of Wight Solent because she fancied salt-water regattas. Sarah reports "The 43rd Bol d'Or took place on Sunday 23rd August 2009 on the Lac de Joux. A NE breeze of between 5 to 15 knots blew with beautiful weather. We participated in our RS400 *Babe* with the other 79 dinghies, 52 multi-hulls and 9 hydrofoil Moths (see the photo). The event was amazing and was held in great spirits, we arrived 47th after completing two laps of the course, which was nonetheless challenging. A date certainly to be marked in the sailing calendar for 2010!" Note that *Babe* is much too modest to offer you a photo of herself, so here are Moths.



*Moths (not, so far, intended as Club purchases)*

*Photo: John Fullerton*

## Catamarans

(Marleen van Nes)

One of the last times I saw Marleen, she was busy talking her way out of a parking ticket in Port Choiseul: most members will now know of those cunning new parking places just adjacent to our launch ramp designed to entrap you ... Marleen was busy filling two of them, tow vehicle and trailer bearing a dismantled catamaran (back together again now, you'll be glad to learn). And chatting up the nice policeman, who did believe her, that she would move both as soon as we had finished launching the Tuesday fleet. The point is, she had just returned from an exciting weekend on Lake Como with her cat', showing the locals how we do it! She reports -

### Hobie Europeans 2009 - Lake Como

This year I figured it was time for some personal improvement, and thought the best way of doing that was by going to a European Championship for Hobie Fx 1.

Relatively new to the class, as this is the third season I've sailed this boat; you can imagine I was slightly worried to learn that usual wind conditions on Lake Como are 4-5 Beaufort. But as a seasoned regatta sailor I also knew that the best place to learn is in championships where you have nothing to lose and have literally to 'work your butt off to keep up with the last' :-)

It turned out that all the other Fx 1 competitors were relatively tall and heavier men, so I stood out in the crowd and, more, had to take lead to make the minimum weight. They were all very curious how such a little girl would handle the same boat they were having trouble controlling, I just kept on smiling and saying that actually I didn't really know because we never have Beaufort force 4-5 in Geneva...



Some people sail my boat with 2, which allows them a jib. I assume if you are married and want to take your spouse out on a Sunday this will be fine, but why sail it like that in regattas - wouldn't it be called a Fx-two if that had been the purpose? In the end I (and the other solo sailors) were proven correct that there is no point, as even I managed to beat the double-up boats (there were only 2) quite a few times.

My ambition for the races was to not come last at the end of the week, which I managed easily, despite the very strong competition. The first races I did end up 'best of the last' with a rather big gap between me and the guys in front. But we (the last) quickly caught up and managed to reduce the gap already on the second day, and up to no more gaps by the last days of the week. I remained the 'best of the last' by finally finishing 9th out of 14, but in the last few races the front guys felt the heat, as I managed to round 1st windward mark in 5th position the last race.

Apart from a broken joystick (tiller to you dinghy people) nothing broke - especially not morale ;-)! I was reminded of how much fun racing really is, how much fun it is to have a beer with like-minded people after a good day of racing, how exciting it is when you sail to your best ability and sometimes have to take your penalty turns, how fantastic it is to sail against other boats that are exactly the same as yours, how great it is to have steady winds of Beaufort 4-5 and most of all how cool it is to have a dad who is still able to sail the same championship on a Hobie 16 (thank god it is a different fleet because for sure he would have beaten me, had it been the same class .....).



There is not a lot to say about our *GibSea*, *Gypsy*, this season, although she had a busy one! A considerable amount of maintenance work is planned this winter, so we can report on that in due course. In the meantime, still on the smaller boats front, a report from Marleen van Nes, equally intrepid down in Greece, with -

## Team Wildwind

Gonzalo, John, Sarah, Luca, Sandrine, Jan-Fiete, Jamie, Andrea, Ruben and Marleen were the final lucky participants of the YCC - Wildwind holiday 2009: Club members were invited by Luca's July posting to join a group of catamaran and dinghy enthusiasts to sail in Greece. The location is one of the top spots in Europe for sailing: Lefkada and in particular the Wildwind sailing centre in [Vasiliki bay](#), famous for its excellent wind conditions! Marleen reports on this holiday -

Did you know that:

- it can rain all over Greece but be sunny in Vasiliki
- people can dream of eating sardines at Vassiliki for an entire year
- Jan tried to sail the Hobie Tiger every day
- Andrea and Ruben are a good team on Laser 3000 / 4000 & RS 800
- Jamie loves the Hobie 14 (single-handed) in all conditions
- John and Sarah cannot be separated
- Marleen can actually sail a laser 1
- Sandrine received the most praise from her teacher 'Rob the laser champ'
- all of the participants want to return next year
- there are black flags (sometimes)
- to be a wild wind sailing instructor you have to have beach-blond hair, cool shorts and baggy hoodies
- cat sailing is not mandatory, but advisable because it looks so cool
- Wildwind is what the name suggests (on most days)
- the food at Stelios is 'the best'
- you are allowed to dance on the bar in the Zues bar
- all of the participants thought the first afternoon conditions a bit rough
- every participant comfortably sailed afternoon conditions by the end of the week (despite it being the same as on the first afternoon)
- sun cream is a good idea and dry suits are to be left at home
- the swimming pool is a nice spot to lounge about after sailing
- a phone booth is not always what it seems
- Wild wind bbq's are world-famous
- John, Sarah and Ruben didn't want to go home and tried to miss their flight to Geneva
- all those who missed out this year should be green with envy
- people who are worried about their sailing capacities and frightened by the name Wildwind, should just join and see how nice it really is to sail when there is wind



