

YACHTING CLUB CERN

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HMS *Mary Rose* is a [carrack](#)-type [warship](#) of the English [King Henry VIII](#) which served for 33 years (which compares nicely with our YCC recently acquired Edel-II, fully 43 years old; see inside!) but she sank in the [Solent](#), the straits north of the [Isle of Wight](#). Now most famous for having been rediscovered in 1971 and salvaged in 1982; visit her in Portsmouth Harbour.

Report of the President on YCC activities in 2016

(Valentina Venturi)

It's not easy to start writing, when what you want to say first, is a sad thing. Our friend, Committee member, active sailor, Giovanni Volpini, passed away a few days ago. He has supported me a lot, as for me this year was a unique experience facing quite a number of challenges in this new role. I was lucky - I could just walk a few meters out of my office and have a 15 minutes coffee break with him.

Sometimes I was almost shouting out my stress, to the point he would just put his finger in front of his mouth and, while looking over his shoulders on one side and the other, he would say "Ssssssttt!!! Not so loud! I have a reputation here!" and every problem would just disappear with a loud laugh from both!

Now happy things: these are probably easier to describe.

Before this 2016 I thought the best feeling we have at YCC is when we teach someone to sail, and this Club is really great in making people happy by discovering sailing.... And it's amazing! This year I experienced something new: seeing that after all, the people you have asked for help, the people you have asked to undertake a demanding task, instead of being angry with you, they are thankful for the given opportunity. The YCC again goes beyond the sport of sailing and gives opportunities to experience always something new in human relationships.

I wanted to be as much as possible at the Club this year; I have spent my time enjoying many activities and events, I have seen great enthusiasm in all of the people. We had our internal regattas, all the time well organized, from the beginning to the end. It was easy to be there, because Nina had thought about all before.

I had the chance to participate also in external regattas. Thanks Michał for being with us again and organizing our boat assignments! Michel has done a perfect job for courses coordination, and with Paul, it was so much fun to teach and organize the various events for dinghies! I have seen people very happy with Ynglings and the keelboat courses and other various activities. Many thanks to all responsible people: Gonzalo, Rachid, Torsten, Jean Marc, Rob. The Thursday practice bosses, Tim and Jens!

Thanks to Kirill and Manfred for organising the Greek cruise and all the people responsible for maintenance: Paolo, Giovanni, Artur and Silvia (also thanks for social activities organization: unfortunately I missed the two Neptune outings but I heard nice reports by many enthusiastic participants) and thanks to the fleet winter storage coordinator - Gijs. Let's not forget people like Elena, Joanna, Chiara, Haude, Marcel and Sascha, who are hiding at the backstage of this Club, but who spend many hours of their free time to help with a difficult bureaucracy, and not only!

All people thanked were Committee members, they have contributed to many other activities than the one assigned to them (see each paragraph for more info). There is a huge list of other people to be thanked and I hope they can forgive me if I don't write all their names here.

Some facts: 368 members! The Club is getting bigger and bigger every year! And our fleet too! Welcome to our new boats *La Nina* (RS500) *La Santa Maria* (RS 400), and *Neutrino* (29er) according to the fleet renewal plan.

Then welcome to Edel-II (a keel boat) and the *Thingy* - a temporary name for a small paddle tender we use to get to Aquila :) For those who need more info about Club life: just come to Versoix and you'll be happy to find out yourself ☺!



Giovanni Volpini Photo by Chiara Casella

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2016 Prizes

President's Cup goes to: ...

Nichols' Cup goes to: ...

(will be announced at Closing Dinner)



Students' regatta, photo: Michel Chevallier

Edel-II

(Kirill Prokofiev; Marcel Arditi)

(Ed.- Members from last year will recall that Kirill reported in this space on the then-new *Aquila*, *Brabant*. Purchases continue...)

Edel-II (1973): a keeled dinghy, purchased from M. Gilbert Coupy, payment of CHF 5500.- made 10/10/2016. Mooring place transfer to YCC approved by *Capitainerie*, 06/10/2016. Place: 440'052 (2nd jetty south from the crane (right looking from Versoix side). Size: length 5.5m, width 2.15m, draw 0.51m, displacement 580. Sails: main, 9.1 sq.m., jib 5.9 sq.m. (so less than 15 sq.m. total; yes, theoretically she can be sailed without a *Permis Lac*). Not motorised (tbc). *Contrôles techniques* every six years, last on 16/10/2014, Geneva.



Edel-II, photo Kirill Prokofiev

State of the boat: she looks to be in sailing order; hull requires significant cleaning. Wooden polished rudder which even when folded, stays in the water. Sails: Main and two Genoas are on-board; seem to be not too old: stitching is not new. Sofa cushions, removable bathing ladder, hooks, wooden (!) paddles, security equipment. Anchor should be in place. Outboard engine (despite note above). Standard "red" fuel tank with gauge in the outside bunker without a padlock. More information will obviously follow closer inspection.

YCC Internal Regattas

(Nina Ingenkamp)

2016 YCC Internal Regatta Championship

Best Skippers

1st place in Dinghy

Joanna Liberadzka 35.1 pt

2nd place in Dinghy

Anne-Laure Lamure 33 pt

3rd place in Dinghy

Jaakko Murtomäki 24 pt

1st place in Keelboat/Yngling

Sebastian Łopieński 36.4 pt

Joint 2nd place in Keelboat/Yngling

Thierry Boileau and Robert Fairless, 24.7 pt

3rd place in Keelboat/Yngling

Tomasz Ładziński 23 pt

I was sceptical when I was asked to be the regatta coordinator for the Club. Having never sailed a regatta before, it seemed like a daunting task. However, thanks to many other Club members who were happy to help and advise, I have probably benefited the most from my role, so thank you YCC for this learning opportunity. (Small note to others – do not be afraid to volunteer for the YCC committee, it is worth it!) As a regatta newcomer, my main goal was to make our regattas as fun and inviting as possible. To this end, the committee and I conducted a survey of YCC members before the season, which led to a couple of changes. For example, members are no longer required to sign up in advance; the regatta day was shortened; new attractive prizes were awarded to winners and results were now shared with all Club members via email after the regatta. As the coordinator I am probably not the best person to judge, but it seems to me the Club has all in all had a good regatta season, with some challenges remaining for next year:

Achievements

- Across seven regattas, more than 100 Club members participated, which is about twice as many as last year. (for both years, Club members who participated twice are counted twice).

- Seven out of eight scheduled regattas took place. Only one had to be cancelled ahead of time for organizational reasons as no main race officer could be found.
- Three different "types" of regattas were organized. These were the usual monthly YCC championship regattas, the CERN Cup and the Match Race.
- The introduction of theme-based regattas, such as the student regatta or the family & friends regatta, was well received by Club members.

Challenges

- Yngling appears to be the most popular boat class for the regattas; however, we only have three; which means they go like hotcakes.
- Surprises allow many non-key holders to participate in the races; however, sometimes only few Surprise key holders attend regattas, which meant that we could not always place all non-key holders on a boat.
- Relatively low number of dinghy sailors in regattas compared to the size of the dinghy fleet. Please attend in larger numbers next year.
- Some rules in the Notice of the Race need to be clarified for next year, for example whether the ranking is done by boat class or for all boat classes together.

