



YCC Yachting News

May 2007

From the President

Looking both backwards and forwards, I believe we may say that YCC is on the right rails. You will have seen this year's calendar of events and it is very largely an update of previous year's, since events were well supported and popular. We will continue **theory courses**, knowing that even experienced sailors can benefit from a little refresher (and for teachers to know exactly what their students may be expected to know). A decision a few years back to cut back slightly on organised social events seems to have had the desired effect that more people come to the fewer events: the November Closing Dinner which followed the General Meeting was a success we intend to repeat. Do not forget the **Opening Dinner**, 12 May at Restaurant Bois Joli (see Web for details and to sign up, as always). It will follow the **Opening Regatta** which you will certainly not want to miss - your first chance to get a foot on the rungs of the ladder of success - who will win the season's overall championship of regattas? Categories still keelboat skipper; dinghy skipper; dinghy crew. Boat allocations for the regatta at midday, 12

May: don't be late! Inexperienced newcomers of course also welcome.

We reported a few years back that use of "both" Ynglings and Surprises was close to saturation. This resulted in our buying two new Ynglings, and refurbishing the best of the old ones (the other was traded in, back to the Netherlands). We have three now of course, and the older one has the advantage of still being legal for four people. Yngling use is still close to saturation, which is generally good news; Surprise use rather less, perhaps surprisingly (sorry!) but perhaps because that test has had a needed tightening up. But I cannot refrain from pointing out that dinghies and catamarans were proportionately under-used last season, apart from in courses, even on those long summer evenings! Many people feel that handling a dinghy properly is a better indication of a good sailor than being fifth crewmember on a keelboat. Let's go into the 2007 season with the determination to use the whole fleet enjoyably, safely, and fully.

A word on regatta develop-

ments is appropriate. One of the greater changes four years back was a much heavier commitment to **external regattas**. Interest then faded for a couple of seasons, and we will be looking closely at our commitment to these, which depends fully on membership interest. Of course external regattas do block the boats from other use at the same time, for instance if a Surprise necessarily has to be moored uplake for a week or more. Rest assured that we review the situation from time to time with the aim of ensuring the greatest happiness of the greatest number! There is also on-going discussion of the purpose of our participation in external regattas: to say "to win" is true but simplistic. YCC crews may never aspire to the levels of corporate expertise of "Alinghi" but how far down the training needs do we go before our participation begins to look like just a Sunday outing? In this, as in other matters, please give us feedback: YCC committee or individuals will always be interested in your views.

Good sailing, see you soon!

Tomasz

Payments

Most of you will already have paid your dues for the year: shame on those of you who have not! Your Club Needs You! Note that we do not have a direct fibre link from UBS teller machines to the Versoix phone booth... There are people behind looking at the accounts, updating fields etc., all on voluntary basis and in their free time. With the automatic key system linked to the members database anyone who has not paid for the current season cannot reserve a boat nor take a key. Late payers have a tendency of sending mails to the treasurer, the database administrator, the president etc.— unfortunately we just cannot make the updates 'per case' and wait for a quiet moment to process some 10 days of account movements. In order to avoid problems, please pay before the end of March for the following season!

Feedback and comments about this newsletter or to contact the YCC committee send your emails to:

club-yachting-committee@cern.ch

For information about the club, committee, members, events, external regattas etc.

Website:
<http://cern.ch/yachting/>



Successful Fleet Launching

The day we launched the fleet is a long way behind us now, but many thanks to all those willing people who turned up - it was a nice day anyway and what better way to get yourself in the mood for summer activities? Marco Benvenuti was very busy recording the event for posterity: see his collection on <http://picasaweb.google.com/fullerton.jr/YCCLaunchingOfTheFleet2007MarcoPictures>

Opening Dinner

The club's opening dinner will take place on **12 May**, after the season's first regatta taking place earlier in the day. Members of the YCC are invited to participate in the Opening Dinner, whether or not they participate in the regatta. The event will be held at the **Bois Joly** (www.boisjoly.com) restaurant in **Crozet** (direction *teleferique*), starting with an aperitif at **20h00**.

Menu 30 Euros (including drinks)

Bouchée à la reine

or

Terrine aux morilles

or

Salade Paysanne

Filet de poisson au basilic

or

Roast-beef sauce marchand de vin

or

Suprême de Volaille aux Champignon

Assiette de fromages

or

Fromage blanc

Dessert au choix

You can reserve online before **12:00 on Friday 4 May** and see who else is coming at https://cern.ch/yachting/cgi-bin/res/login.pl?urlfrom=opening_dinner.pl
Please also choose your menu online <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=686793598257>

Upcoming Events

May

9th: Newcomers Welcome Evening

All new YCC members are invited to join the Committee at the CNV in Versoix at 20:30—to meet the club and each other.

10th: First Thursday Training, please note that 17th there is no training (Ascension)

12th, Saturday: Opening Regatta 12th, Saturday: Opening Dinner

June

3rd, Sunday: Monthly Regatta

17th, Sunday: Traverse du Lac Regatta

23rd and 24th (weekend): Match Race for Surprises Don't forget to start forming crews, for more information contact [Michal Kwiatek](mailto:michal.kwiatek@cern.ch) (michal.kwiatek@cern.ch)

Arrival of Xenon

Many members will already be aware that your Committee has placed an order for the new dinghy which we can afford (see above about paying your subs, and course payments should already be in our bank account!) A reminder that the Xenon was chosen after much discussion of rival merits and some practical experience - we remind you of John Fullerton's (and others!) selfless trip to Antigua in Darkest Winter, merely to test boats for your happiness! His pictures on

<https://sam.home.cern.ch/sam/sail/AntiguaYCC/target14.html> will give you some idea of the competing boats and remind you, for instance, how **not** to capsize a catamaran at high speed!

The new Xenon deserves - and needs, of course - a new name. All proposals welcome: we remind you of a well-established tradition of naming club boats with some sort of link with physics, with CERN, possibly with a potential sister name for a future sister-boat? We have a couple of proposals already and as usual, they have not each been received unanimously, so the field is still wide open. The decision will take place at the Opening Dinner, so don't forget to come with a name proposal!