## Surprises

(Rémy Andrean & Michał Kwiatek)

Il est intéressant d'apprendre quelque chose sur les travaux dont Rémy à connaissance personnelle: Voici les quelques travaux réalisés par les soins de lui-même plus des volontaires sur Mic Mac:

- consolidation chandelier babord, tension de la filière
- changement vis support arrière
- réparation choc étrave
- remplacement charnière capot mouillage
- lubrification poulies / réas de drisse
- réparation connecteur de pont

And Michał reports more fully:

The year 2009 has been particularly fruitful for the YCC Surprises – we have finalised the long-awaited acquisition and a brand new Surprise joined our fleet. Buying directly from the vendor, we had the luxury to choose the equipment options that we found important for the club. The boat was delivered in September and already in September it was made available for the general club use. The boat is immaculate, so please put your seamanship to good use and help us keep it in this state! Speaking of our other Surprises, 2 new gauge spinnakers and 1 new “bol-d’or” type big spinnaker were bought at the beginning of the season. Regatta training started at the end of May and carried on until mid-August, which admittedly restricted the availability of the Surprises for leisure outings, but allowed new crews to form before external regattas. Mooring places in Port Choiseul being as limited as they are, in September we had to take Miss Match out of the water to free up the place for the new boat, which will stay in the water over winter, ready for winter regattas and the Swiss Championship in spring.



*October outing on the brand new Surprise. Photo: Michał Kwiatek*

## YCC Cruise 2009

(Luca Canali)

2009 saw the third edition of the YCC “do it yourself cruise”. This type of sailing outing organisation is intended to motivate participants at all stages, that is from choosing the destination, to chartering the boats, arranging flights, ordering charts and cruise material, etc. Moreover, lessons are organized for the cruising beginners on: navigation, signals, chart reading, and a full lesson were devoted this year to tides and currents.

The cruising season started off already in the cold month of February with a ‘winter evening on cruises and sea sailing’ that was attended by about 50 members. There we learned, among other subjects, about the challenges of sailing in cold waters and how to get RYA qualifications (details of the presentations in <http://cern.ch/yachting/Lectures/>).

Probably inspired by those presentations the YCC cruise has indeed headed north this year: following 2 years of ‘warm waters sailing’, that is the 2007 Corsica outing and 2008 to Croatia, in 2009 participants agreed to Skipper Rob’s suggestions of ‘stepping up’ to an outing on the Atlantic.

The port of departure was chosen to be La Trinite’-sur-Mer, and we agreed on sailing during the first week of June. Two boats (a Grand Soleil 37 and a Sun Fast 37) were chartered, with 5 crew of board each. The idea being from the beginning to provide training to everybody, from the more experienced to the newbie’s. And an excellent training it was for everybody, tide and current calculations, in some occasion night sailing, and the usual YCC challenge of acquiring fresh fish from local fishermen!

Finally after a week of sailing in exceptionally mild conditions we sailed about 250 nm around the bay of Quiberon, Belle Ile, Houat, and a mandatory visit to the ‘sailing Mecca’, Iles de Glenans.

For a full report of this and past cruises, please see <http://cern.ch/yachting/cruise/pastCruises.html>



## Pogoria Cruise next April

The 2009 cruise on the STS Pogoria has turned out to be a great success, even without YCC participation! So when a signal from Captain Jasser came that there is opportunity to set sail again several members were truly enthusiastic about participating. This time the added excitement comes from participation in the Garibaldi regatta.

The regatta will start from the port of Genoa and finish in Trapani, Sicily. The sailors will have the opportunity to mingle with crews from all over Europe after the race and visit Erice - a historic town near Trapani. We then set sail off east toward Aeolian Isles to sniff the smell of sulphur from Vulcano volcano. Then back west where we finish in Palermo. The cruise takes place from April 10 to 21, 2010. The cost for YCC members is CHF 900 not including travel to Genoa and back from Palermo.



*Not all of us made it to this vantage- point, while at sea... Photo Sebastian Łopieński*

## Match Races

*(Michał Kwiatek)*

Match Racing is a fiesta of duels - at any given moment only two teams compete against each other. This makes it spectacular to watch and great fun to take part in! YCC Match Races are competitive, but friendly. We make a special effort to explain everything to everyone, so both experts and beginners are very welcome. Experience shows that the last couple of weeks before each event are very busy - teams tend to train for these events and the boats are overbooked. So it's good to think ahead, create a team and start getting ready for the next edition!

Each of the two 2009 events was quite special. The level of the Surprise Match Race in June was very high, as the experienced YCC skippers were challenged by particularly talented newcomers. In turn the Yngling-Dinghy Match Race in August had a very good participation: 5 Dinghy teams, 6 Yngling teams (including 2010 course absolvents), plus 2 umpires, a bunch of organisers and all the supporters on shore. And the learning benefit of both events was enormous!



*Photo by Giuseppe Lo Presti*

## YCC Internal Regattas

(Alessandro Cerri)

This year we had planned 9 internal regattas, and succeeded to have 8, with one cancelled for lack of wind despite the eagerness of the participants.