Thank you

- Club members, you have been amazing. More than 30 of you, even newcomers, were unafraid to help and have made our regattas possible. You know who you are.
- Special thanks go to Patrick Diday for his help during the opening regatta; Michel Chevallier for running the student regatta; Helen Morris for running the family & friends regatta; Anne-Laure Lamure for running the closing regatta and of course to our very own superpower Valentina Venturi for running the CERN Cup, the Match Race and the Equinox regatta.
- Last but not least, many thanks to our superbrain Rob Veenhof for his continuous advice and never-ending support.



A Close Encounter of the Nth kind. Photo Paul Smith.

CERN Cup

(Valentina Venturi)

This year I had the pleasure of being the race officer for the CERN Cup. The regatta was held on a very sunny and hot day, with mild wind conditions from the south. It was decided to have a rather small pentagon circuit and do more circuits in case the wind should drop. Participants were welcomed under the tent, with biscuits and ice tea. The team built for the organization was so good that I allowed myself to participate as well.

We were 13 boats at the start and the race lasted for around 2 hours.

The first boat to cut the line in real time was the only external one, Marco Forte and his team on Surprise. In compensated time I was the first to finish on laser Standard, followed by Marco (SU) and Bartsz (SU). 4th and 5th places for Joanna (Laser Standard) and David (SU). At the end of the regatta the wind picked up, and some people stayed out for some practice.

We had a professional team of film makers organized by Paola, and it was possible to see some images of the regatta during the prize-giving with a very nice buffet organized by the Buvette. Link to the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HBSW2PYS4ds>

The organizing team of the regatta wore some T-Shirts hand-made by me and Anne- Laure. Thanks a lot to all the helpers and especially to Nina for having

prepared all the documentation and asked for permission from the authorities for such an event!



The CERN Cup gets itself organised; photo Valentina Venturi



That many buoys surely means it can only be the CERN Cup; photo Paolo Gradassi

YCC External Regattas

(Michał Kwiatek)

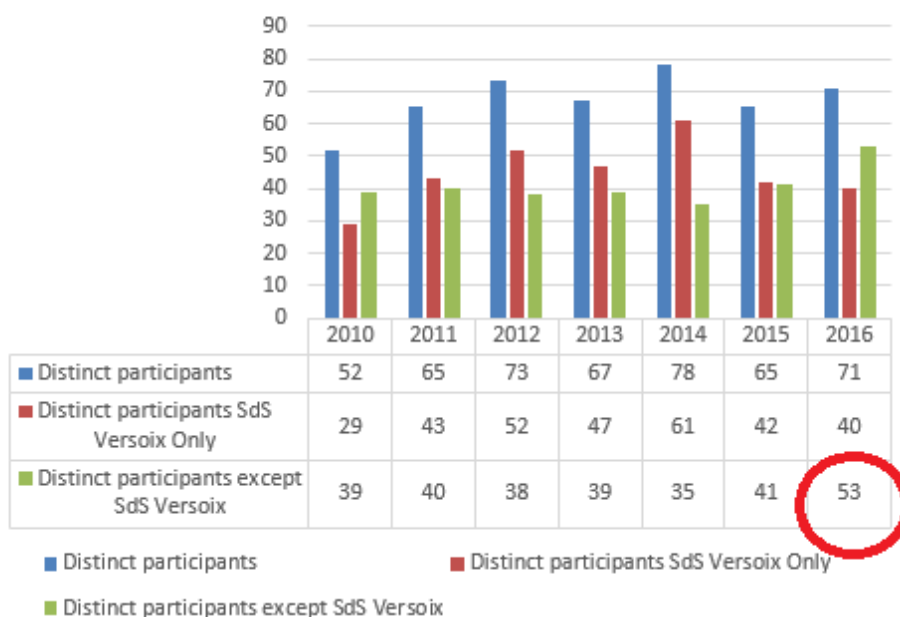
This year started with a lot of enthusiasm from the female sailor population organising themselves – across numerous dinner parties as I was told – into the team of [High Energy Ladies](#). (See separate mention below.) This not only resulted in two female-only teams successfully competing in *Genève-Rolle-Genève*, but also created a lot of momentum from which the Club – including the men – benefited throughout the season.



Neither regatta nor external but representative of Club life. Photo: Paul Smith

Overall, we had 71 distinct^(*) YCC participants in external regattas^(**). There was a smaller than usual YCC participation in the *Semaine du Soir de Versoix*, possibly because this year's dates were not confirmed until very late. However, the number of distinct YCC participants in regattas other than the *Semaine du Soir de Versoix* was the highest ever!

Distinct YCC participants in External Regattas



We participated in all the *Lac Lemman* classics as well as some other very interesting regattas: the *Hivernals*, *Critérium Surprise* in Pully, CSP Laser (CNV), *Régate d'Ouverture de Crans*, *Genève-Rolle-Genève*, *Bol d'Or Mirabaud*, *Semaine du Soir de Versoix*, *Régate des Châteaux*, *Semaine du Soir de Founex*, *Bol d'Or du Lac de Joux*, *Translémanique en Solitaire*, *Le Joran* (Nyon), *Championnat Suisse de Surprise* (YCG), *Critérium Yngling* in Prangins, *La Double* (CNV), *Régate des Pirates* (CNH) and Swiss Sailing League Promotion Round in Kreuzlingen. We also organised six regatta training sessions, which were more "publicity for regatta" than serious trainings, but they did contribute to both boosting popularity of regatta sailing and our sailing abilities.



All photos taken from Facebook, courtesy of their respective authors!

On the last day of October, six enthusiastic YCC members – Heather, Tim, Paolo, Andres and Pascal and yours truly – took our two Surprises for speed tests with the help of two professional sailors: Arnaud Gavairon and Etienne David. We were lucky to have force 2-3 winds, variable, but as we sailed very closely together – enough to compare boat speeds. The verdict is clear: neither boat is significantly slower than the other. *Mamma Mia*, being so much newer, would be Etienne's choice for competitive sailing. On the other hand, *Mic Mac*, which has the old rudder shape, may be easier to helm, which could be the reason why some of our members like it more.

Over all, sailing next to each other and helmed by experts, both boats had very similar speeds and did very well!

Note that we were comparing the boats using our identical regatta sails from Top Voiles, so performance of the two boats with the sails that we use for everyday outings could be different.



The Swiss Sailing League Promotion Round was particularly interesting: 18 teams alternating on six identical J70 boats provided by the organisers. It was an opportunity to sail with some very competitive teams, with Olympic sailors among them!

Last, but not least, this year Alex took *Mic Mac* to the *Translémanique en Solitaire*; for more information, check his blog:

<https://wolfofthesea.wordpress.com/2016/08/30/racing-the-translemanique/>.

Our extensive participation in external regattas on the lake was possible thanks to the efforts of YCC skippers who contribute their time so that less experienced YCC members can have a go at racing. Here are our top skippers^(***).

Name	Regattas ^(****)	Total distinct crew	Total crew	Skipper days
Helen MORRIS	6	14	19	8
Thierry BOILEAU	4	12	15	5
Michal KWIATEK	5	10	15	11
Jean Louis RICHARD	2	8	8	6
Detlef SWOBODA	1	8	8	5
Timothy FOSTER	3	7	9	3
Alexander KASTERINE	3	7	8	4
Luca CANALI	3	7	7	7
Valentina VENTURI	4	7	10	6
Charles MUELLER	1	4	4	2
Michel CHEVALLIER	3	4	4	3
Luigi SERIO	1	4	4	2
Michel CORNEVIN	1	4	4	1
Thomas FRENCH	4	4	4	4
David PORRET	4	3	3	4
Silvia COSTANTINI	1	3	3	1
Laura CASSANI	3	2	2	3

(*) “Distinct” in this context means that if a person took part in two regattas, they are counted only once, which is how participants were counted in previous years.

(**) CERN Cup is excluded from these External Regatta statistics, because even if it is listed in the YCC External Regatta Calendar, it is not really an external regatta.

(***) Ordered by the number of total distinct crew enabled to sail in regattas by each YCC skipper.



You can actually see the hull gleaming fresh again. For those who didn't know, the logo and date are for Banque Mirabaud, sponsors of the Bol d'Or; photo Jens Spanggaard

YCC High Energy Ladies

(Valentina Venturi)



The High Energy Ladies won 1st female prize at the GRG

This year we created the HEL, the High Energy Ladies. The team is meant to collect very active sailors, especially women but it is open to everyone. We had fun in participating in the GRG, the *Bol D'Or*, *La Double*, etc. We were awarded the 1st female prize at the GRG (see picture).

<https://cds.cern.ch/journal/CERNBulletin/2016/24/News%20Articles/2159654?ln=no>

Keelboat (w/motor) maintenance

(Paolo Gradassi)

2016 has been a very busy year for keelboat maintenance. The two main areas of concern this season have been the outboard engines (coordinated by Artur Barczyk) and sail repairs that were taken care off by our sailmaker (Arnaud Gavairon). *Mic Mac* performance improved thanks to her new mainsheet traveller and arrangement. *Mamma Mia*, back from her winter repairs, was able to participate in many regattas and passed her *contrôle technique* by the end of the summer. *Brabant* has finally found her place outside and can now be reached using the newly bought tender. Her mooring has been under constant improvement and the boat has been frequently used by our members. An improvement to facilitate the transfer of sails between YCC members and our sailmaker is under consideration and a new procedure should be issued by next year. Finally, special thanks go to Tim Foster and Rob Veenhof for their constant efforts in maintaining and improving our fleet but also to Marcel, Kirill, Jens and many more, old and new, members that volunteered to keep our fleet in a good state.



Tim Foster improving Mic Mac's outhaul; photo Paolo Gradassi

Yngling maintenance

(Silvia Costantini)

As every year, also in 2016 the Ynglings have been the most successful boats of the YCC, always fully booked during afternoons, evenings and weekends. The Yngling maintenance team carried out several interventions over the whole season and we are confident that the numerous YCC Yngling enthusiasts have enjoyed sailing on well-maintained boats. Prompt intervention in case of damage has ensured that the Ynglings suffered almost no dead-time, except when we had to wait for a new gooseneck. Those goosenecks are custom-made by “Masten en Zo”.

Among the 2016 major interventions:

- replaced one gooseneck;
- new mooring-lines with shock-absorbers, much appreciated by the large community of Y enthusiasts who now find it easier to jump on the boats;
- replaced worn-out pulley (*reas*) at the top of the mast;
- replaced stainless steel jib halyards with new UHMWPE (ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene) ones;
- replaced or added *N* times lost or bent paddles;
- new elastic cords and hooks for the covers, new chains, new lock... all replaced *N* times over the season;
- bought a set of regatta sails for the Yngling regatta in Prangins;
- bought new fenders... that didn't survive ☹ until the end of the season. Each Yngling was equipped with four new fenders (to be used as... fenders!) and with one old fender (to be used for MOB exercises...).

An average of two fenders per boat had already been lost before September 2016. Starting from 2017 the Yngling maintenance team will then launch new photo and poetry contests:

“lonely Yngling fenders” (for inspiration please have a look at:

<http://lonelychairsatcern.tumblr.com/>) and “bent Yngling paddles”. Take part! Rachid has already started (see picture below).

We would like to thank Rob Veenhof and Tim Foster, for all their hard work for the Ynglings, and all YCC sailors who contributed to the 2016 Yngling maintenance, as listed in:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/13VXN6wgfYrxCZWY3a-gUYDX_XLb1zsslFpHFh7nyRPk/edit



Photo by Rachid Mazini for “bent Yngling paddle” contest. We take the opportunity to remind sailors that it is not necessary to hit the pier at full speed and try to brake at the last minute using the paddle. Please slow down earlier, grab the orange buoy and pull!! ☺



An Yngling getting welcome improved stern mooring-lines. Photo: Paul Smith

Catamaran maintenance

(Gonzalo Peñacoba)

Maintenance and boat status

There have not been any major mishaps with the boats this year. As usual *Meerkat* has endured more sustained use, including the courses, and therefore has required more regular minor maintenance. In particular, at the beginning of the season the dagger boards needed a more serious repair that was undertaken by Jean-Richard in H2O. The green spinnaker is ageing and a replacement will be considered during next season. On the side of *Catapult*, the covers are being fully replaced for next season. The structure and rig of both boats is generally in good condition.

Courses and regular usage

This year only four spots could be offered to students because at the last moment, only two instructors were available. The expectation is that next year, the situation will be back to normal with three instructors and six students. Nevertheless, as every year, the enthusiastic sailors have enjoyed multiple practice opportunities and several keys were obtained outside the courses. The section now has a population of consistent sailors that have also shown dedication as helpers in maintenance and regatta preparation tasks. On the pending improvements side, there is a recognised need for more strong wind training and coordination efforts will have to be made to take advantage of the few days of demanding *Bise*.

Dinghy maintenance

(Felix Wolf)

The dinghy maintenance was coordinated in 2016 by Giovanni Volpini. Due to the health situation of Giovanni many tasks were undertaken by Club members, supervised by Giovanni or by Paul Smith. Ramon Folch, Felix Wolf and Roberto Salemmme worked together as a maintenance group and declared themselves to be available for the next season. The main tasks this season were the disposal of the two Laser 2's, repair of broken halyards and of course small tasks like flat tires.



Heavy competition at the buoy – which isn'tr even a regatta buoy!Photo Paul Smith



Grey skies never discouraged YCC sailors. Photo: Paul Smith

Dinghy training (Paul Smith)

This season we had three new dinghies, a RS400, RS500 and a 29er.

To allow a greater number of members to sail the RS400, we reclassified her and the older RS400 to the D key; they became an integral part of the D course, allowing us to teach two students with one teacher on board. Along with the RS500, these performance dinghies are more challenging to a new sailor's abilities than the older stable Laser 2's, 470's, in terms of boat sensitivity, balance and power in stronger wind conditions.

It is now even more important that the students acquire the experience and skills, not only during the seven lessons, but by participating in the Club regattas, dinghy days and Tuesday training and Thursday practises.

We had five well-attended dinghy days, each one at the weekend, comprising two sessions for up to 15 sailors, plus a bonus "Storm-chaser Session". For the initial days, priority was given to the course students including the YCC-CNV - for many, their first outing on a Club dinghy.