The calendar was quite usual – the Monthly regattas (from April to October) and two additional events: one for dinghies and catamarans only (the *Traversée du Lac* in June) and one for keelboats (Versoix-Founex race). It is worth noting that, as in previous years, some of the monthly regattas have special formulas. The very popular Drag race (Monthly regatta in September), for example, is a series of eight to twelve very short races (50-100 m.), where obviously a good start is crucial. Monthly regatta in August is quite the opposite – there is just one race lasting 3 hours, during which boats try to complete as many laps as possible (hence the name: *3-heures de Versoix*).

The club depends on its members, and club activities – including regattas – will only be as good and lively as we all make them with our work. Thanks to the help and dedication of our individual regatta organizers, motorboat drivers and crewmembers and additional helpers, this year's regattas have been a good success and we didn't have to cancel any event for lack of volunteers (although, it must be said for the record that some arm-twisting was used).

If you are interested in helping with regatta organization, and want to see our regatta tradition continue, please think about helping for the next season: this can be an excellent opportunity to learn how to organize a regatta!



*Dinghy participants dominated numerically this year's regattas!*

*(photo John Fullerton)*

As every year, we have had days with great wind, and days where boats hardly moved, or stopped still when racing. Not to mention the "trois heures" where wind started blowing boats away in the harbor!

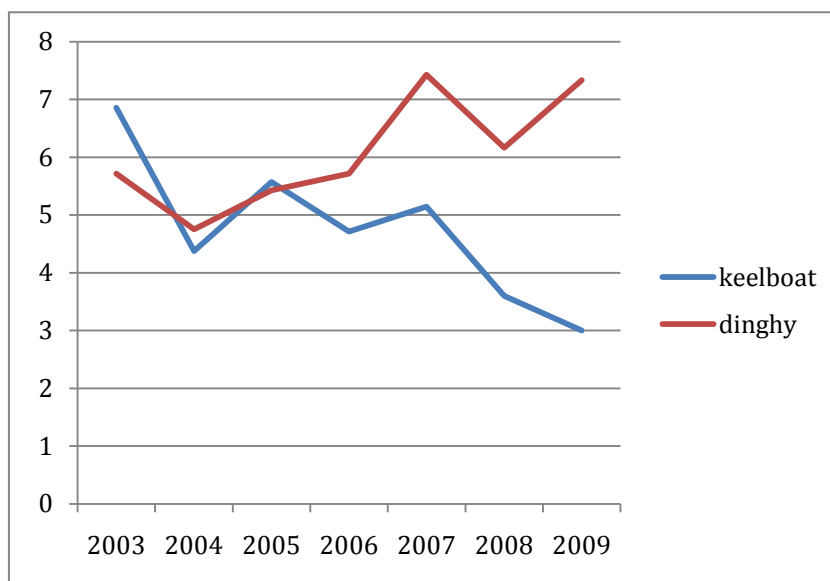
The racing season was long: from mid April to mid October (with the last regatta being almost pure-dinghy event despite cold weather!), active, and exciting (except, of course, for little-wind days...). And good news: there were no major collisions or accidents.

Regatta participation in 2009 was the highest since 2003, with a dinghy participation maintaining the peak values of the last three years, and an historical minimum on the keelboat participation. Many new faces have contributed to the liveliness of these events.

### Regatta participation, since 2003 (K – keelboats, D – dinghies)

	2003			2004			2005			2006			2007			2008			2009		
Regatta	K	D	K+D	K	D	K+D	K	D	K+D	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	Regatta cancelled			4	3	7	2	7	9
2	8	4	12	3	3	6	6	4	10	5	4	9	5	6	11	4	6	10	4	9	13
3	1	-	0	1	-	0	-	7	7	Regatta cancelled			6	8	14	-	8	8	4	1	15
4	7	7	14	3	3	6	2	5	7	-	8	8	-	9	9	3	5	8	-	0	10
5	3	4	7	6	3	9	3	5	8	2	7	9	5	9	14	6	8	14	4	8	12
6	7	-	7	5	-	5	6	-	6	5	5	10	5	7	12	Regatta cancelled			4	8	12
7	Regatta cancelled			5	4	9	6	8	14	7	-	7	6	-	6	Regatta cancelled			-	7	7
8	4	5	9	6	8	14	Regatta cancelled			5	5	10	4	6	10	1	7	8	0	0	0
9	1	4	15	3	4	7	8	4	12	5	7	12	5	7	12				-	6	6
	4	4	88	3	3	73	3	3	77	3	4	73	3	5	88	1	3	55	1	6	84
	8	0		5	8		9	8		3	0		6	2		8	7		8	6	

*Average number of boats per regatta, since 2003*



This year we've again tried (and managed!) to get the regular regatta participants involved in the organization of the races. Thanks go to Jose Luis Gomez-Costa, Tomasz Ladzinski, Thierry Boileau, Jan Fiete Grosse-Oetringhaus, Michal Kwiatek, John Fullerton, Sarah Fullerton, Marco Benvenuti, Marleen van Nes, Luca Canali, Michal Ropka, Christian Mester for running monthly regattas – and to Jan Kovermann, Christian Mester, 3, Eduard Dorenbos, 4, Marco Benvenuti, Haude Morel for skippering the Q-Boat during these events.

Below are the results of the YCC Championship 2009. Congratulations to the winners: John Fullerton in dinghy skippers' category, Sarah Fullerton in dinghy crew and Tim Hancox in keelboat skippers. And a hint for people who want to take their places next year: of course you have to race well, but not necessarily each time – three times during the season is enough! So don't get discouraged even if during the first, Opening Regatta you just can't get the feel of the wind yet.