As the season progressed, we were joined by new members who had missed getting on to the courses, including experienced keelboat sailors needing to

get familiar with the Club dinghies and wanting to come over to the "Dark Side".

The first to sign up for the Tuesdays, which starts after the courses finish, as always was highly competitive with the record being 00:02 after Tuesday midnight, followed by a handful of others in the coming minutes.

This competition translated to the water, and the short regattas in the training sessions were always popular with plenty of excitement on the start lines and some close finishes.



Our new 29er on her maiden voyage, with President Valentina. Photo: Paul Smith

Many thanks to all the teachers: Thierry Boileau, Tom French, Valentina Ventura, Alexandre Desmarest, David Porret, Paul Smith, Paulo Moreira, Anna Custó, Charlie Mueller, Jens Spanggaard, Luca Canali, Pietro Govoni, Julie Lefebvre, Ruben Gaspar Aparico, Luigi Gallerani.

Special thanks both to Alexandre Desmarest, who assisted on many of the dinghy days, Tuesday trainings and conducted many tests and the numerous surveillance crews and to drivers especially Carol, who made the dinghy activities possible.

Courses

(Michel Chevallier)

This year began with a very rich theoretical courses program, as we added two evenings dedicated to regatta rules, tactics and strategy. They were well attended, as were all other theory courses – except for the beginners' course in French; which is the only French-speaking theory course in our offer. The language was probably the reason of this course's lack of success. Its future will be debated in the Committee and with the teacher.

Among the changes to be reported, Jannis Fischer and Slawosz Uznanski left their role as D course coordinators and were replaced this year by Paul Smith. For the first time, there was no course *permanence* on the CERN premises. There used to be two, where the course coordinators and the President would answer queries by would-be members; they were traditionally held in February, before the lottery closes. In 2015, we held only one, this year none and nobody has seemed to miss them. Here, as in many other realm of life, the easiness of the "e" interaction has replaced face-to-face contact.

This year, we were offering 80 places in our various courses, two more than last year thanks to an increase of four places in the SU course – and although we had to scale down the cat courses for lack of teachers. A total of 209 applicants registered in the lottery, a sharp increase over 2015, when there were "only" 190 applicants. While only 12 people withdrew from the courses after having won at the lottery in 2015, 25 did so this year. Yet, we are still under the 2014 figures for applicants and withdrawal (221 and 32 respectively).

Whatever the figures' evolutions, we are handling high numbers given the still largely manual process of dealing with requests for change, withdrawal, invitations to be sent to people on the waiting list after a place is released by a winner and the many information requests. The committee discussed ways to automatise to some degree the various processes and hopes to be able to present something next year.

Some statistics now:

Course offer

Course	Places 2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Applicants
YCC+CNV	8	19	16	16	16	31
D	18	20	15	16	16	107
ED	6	6	6	cancelled		
EC	6	6	6	6	4	25
CC	8	8	8	8	8	45
Y	18	18	17	16	16	119
GS	5	8	8	8	8	25
SU	9	8	8	8	12	29
Total	78	93	84	78	80 for 209 applicants	38 Please keep in mind that each applicant can express 2 choices

The offer varied from 78 places in 2012 to a maximum of 93 in 2013, and back to 80 this year. The reasons for these fluctuations are the following:

- fewer places in the CNV/YCC D course,
- fluctuating places in YCC D course, because teachers are difficult to recruit,
- the abandonment of the ED course,
- two Y teachers took 3 students on *J'Y Vais* and retired or went down to 2 students,
- but we also significantly increased the number of places in the GS and SU/J80 course.

Tests

Tests	C	EC	D	ED	CC	Y	GS	SU	Theory	Rib	Q-boat	Total
2016	5	3	26	2	5	26	12	8	7	5	8	107
2015	2	2	25	5	5	21	3	10	2	3	3	81
2014	4	1	18	4	7	28	9	9	4	6	9	80
2013												60
2012												93

This year set a record for the number of tests passed. Not all are validated as sometimes the prerequisites (having performed two surveillance/maintenance shifts, having the license released by the authorities when mandatory...) is missing when the test is performed. At the time of writing (mi-October), six tests had not been validated.

For the same reasons, there remains one test from 2015 to validate and five dating back to 2014 (although one member seems to have moved abroad and will probably never fulfil the necessary condition).

Let me recall here the rules for test validation:

- For residents in Switzerland, this country recognises the sailing and motor licences from neighbouring countries only (France, Italy,

Germany and Austria). A Swiss resident having a license issued by one of these countries MUST convert it to a Swiss licence within 12 months of his arrival in Switzerland. The conversion is automatic.

- Swiss residents holding licences issued by other countries than those listed above must pass the Swiss test to get a Swiss license.
- French law applies to French residents sailing YCC boats. They must have a French license if France requires one for the boat(s) they are sailing.
- France does not require sailing licenses for lakes, but has more stringent motorboat regulations than Switzerland, as it requires a license to drive boats of more than 6HP (4.5kW), while Switzerland only requests a license for boat having more than 8.5HP (6kW).
- French resident holding licenses issued by an EU country must convert it to a French license at their *Prefecture*.

Concretely:

- To validate a Gib Sea test (engine 9.7HP) for a member living in Switzerland, sailing and motor licenses are necessary. For a member living in France, a motor license will do, but the YCC theory test is also required.
- To validate a SU/J80 test for a member living in Switzerland, a sailing license is needed. A member living in France must pass the YCC theory test, as SU and *Jedi* have engines smaller than 6HP.
- To validate an M test, members have to show their motor licence whatever their country of residence.
- To validate a Rib test, there is nothing to show for members living in Switzerland, while a motor license is necessary for members living in France.

Regarding the personnel, Tomasz Ładziński coordinated the CC course, Gonzalo Peñacoba the Cat courses, Sascha Schmeling the GS, Torsten Layda the SU, Rachid Mazini the Y, and, as stated above, Paul Smith the D courses. The theory courses were given by Michel Cornevin, Patrick Diday, Sebastian Łopieński, Rachid Mazini, Paul Smith, Slawosz Uznanski, Rob Veenhof and Valentina Venturi. Thanks to all of them and to all the members teaching on the boats for their dedication.

Surveillance

(Tim Hancox notes again this year that no news is good news: Res Q II has fulfilled her allotted duties unobtrusively and deserved a good wash at the end of the season. Jean-Marc Leiser adds "pour le Q-Boat, noter que j'ai permis à huit personnes de plus d'obtenir la clé ou un refresh. L'équipe des bénévoles est donc bien grandie....")

Harbour Crane

Marcel Ardit

Following a serious incident in 2015, the "Capitainerie" introduced in 2016 a license system for operating the harbour cranes of Canton de Genève. Only professional shipyards and authorised club members are now allowed to handle those cranes after a mandatory one-day training. However the use of the crane by sailing clubs is restricted to the boats owned directly by the club.. Four YCC members volunteered and obtained their licenses this year: Jens Spanggaard, Tim Foster, David Porret and Marcel Ardit. Specific lifting equipment was purchased, and nine motor- and keel-boats are now on the YCC authorization list. Also, the club liability-insurance had to be adjusted to cover this activity. For 2017, at least four more YCC members are volunteers for obtaining the licenses and enlarging the group of authorized operators.

Cruise Report

(Manfred Willenbrock and others)

This year the YCC discussed several sailing destinations, finally deciding to go to the Ionian Islands in Greece for our Club cruise 2016, from 3rd to 10th September. After an announcement on the YCC web page we sent a message to all Club members and began to contact several charter companies.

We received very interesting offers: early booking -10%, Yachting Clubs -10% and new or recently build yachts were available. However - an old problem which we have every year - we could not reserve the boats because we hadn't yet got the crews together; when we had the first crew complete, the yachts we wanted were no longer available!

Slowly, during the summer, persons interested in the cruise contacted us and we were finally able to reserve three boats- not the newest but the best from the still available ones.

Our Club Treasurer Joanna helped us with all the work. She checked the reservation payments from the participants and informed us so we could put them on the reservations list and she made the transfer of the payments to the charter company. Thanks Joanna.

A total of 26 persons participated in the cruise:

From 3rd to 10th September

Sun Odyssey 36i

Crew:

Manfred Willenbrock
Dennis Grier
Jutta Weber
Alfons Weber

Sun Odyssey 43

Crew:

Marco Benvenuti
Michel Chevallier
Pascal Stenier
Bates Assilbekova
Nathalie Caboussat
Sylvia Betraneanu

Oceanis 45

Crew:

Michel Cornevin
Christian Boccard
Jens Spanggaard
Consuelo Concalves Peres
Bernard Cornevin
Anne Cornevin
Jean Cornevin
Fanny George

From 10th to 17th September:

Sun Odyssey 43

Crew:

Marco Benvenuti
Michel Chevallier
Pascal Stenier
Dan Nae
Cassandra Quintanilla
Silvie Aebi
Richard Grahm

Sun Odyssey 46.9

Crew:

Michel Cornevin
Christian Boccard
Jens Spanngard
Consuelo Concalves Peres
Bernard Cornevin
Denise Lew
Arvind Gupta Lawrence

Cruise report of the Sun Odyssey 36i**Saturday, 3rd September:**

After a great dinner with the other YCC members in Preveza on the evening of the 2nd we arrive at Lefkas, the marina for start and end of our cruise. Lefkas is a small town with a huge, very active and crowded marina.

We find the boat – built 2008 – is ready early and after the inventory and provisioning of the yacht we set out at 4 o'clock in the afternoon for Ormos Varko where we anchor for a quiet night. Here we found that the dinghy pump was missing; it came to the beach near the mooring the following morning, from the agency by motorbike!

Sunday 4th:

Slow, easy sailing to Porto Leone, a picturesque bay on the island Kalamos. Here the earthquake of 1953 destroyed the town and water supply; today it is a very peaceful place.

Monday 5th:

Sailing to the island of Ithaki, with a lunch stop in One House Bay on the island of Atokos. This is one of the typical amazing things about Greece – this beautiful place has just one old house; there is probably no water on the island! The weather worsens and under a stormy sky and strong wind we take shelter in the evening in Sarakiniko bay, on the east coast of Ithaki.

Tuesday 6th:

The weather is still stormy so we decide to move to the more sheltered Vathi, Ithaki for the night. After an interesting sail, we tie up alongside the quay in Vathi where we are drenched by the rain and wind and are happy to find a nice tavern for dinner.

Wednesday 7th:

A sunny morning where we hang all our wet clothes over the boom to dry. With a good NW wind we round Ithaki southward and spend the afternoon tacking up the Ithaki channel. In spite of a superbly cut genoa we have to tack 12 times to reach Fiscardo village in the evening. As usual, all the moorings in the bay are taken but we find plenty of room to anchor on the opposite side of the bay, sheltered from the NW winds. At this time, there were no warnings from the weather forecast.

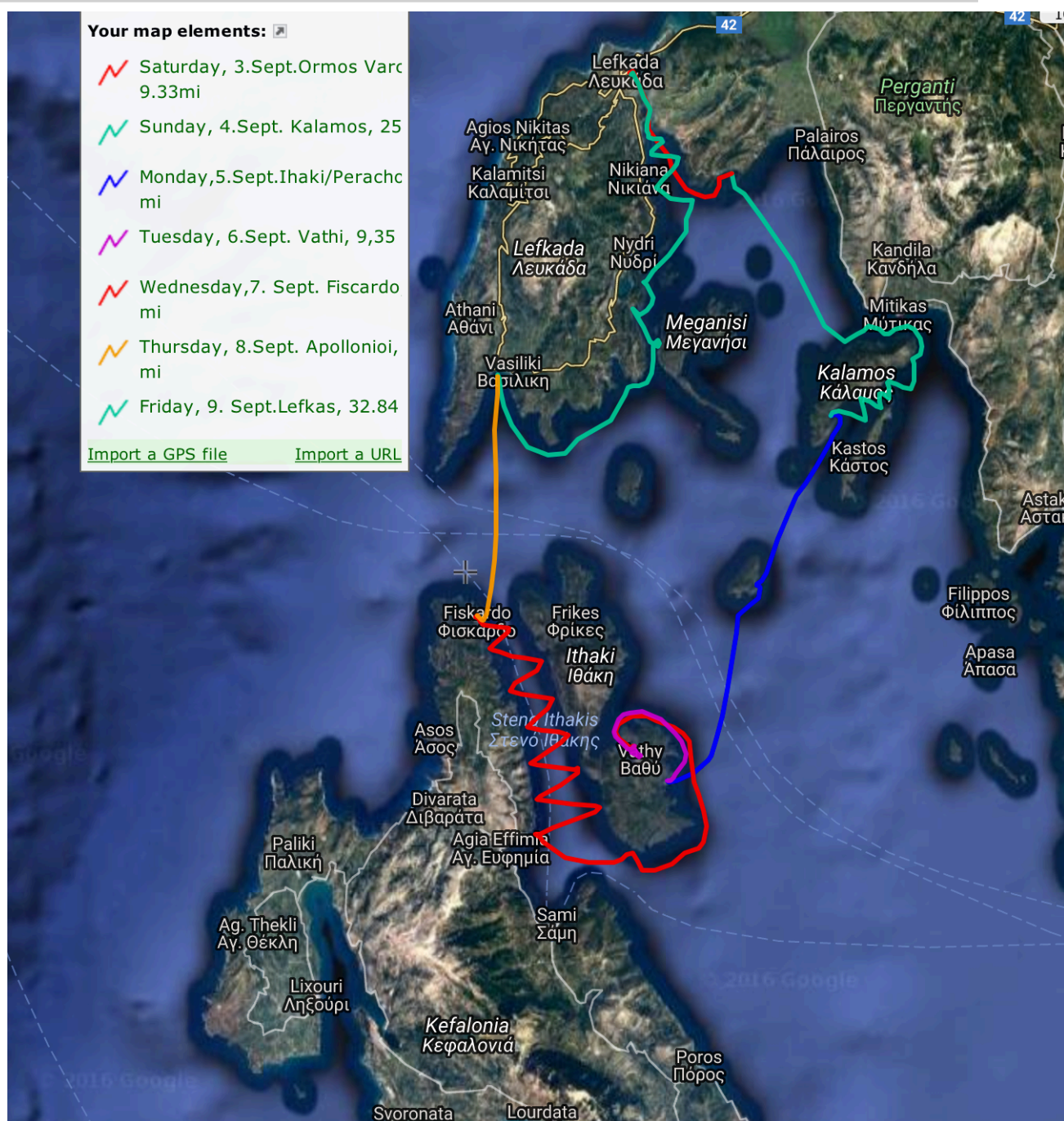
After an excellent Greek dinner, we retire to the boat for a good night's sleep but sometime after midnight are awoken by the wind from SE kicking up waves. The wind strengthens and there is chaos in the bay with anchors not holding on the weedy bottom and skippers shouting everywhere. The wind gets up to Bf. 6 and several boats have slipped their stern lines and are trying to get away from the rocks. We spend the night on deck hoping that the mess of anchor chains lying over our anchor gets sorted out, but it is early morning before we can escape out of the bay.