Last but not least, thank you to all regatta participants – and I hope to see you even more numerous next season.

Alex

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

### YCC Championship 2009 results (first 10 places)

dinghy skipper			dinghy crew			keelboat skipper		
#	name	points	#	name	points	#	name	points
1	John Fullerton	49	1	Sarah Fullerton	49	1	Tim Hancox	32.7
2	Reiner Geyer	33.4	2	Dan Nae	25.4	2	Marco Silari	23.4
3	Marleen van Nes	31.4	3	Ola Wedefelt	24.4	3	Remy Andrean	14
4	Ian Schillebeeckx	26	4	Amanda Deisher	21	4	Michak Kwiatek	13
5	Alessandro Cerri	20.7	5	Andrew Brookes	17.4	4	Luca Canali	13
6	Andrea Messina	19	6	Tara Pessian	13	4	Jacques Brudon	13
7	Jenny Macgregor	14.7	6	Jenny Macgregor	13	7	Nevio Zagaria	11.7
8	Paul Smith	13	6	Rolf Lechner	13	7	Lars Soby	11.7
8	Alex Kasterine	13	9	Julien Duplissy	11.7	7	Miskowiec	11.7
8	Jan Fiete Grosse Oetringhaus	13	9	Giulio Usai	11.7	7	Arne Lang	11.7



*Catamarans, both club and private, are more and more popular  
Photo John Fullerton*



*From the photo competition, apparently no wind - so how did they get to this dire situation?*

## External Regattas 2009

(Luca Canali)

External regattas had a very early start of the season with a group of very motivated sailors who took part in the Hivernal regatta with the club's surprise Mic-Mac. We can see a picture of them racing at a time of the year when most of the other club members are busy with skiing. Further on during the season about 40 club members, who provided a good 'theory', start for the upcoming season on the water attended a winter evening lecture on the subject of regatta rules.

The Bol D'Or being the most important regatta of the season, showed two very motivated teams from the YCC at the starting line. Unfortunately this year the light wind conditions did not allow for any SU in the regatta to finish the 'parcour' in time. One of the club's surprises stoically resisted and was finally classified at the buoy rounding in Bouveret. Sailing in no wind is rarely fun, however this times the club's crews managed to find 'alternative activities': by writing a song (Miss Match) and by drinking champagne (Mic Mac). More details at the web page: <http://cern.ch/yachting/External/main.html>

La "semaine du soir" de Versoix is another classic for the club. Surprises and dinghies participated with enthusiasm both on the water and after the regattas at the CNV restaurant!

Profiting of the brand new Surprise, a racing team was formed for the Criterium Surprise of CNV in September. Unfortunately once more the wind did not collaborate.

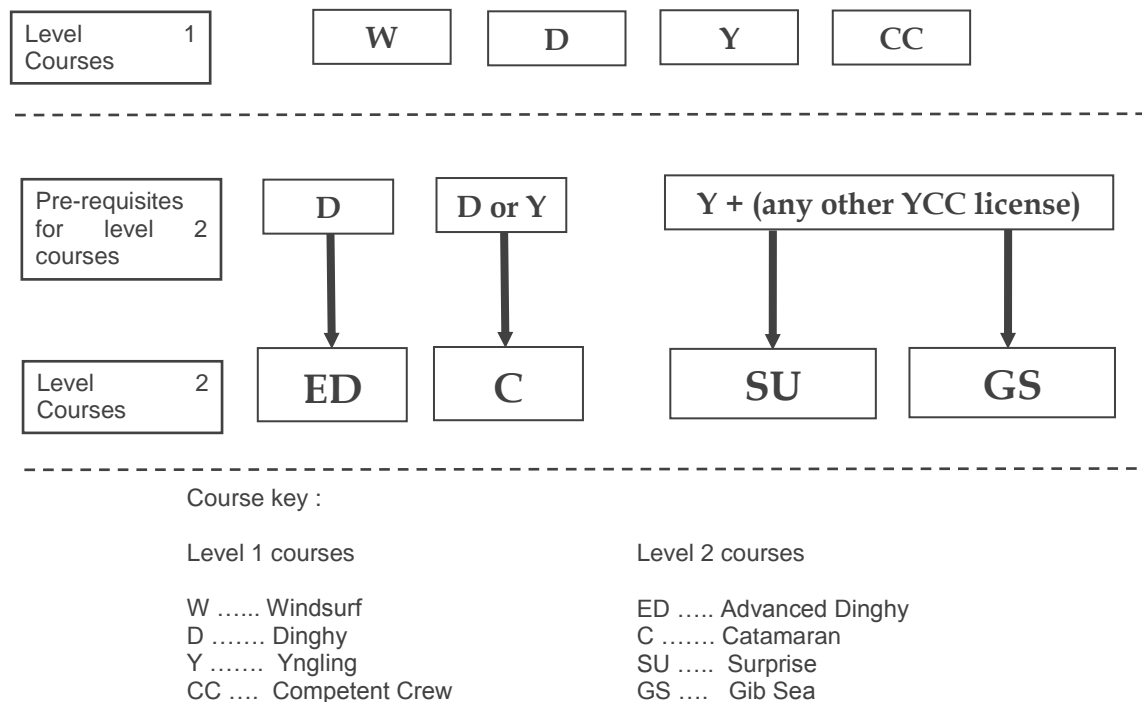
The last outing of the season saw a group of 6 enthusiastic dinghy sailors' head to an external regatta in Bienne. This was also the first regatta for our brand new RS500 and was finally rewarded by some enjoyable breeze.