**Thursday 8th:**

All morning, beating against a good NE Bf. 6/7 toward Sivota. With two reefs in the main and half the Genoa rolled in, we can't get close enough to wind to avoid tacking in a rough sea. We change course for Apolloniol Bay where we arrive in the evening and anchor in 20m to keep well away from the shore during the night. Looking at the GPS anchor alarm in the morning we see our track winding around the anchor in every direction!

Friday 9th:

With a warm wind on a fine day we sail slowly northwards arriving in Lefkas marina at 1800h for the check-in inventory. The end of a difficult but interesting cruise with unexpected weather but with a boat in much better condition than we had expected.



Cruise Report 2

(Marco Benvenuti)

KOS 43.5 was the name of the third sailboat rented by YCC in Lefkada, Greece from 3rd to 17th September. The preparation took most of the organizational effort (including some 100+ mail messages and three meetings in Port Choiseul) during the months preceding the Cruise. But it did pay off: once on the island of Lefkada there were in fact no discussions or hesitations on what to do, where to go and even what groceries to buy, which was a good

lesson learned for everybody, especially me. Yet, we forgot to buy tomatoes and proper παρθένο olive oil, which for me, when in Greece, is akin to profanity.

Nonetheless, we had all agreed to do a tour with 3/4 sailing and 1/4 tourism, mostly comprising sea, wind and sky; we reasonably managed to stick to that. Our rather large vessel, with a nice battened mainsail, accommodated seven people, still leaving one berth free for storage. There was a mid-trip rotation of four people who left after the first week, replaced by four other YCC members on the second one, thus a total of eleven people participated in the trip. Michel, Pascal and myself were the happy three who experienced the whole adventure.

The trip was memorable, at least for me. The Ionian Islands are such a great playground for sailing that I would certainly return there anytime, confident of having a diverse experience on each trip. The Islands are all beautiful still different, food is delicious, people are laid-back and the water temperature is a constant temptation to stop sailing and swim. What more? While sea conditions can be rough and like everywhere in the Mediterranean, change snappily, the sheer number of islands and bays that surround you at any moment offer shelter and limit the height of waves and swell.

Still, the best part of the trip was our crew, us, ourselves. As in all YCC activities, you find yourself with new friends, splendid people you would never have come across if it wasn't for the Club. In just two weeks I shared those moments and became friends with Anne, Bates, Cassandra, Dan, Michel, Natalie, Pascal, Richard, Silvia and Sylvie. We shared the sun, the bread, the storms and two tiny toilets. I bet there will always be that feeling of complicity every time we meet in Port Choiseul. Invaluable.

OK, if you think this is too healthy-looking, get this: we did have a small Apollo-13 kind of problem: we sprang a severe leak in Zakynthos and were forced to sail back to Lefkada in the midst of a storm, using the manual bilge-pump to pump out incoming water. During this happy passage, in the dead of night, we were blessed with gusts exceeding 45Kt in the tiny harbour of Sivota. Well, we survived and still thank our anchor for holding out. But I don't think we'll forget that easily.

My personal thanks to Manfred for the organisation and to the crew for their competence, infinite patience and loved friendship. To YCC, as usual, goes my gratitude.

Berthing the fleet

(We do not normally provide a section on this well-honed – thanks, Gijis! – regular event but the pictures below – thanks, Jens! – have to be slipped in somehow...)



Our GibSea 264 Gipsy as you may never have seen her before



Your Committee always selects a warm sunny day for the fleet berthing

Social activities

(Silvia Costantini, Rachid Mazini)

Meeting new and old friends during and after sailing is one of the most appreciated pleasures of the sailing season at the YCC.

Besides spontaneous gatherings by members at the *Buvette*, several activities are also offered by the YCC committee and are always very well attended.

As usual the YCC season started with the Launching of the fleet, followed by a brunch for the hard-working Club members who helped on that day.

At the end of April, the Welcome party at the CNV rotunda was attended by at least 60 members as well as some CNV representatives. Not surprisingly, because what's better than meeting and talking about sailing activities with friends enjoying good food and wine? :-)

A few BBQs, extended to families and friends, were organized by the BBQ team on Thursdays, with the usual BBQ formula: "bring your own food and good mood". The BBQ team is always looking for members: do not hesitate to volunteer and you'll be awarded the highly demanded "BBQ key".

Two new open outings on the *Neptune* (<http://neptunegeneve.ch/>) were offered for the first time this year and were enthusiastically attended each time by almost 70 members and friends. Excellent mood of the participants,

plenty of good food and wine, nice warm weather and the great music of the five musicians of the “UN jazztet” contributed to the success of those outings, as shown in the pictures below. (Thanks to Laure Chevalier, Tom Wegelius and Rachid Mazini.)



The Club helpers (teachers, Q-boat drivers, cruise skippers, members who helped with maintenance and other activities) were invited to an aperitif and Fondue cruise on CGN *Vevey* at the end of October (pictures from Rachid Mazini).



Not forgetting a very well attended picnic for the Berthing of the fleet, the end of the season will be celebrated by an aperitif and dinner after the AGM at the restaurant *Le Pirate* in Ferney-Voltaire.

Shop

(Silvia Costantini, Giorgio Lopez)

The YCC shop stock was renewed in 2016 with several new polos, t-shirts, racer vests, and regatta books. Classic blue polos for men had as usual a reasonable success, and fuchsia polos for ladies became a must-have: not only for regattas but also for aperitif outings, as in the picture.

New items for the 2017 season will be ordered soon. Please get in contact with Giorgio at ycc.shop@cern.ch if you would like to suggest new items or colours for 2017, and to purchase the 2016 items still on sale.



Photo: Silvia Cammarota

Insurance

(Haude Morel and Marcel Arditi)

Marcel Arditi - ycc-insurance@cern.ch

Haude Morel - ycc-insurance@cern.ch

What happened this year?

- In April every year, we ask Helvetia for :
a "RC (responsabilité civile) club" (CHF 5 000 000) insurance
certificate for the Police about organizing internal regattas that has
been extended for the CERN Cup too,

a CASCO insurance certificate for YCC boats participating in external regattas.