## Courses

(Paul Aspell)

Preparation of YCC courses for the 2009 sailing season started by a review of the courses offered and the course flow. The 2009 course flow implemented can be seen below.



A total of 8 YCC courses were offered. These are classified in two groups "Level 1 and Level 2". Level 1 course do not require any prerequisite YCC keys and hence are suitable for beginners and new comers to the club. Level 2 courses however have minimum requirements in order to be able to register for the course. In this new structure the requirement to enter the Su course and GS course was made equivalent (Y key plus any other YCC license).

One major addition to the new course flow was the addition of a brand new Level 1 course called "Competent Crew". The competent crew course is aimed at students who wish to gain an understanding of sailing techniques and become effective as crewmembers on a yacht. It is perfect preparation for a cruise for example. It is also very good preparation students intending to progress to courses on the Surprise or Gib Sea. It is different however to the other YCC courses in that it focuses on good sailing practices across a broad range of keelboats instead of skippering qualities for a given class of boat. The CC course contains 8 outings divided equally between the Surprise and GibSea.

Selection of students for courses was done by a lottery system organised by Rob Veenhof. The lottery itself was done on the 2nd of April. The table below summaries the lottery in terms of applicant and places allocated per course.

Course	Prerequisite	1 <sup>st</sup> choice applicants	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> choice applicants	Places available
<b>Windsurfing (W)</b>	–	<b>14</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Dinghy (D)</b>	–	<b>78</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Yngling (Y)</b>	–	<b>63</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>18</b>

<i>Competent Crew (CC)</i>		<b>12</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>12</b>
<i>Advanced dinghy (ED)</i>	<b>D</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
<i>Catamaran (C)</i>	<b>D or Y</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>
<i>Surprise (SU)</i>	<b>Y + any other</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>
<i>Cabin keel-boat (GS)</i>	<b>Y + any other</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>

In total 194 active applicants for 82 places. Of these, 94 have a CERN email address, 9 have an address in a UN agency and 91 have other addresses; 65 live in France, 125 in Switzerland and 4 elsewhere.

As in previous years the demand for level 1 course was huge. This was somewhat eased by the introduction of the CC course which offers an additional 12 places to newcomers in the club. Despite this however, the Dinghy and Yngling courses were still heavily oversubscribed.

The heavy oversubscription to YCC courses inevitably leads to disappointment among many applicants who are not allocated a place. In light of this, a special alliance was set-up between the YCC and the Club Nautique De Versoix (CNV) also located in Port Choiseul. Students on the dinghy waiting list were offered a chance to take dinghy courses with a professional instructor from the CNV using CNV 420 dinghies. The students would also be full YCC members having access to the YCC theory classes, social events and Thursday training sessions. The alliance allowed for an extra 20 places for dinghy sailing courses to be offered. The CNV sailing course itself consisted of 5 outings with 2 students per dinghy. There were 2 groups of 10 students per group.

The YCC/CNV alliance was a big success in that extra 20 students obtained training on dinghies and it built strong links between the YCC and the CNV. However, the 5 outings were not sufficient to bring all students up to the level of being able to pass the YCC dinghy test. For this extra training weekends were organized by the YCC. The result was a large increase in the number of D licenses attributed for the year. This was made possible by the incredible enthusiasm and commitment of the YCC dinghy teaching community.

YCC testing was carried out throughout the season. The table below summarises the status of tests passed this year and compares that result with previous years.

	W	EW	D	ED	C	Y	CC	SU	CK	M	GS	Total
<b>2009</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>29</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9(b)</b>	<b>99</b>
<b>2008</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>(a)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7 (b)</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>2007</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>102</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>61</b>

*(a) In 2008 the CK licence has been replaced by the GS licence*

*(b) Includes licences still to be officially registered in Switzerland*

The YCC courses remain the principal motivating factor for new membership within the club and provide the club with a significant source of revenue. This is only possible through the generosity of experienced club members who volunteer their free time to teach. The table below lists the teachers of 2009 and I thank them enormously.

<i>Course</i>	<i>Course coordinator</i>	<i>Teachers</i>
<i>Windsurfing (W)</i>	<i>S. Fratianni</i>	<i>T. Boileau, F. Corsanego, S. Fratianni</i>
<i>Dinghies (D)</i>	<i>Reiner Geyer</i>	<i>Reiner Geyer, Luca Canali, Paulo Moreira, Alessandro Basili, Paul Smith, Alex Cerri, Jan-Fiete Grosse, Oetringhaus, Bartek Pawlowski, Jamie Boyd, Thierry Boileau, Jans Spanggaard, Andrea Messina, Sandr Potscher, Christien Mester, Detlef Swoboda, Mario Campanelli, John Fullerton, Sarah Fullerton, Elena Benedetto, Gonzalo Fernandez, Penacoba, Georg Walder, Jan Kovermann</i>
<i>Yngling (Y)</i>	<i>S. Maurin</i>	<i>Michel Chevallier, Michel Cornevin, Tim Hancox, T. Klioutchnikova, Suzanne Maurin, Danielle Moraes, Jean Vasic, Maarten Shokker, Rob Veenhof.</i>
<i>Competent Crew (CC)</i>	<i>Y. Rogers</i>	<i>Yvonne Rogers, Tim Hancox, Paul Aspell</i>
<i>Advanced dinghies (ED)</i>	<i>R. Geyer</i>	<i>Reiner Geyer, Alex Cerri, Jan-Fiete Grosse, Jamie Boyd, Thierry Boileau, Jans Spanggaard, Christian Mester, Paul Smith</i>
<i>Catamarans (C)</i>	<i>G. Ruggiero</i>	<i>G. Ruggiero, Marleen Van Nees, Hugues Richard, John Fullerton, Adrian Fabich</i>
<i>Surprise (SU)</i>	<i>T. Layda</i>	<i>T. Layda, Jean Vasic, Remy Andrean</i>
<i>Gib Sea (GS)</i>	<i>S. Schmeling</i>	<i>G. De Rijk, S. Schmeling, Manfred Willenbrock</i>