- Insurance taken out with YCC's insurance company, Helvetia, for new boats: dinghies: 1 RS400, 1 RS500, 1 29er; keelboats: Edel with mooring place at Port-Choiseul / Insurance cancelled for boats sold: 2 Laser2, ISO/additional RC club insurance for Port-Choiseul keelboats crane.
- Review of R and GS key holders living in France and holding or not the French motor license required for engines above 6HP
- Accidents and theft follow-up (claim reports and follow-up – this year : one accident during the season 2015-16)

Insurance coverage 2016

- The new boats insurance includes :
 - RC (CHF 2 000 000)
 - CASCO complet (fully comprehensive), external regattas, *dégâts naturels* (natural damage)
 - Accidents : recovery costs, death (CHF 40 000), disability (CHF 80 000)
- Reminder : The old Yngling, Aquila and Edel are only insured RC

What to do in case of an accident:

- YCC members should report every incident / damage to Marcel Arditi (newly co-responsible YCC Committee member for insurance in 2015-16) and me as soon as possible (not only via the logbook)
- And in general :
 - See General Info and Web page "maintenance, accidents" for more info
 - Contact us with any question : ycc-insurance@cern.ch

THANK YOU!

Boat Statistics

(Enrico Bravin)

Reservation and Keys Systems

Enrico Bravin

Foreword:

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.

In particular the *out of service* looks suspiciously low, probably because of a misusage of the system.

Reservations in 2016

(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)

Reserved boat	645
Other than reserved boat	35
Did not sail	490

Reservations by Period

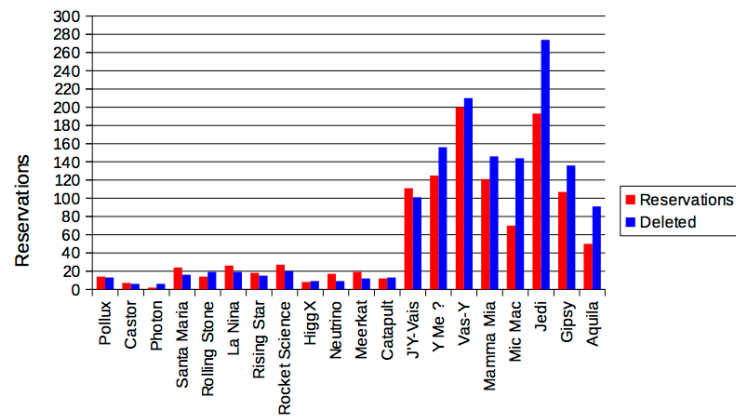
Period	Reservations	Deleted
8:12	87	114
12:15	237	311
15:18	388	424
18:20	458	569

Reservations by Boat

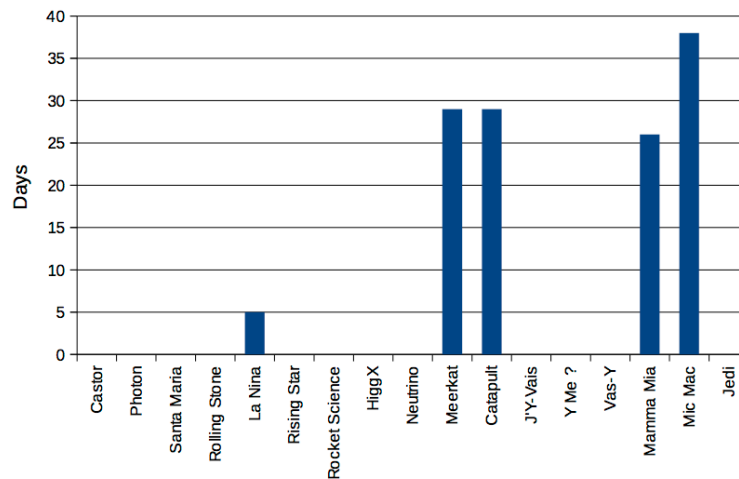
	Reservations	Deleted	Administrator	Administrator Deleted	Out of Service (days)
Pollux	14	13	95	99	0
Castor	7	6	104	106	0
Photon	2	6	87	101	0
Santa Maria	24	16	87	50	0
Rolling Stone	14	19	93	97	0
La Nina	26	19	150	63	5
Rising Star	18	15	89	104	0
Rocket Science	27	20	88	99	0
HiggX	8	9	87	99	0
Neutrino	17	9	53	80	0
Meerkat	19	12	58	79	29
Catapult	12	13	36	76	29
J'Y-Vais	111	101	100	95	0
Y Me ?	125	156	108	95	0
Vas-Y	200	210	54	114	0
Mamma Mia	121	146	134	103	26
Mic Mac	70	144	169	84	38
Jedi	193	274	112	98	0
Gipsy	107	136	76	75	0
Aquila	50	91	38	71	0

Reservations in 2016 continued

Reservations by Boat



Out of Service

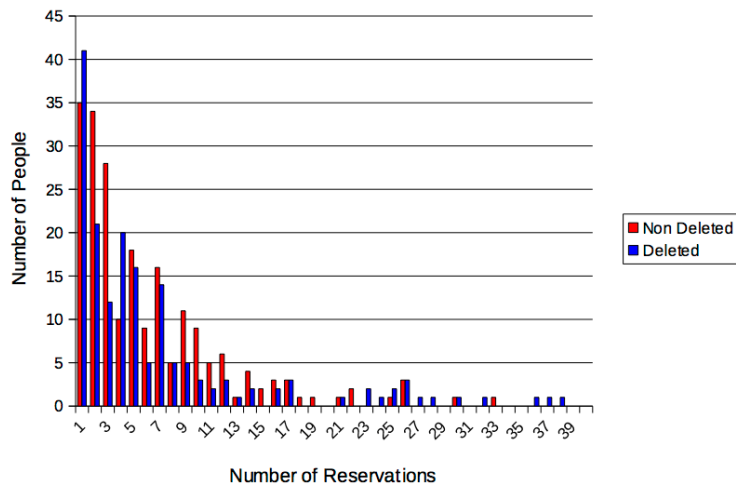


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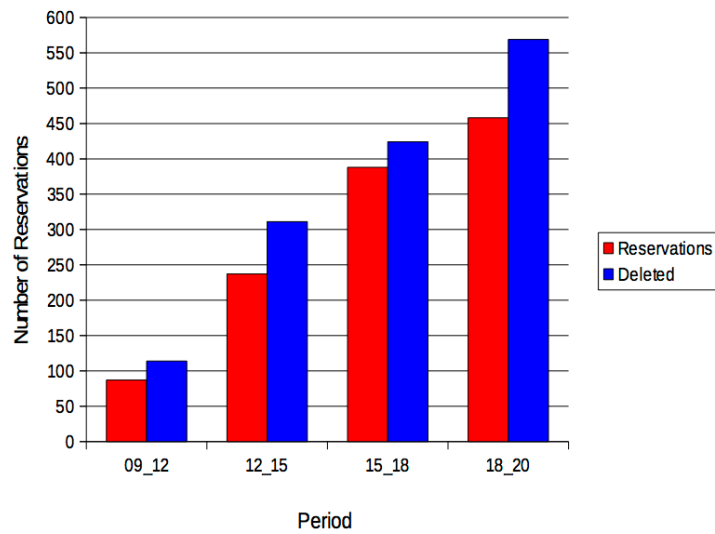
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Reservations by members

*ex.: 35 members reserved only once during the year, 16 members reserved 7 times etc.



Reservations by time of day

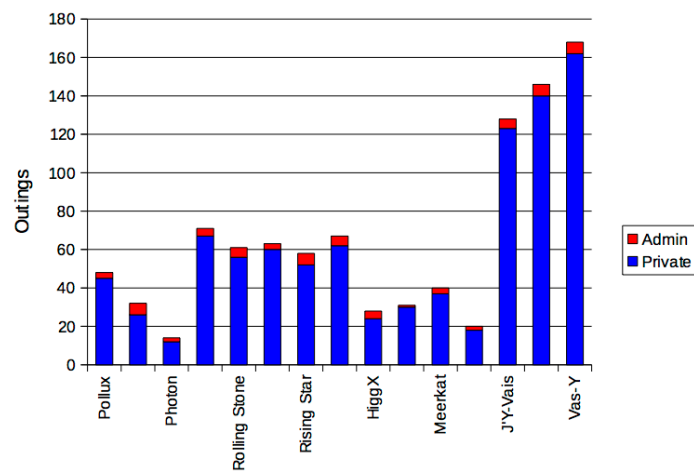


Keys taken between April 4 and October 21 2016

(From the data in the database)

*only "outings" longer than 30 minutes are considered
The Lasers do not have keys so there is no statistics for them

	Private	Administrator	
Dinghies			
Pollux	45	3	
Castor	26	6	
Photon	12	2	
Santa Maria	67	4	
Rolling Stone	56	5	
La Nina	60	3	
Rising Star	52	6	
Rocket Science	62	5	
HiggX	24	4	
Neutrino	30	1	
	434	39	473
Catamarans			
Meerkat	37	3	
Catapult	18	2	
	55	5	60
Ynglings			
J'Y-Vais	123	5	
Y Me ?	140	6	
Vas-Y	162	6	
	425	17	442
Surprise / J80			
Mamma Mia	151	5	
Mic Mac	82	5	
Jedi	160	2	
	393	12	405
GibSea / Aquila			
Gipsy	100	3	
Aquila	14	0	
	114	3	117
Total	1421	76	1497



Member Statistics

(Elena Gianolio)

To update your own information :

https://apex.cern.ch/pls/htmlldb_ycc/f?p=200:1

<i>Members</i>	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Active	219	233	253	255	230	246	250	261	320	302	310	292	315	321	336	341
<i>Active (new)</i>	62	61	71	54	42	65	67	54	93	54	68	58	61	68	72	63
Junior	5	8	10	11	8	9	11	9	13	10	7	14	10	10	6	9
<i>Junior (new)</i>	4	6	6	8	6	3	7	4	8	4	2	10	4	5	3	7
Temporary	2	2	3	2	2	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	2
Honorary	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Friends	35	32	36	30	42	30	26	24	16	22	12	13	7	7	9	14
Total	263	277	304	300	284	288	289	297	351	338	332	321	334	340	353	368

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
CERN	139	138	140	147	134	129	141	148	171	170	145	149	165	149	160	172
Extra-CERN	92	109	127	122	120	129	119	120	148	142	159	141	147	171	174	173
CERN-related	32	30	37	31	30	30	29	29	32	26	28	31	22	20	19	23

<i>Country of Origin</i>	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Argentina (AR)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Armenia (AM)	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Australia (AU)	1	1	1	2	1	4	1	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	2	2
Austria (AT)	10	10	10	13	15	12	15	16	17	14	13	12	9	9	9	8
Belgium (BE)	6	3	2	3	4	2	5	2	6	5	4	3	1	4	5	8
Brazil (BR)					1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
Bulgaria (BG)						1	-	-	2	2	2	-	1	1	-	-
Canada (CA)	3	4	3	2	3	5	4	2	1	-	2	3	4	3	6	5
Chile (CL)								1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
Colombia (CO)							1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Croatia (HR)							1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Czech Rep. (CZ)		1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	1	1	1	2
Cyprus (CY)														1	-	-
Denmark (DK)	2	3	1	3	2	3	4	4	4	2	3	3	3	3	4	5
Ecuador (EC)			1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1
Egypt (EG)				1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Finland (FI)			1	2	3	3	3	4	5	5	3	3	4	4	3	4
France (FR)	33	31	35	37	30	36	38	35	40	34	39	39	36	33	37	39
Germany (DE)	47	48	49	45	38	41	33	37	43	51	52	48	52	49	39	35
Greece (GR)	1	3	3	5	3	4	7	3	3	3	4	3	3	4	3	5
Hungary (HU)	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	2	2	3	2	1	1	1	2	3
India (IN)													1	-	-	-
Iran (IR)						1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ireland (IE)	1	1	2	1	1	-	2	3	3	4	3	2	3	2	2	3
Italy (IT)	45	56	65	57	59	52	46	51	62	61	55	61	68	69	79	76
Japan (JP)	1	1	1	2	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	2	3	1	1
Korea (KR)						2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lithuania (LT)			1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Luxembourg (LU)						1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malaysia (MY)										1	1	-	-	1	1	1
Malta (MT)					1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
Morocco (MA)									1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Mexico (MX)	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	2	2	1	-	-		2	1	3
Netherlands (NL)	13	8	11	11	9	9	13	15	12	9	10	7	7	7	7	8
Norway (NO)	3	3	4	5	4	3	4	-	1	-	1	1		-	1	1
Paraguay (PY)																1
Philippines (PH)									1	1	1	-		-	-	-
Poland (PL)	4	10	11	12	14	14	14	19	18	17	15	20	17	13	15	21
Portugal (PT)	10	3	5	6	7	9	11	9	13	15	9	7	8	8	10	10
Puerto Rico (PR)								1	-	-	-	-		-	-	-
Romania (RO)							1	1	1	2	1	3	3	2	3	4
Russia (RU)	1	1	1	1	3	1	2	4	5	2	3	4	5	3	3	2
Serbia Montenegro (ME)									1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Slovakia (SK)									1	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
Slovenia (SI)					1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Solomon Islands (SB)								1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Africa (ZA)		1	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	2	2	1	1
Spain (ES)	16	17	14	13	13	12	11	18	25	14	18	12	17	19	18	19
Sweden (SE)	2	3	7	8	4	3	6	4	5	3	2	1	1	1	1	1
Switzerland (CH)	39	37	40	38	34	35	27	24	34	39	33	35	34	43	47	51
Trinidad and Tobago (TT)								1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-
Turkey (TR)						1	-	-	1	0	-	-	-	1	1	-
United Kingdom (UK)	18	23	24	22	23	23	29	28	29	32	37	38	35	34	35	33
USA (US)	5	9	8	8	6	7	5	4	4	6	6	6	6	4	5	4
Ukraine (UA)											1	-	-	-	-	-
Vietnam (VN)													1	1	-	-
Other (not specified)									1	2	-	-	1	1	2	1
<i>Total</i>	<i>263</i>	<i>277</i>	<i>304</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>284</i>	<i>288</i>	<i>289</i>	<i>297</i>	<i>351</i>	<i>338</i>	<i>332</i>	<i>321</i>	<i>334</i>	<i>340</i>	<i>357</i>	<i>367</i>

Notes