## 2010 YCC Social activities and Shop

*(Danielle Moraes)*

Typically we start the sailing season looking for boat gear, rigging and launching the fleet. This season wasn't different! On 18<sup>th</sup> of April we gathered in Port Choiseul for one more Saturday of entertainable work with boats, trailers and halyards. We enjoyed a nice cup of coffee and croissant by the lakeside at the same time of meeting new members and learning about our boats. Thanks to Yvonne that prepared our early morning snacks!

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, the new members of the club were welcomed by our president at the "other end" of Port Choiseul where they had the opportunity to meet the club Committee, while sharing a glass. Our opening season event happened in a nice farm in the countryside of Geneva where we had brunch. It was lovely morning that we enjoyed in the company of many members and their family.

Along the season we brought about the successful "Get Together Dinners" every odd Thursday after the evening practice at the Buvette. The Buvette of Port Choiseul was populated with enthusiastic sailors that shared their experience and enjoyed a good moment after sailing.

The sailing season come to an end on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October when we took the boats out of the harbour to put them safe for the winter. But not for all! Some enthusiastic dinghy sailors managed to convince the Committee and keep one boat on the harbour to profit from the last sunny autumn days.

One might say that Social and Shop are words that go very well together for most of the women. On the YCC 2009 season this was not exactly the case. Many of our members can be seen wearing the new attractive Man Polo shirts!

The sailing season came to an end, but the Social and Shop activities are still alive. I hope you had all enjoyed the social events this year and I look forward to see you at the Closing Dinner after the General Assembly!

For further details please visit the webpage  
[http://yachting.web.cern.ch/yachting/social\\_activities/](http://yachting.web.cern.ch/yachting/social_activities/)

## Reservation and Keys Systems

Enrico Bravin

### Foreword:

There are no problems worth mentioning this year as the computer worked very reliably during the season. Apart from regulating the distribution of the keys, the electronic system allows to make statistics of the usage of the boats. In the following tables and plots you will find some statistics of the reservations system and also of boats usage, it is not always possible to identify the real nature of the records so the presented numbers contain errors.

## Reservations in 2009

(From the data in the database)

### 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>	603
<b>Other than reserved boat</b>	59
<b>Did not sail</b>	393

### Reservations by Period

Period	Reservations	Deleted
<b>8:12</b>	59	68
<b>12:15</b>	210	152
<b>15:18</b>	347	271
<b>18:20</b>	439	376

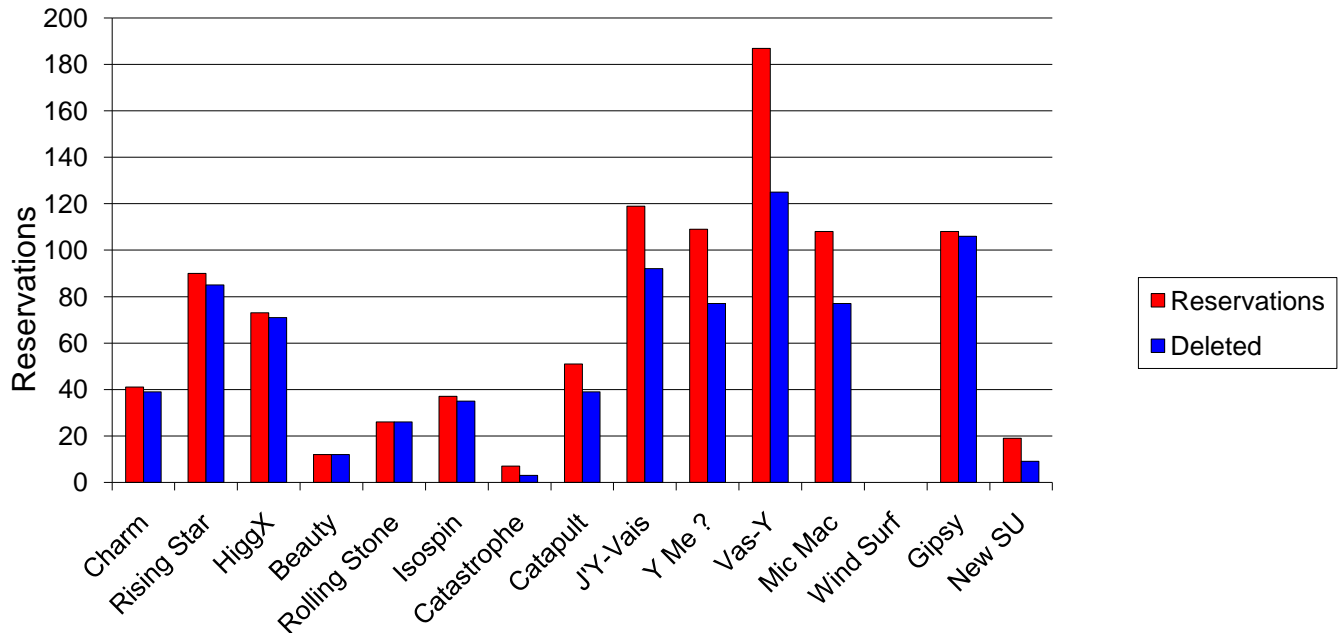
### Reservations by Boat

	Reservations	Deleted	Administrator	Administrator Deleted	Out of Service (days)
Charm	41	39	107	12	4
Rising Star	90	85	80	19	11
HiggX	73	71	99	16	0
Beauty	12	12	108	8	34
Rolling Stone	26	26	100	9	10
Isospin	37	35	87	7	2
Catastrophe	7	3	53	3	0
Catapult	51	39	66	15	4
J'Y-Vais	119	92	84	23	0
Y Me ?	109	77	93	24	0
Vas-Y	187	125	72	35	0
Mic Mac	108	77	105	83	0
Wind Surf	0	0	33	1	0
Gipsy	108	106	80	54	0
New SU	19	9	10	0	0

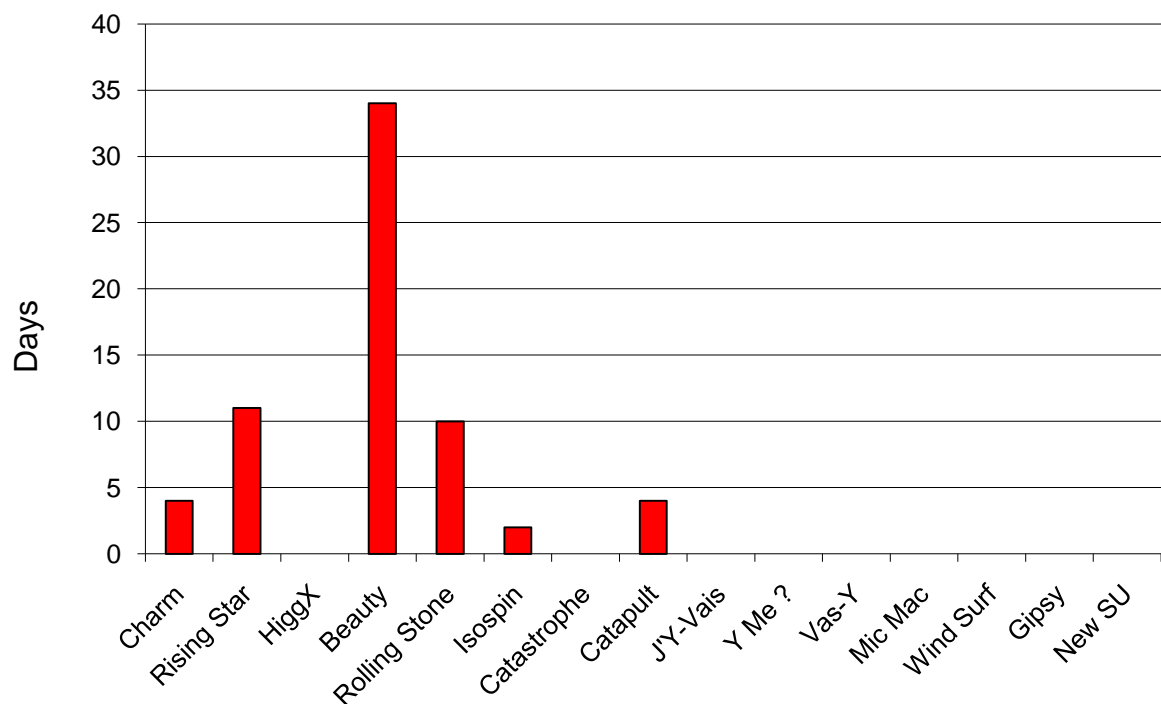
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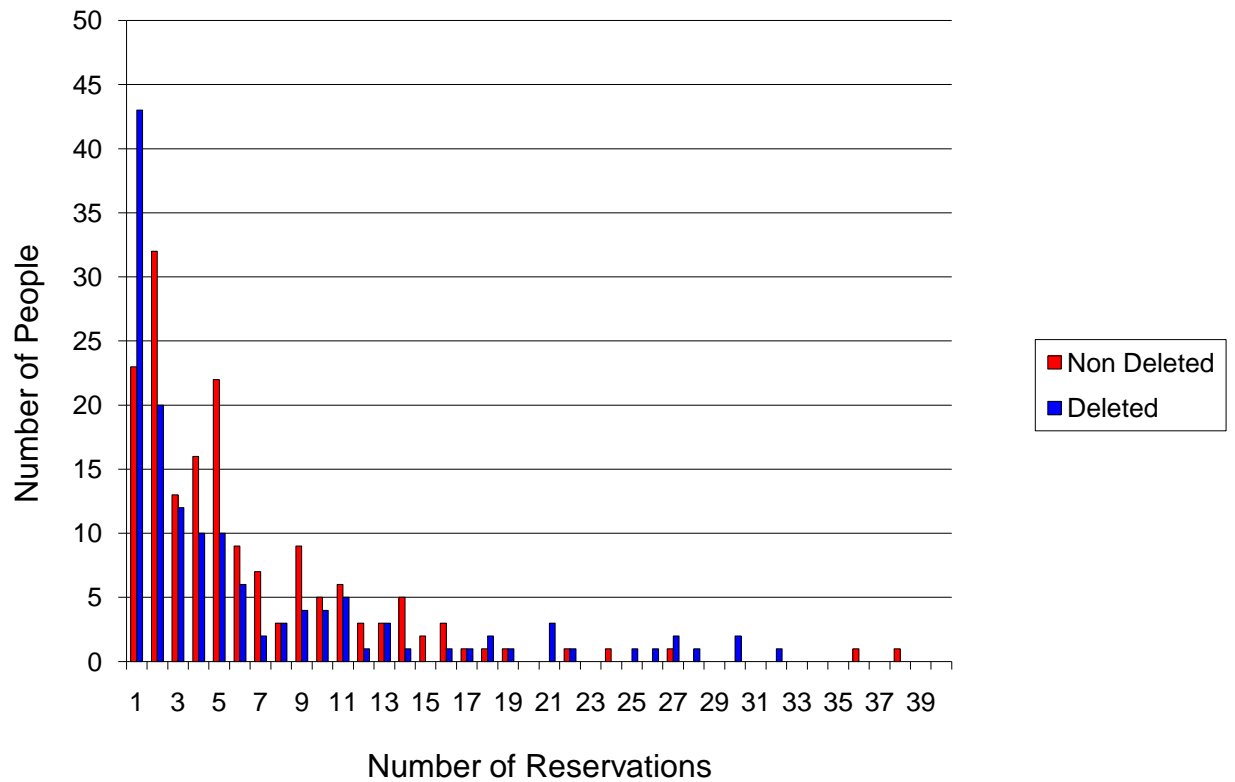


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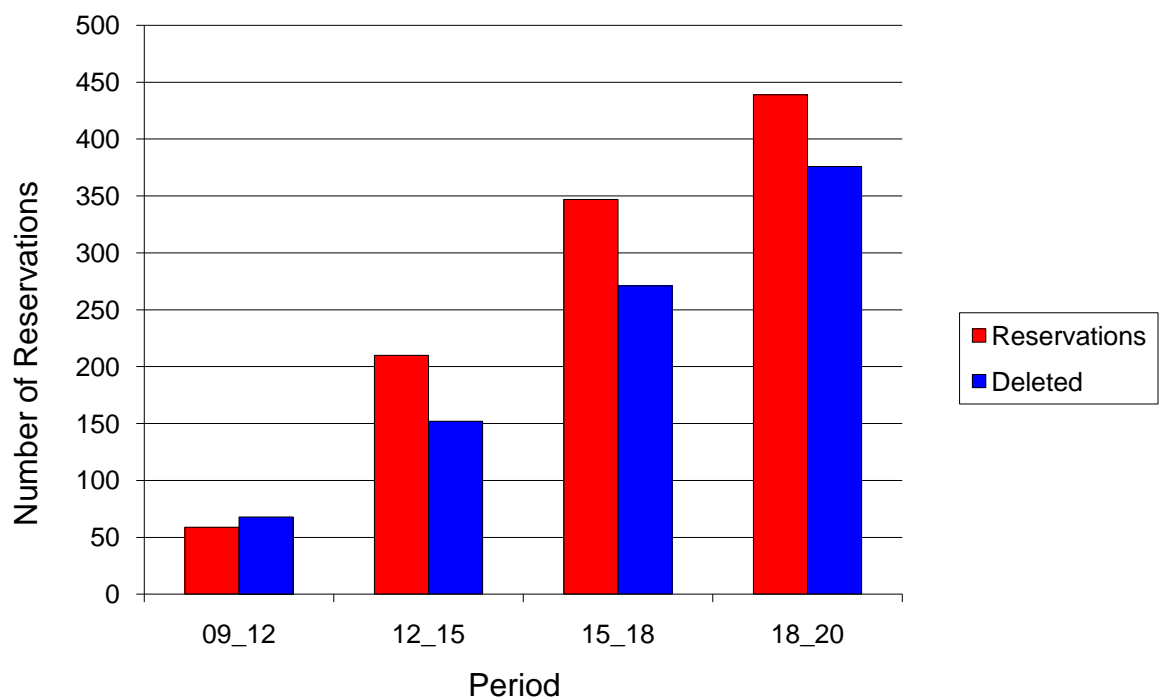
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### Reservations by members

\*ex.: 24 members reserved only once during the year, 8 members reserved 7 times etc.



### Reservations by time of day



## Keys taken between May and November

(From the data in the database)

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

	Private	Administrator	
<b>Dinghies</b>			
Charm	58	30	
Rising Star	74	37	
HiggX	73	34	
Beauty	25	23	
Rolling Stone	39	33	
Isospin	60	28	
	<b>329</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>514</b>
<b>Catamarans</b>			
Catastrophe	12	21	
Catapult	52	24	
	<b>64</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>109</b>
<b>Ynglings</b>			
J'Y-Vais	114	23	
Y Me ?	113	26	
Vas-Y	125	23	
	<b>352</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>424</b>
<b>Surprise</b>			
Miss Match	73	21	
Mic Mac	124	22	
New SU	12	0	
	<b>209</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>252</b>
<b>GibSea</b>			
Gipsy	79	23	102
<b>Total</b>	<b>1033</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>1401</b>
<b>Wind Surf</b>			
Wind Surf	8	0	8

