

Rules of YCC Cruises

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Preface

These rules establish comprehensive guidelines for both participants and organizers of YCC Cruises. They ensure the equitable treatment of YCC members while prioritizing safety and enjoyment during these pivotal activities of the club.

Every YCC member participating in the cruise agrees to abide by these rules and collaborate with the Cruise Organizers and fellow participants in all aspects outlined below.

The YCC aims to organize cruises in a manner that accommodates various participant profiles, including experienced sailors, beginners, newcomers, young members and those not so young, etc. Efforts will be made to minimize the repetition of past crew compositions and to welcome new faces whenever possible. For safety purposes, each crew will include a sufficient number of experienced participants, not only for their technical competence but for their familiarity with the club.

Note about privacy: members' participation in a YCC cruise is public within the Club. Attention is drawn to the YCC club rule 4.13: "*All members accept that during any kind of events organized by the club, the names of participants are shared with other members of the Club. This applies to Thursday outings, dinghy days, training days, tests, courses, internal and external regattas, social events, cruises, online polls, etc*".

Furthermore, the YCC may be mandated by national maritime authorities to provide crew ID data (usually, birthdate, residence and nationality). While the club will handle this information with utmost confidentiality, it may be accessed by both the *Organizers* and the *Skippers* as necessary.

1. Participation

- a. The YCC sea cruises aim to foster the club spirit and values and to familiarize members with the various dimensions of sea sailing.
- b. The *Cruise Organisers* are the members of the YCC Committee tasked with this role by the YCC General Assembly.
- c. The *Skippers* and the *co-Skippers* for the YCC Cruise are selected by the Cruise Organisers from volunteering YCC members, possessing requisite experience and licences.
- d. The date, the duration, the venue of each cruise and the number of participating boats are defined by the Cruise Organisers after discussion with potential Skippers and co-Skippers.
- e. The YCC Committee reserves the right to cancel a cruise at any stage of its organization, particularly, but not exclusively, for safety considerations.

2. Reservation of cruising boats

- a. The Cruise Organizers are responsible for selecting one or more Charter Agencies.
- b. The *charter reservation fees* are paid to the Charter Agencies by the YCC *Treasurer* from the YCC budget.

- c. The charter reservation fees are reimbursed to the YCC by the cruise participants, unless the cruise is cancelled.
- d. If the YCC cancels the cruise, participants will have their expenses related to boat reservations reimbursed by the YCC

3. Allocation of places

- a. The cruise details are announced by the Cruise Organisers through the YCC mailing list. The YCC members shall express their interest by contacting the Cruise Organisers. The Cruise Organisers accept interested YCC members and compose the *Cruise List*. Submitting an expression of interest does not automatically guarantee a place on the cruise.
- b. The places in the YCC cruises are allocated considering skills and individual preferences of participants. Skippers are encouraged to invite new members to be part of their crews, once sufficient competent crew members are accounted for.
- c. The Cruise Organisers estimate the number of crew places on each boat including the Skipper and Co-Skipper. All YCC members can apply for these places. The Cruise Organisers keep a list of applicants interested in participating in the cruise.
- d. Each Skipper holds the ultimate responsibility for the safety of both their crew and vessel. Accordingly, they have the final say on who can be in their crew at any stage of the organization and during the cruise itself.
- e. The allocation of a place is confirmed after the corresponding Skipper agreed to accept the participant and the reservation fee has been paid by the participant.

4. Reservation payments

- a. The call for payment of reservation fees is issued by the Cruise Organisers through the e-mail to the YCC members who have been assigned a place. This payment is done directly to the YCC account adding in reference of YCC Cruise and the name of the participant. In case of last-minute adjustments, the Cruise Organisers can make individual call for payment for YCC members from the Cruise List.
- b. The reservation payment is done by members with assigned places to the YCC Treasurer. Failure to pay the reservation fee by the specified deadline will be considered as cancellation with immediate effect. To find the replacement, the procedure following the article 3 will be applied.

5. Cancellation

- a. In general, no reservation fee will be refunded (neither partially nor in full) by the YCC in the case of an individual cancellation. Participants are advised to use their individual travel insurances, should they wish to cancel their participation and to recover their fees.
- b. A cancelled place becomes *available* with immediate effect. The Cruise Organisers will try to find a replacement following the article 3. A new call for participation can be issued, if no suitable candidate is found in the Cruise List. The reservation fee of the cancelling member will be refunded, if a replacement is found.
- c. The YCC is *not* responsible for the travel organisation. Travel to the venue of the cruise is the responsibility of each participant. Participants should have their own travel insurance for flight cancellation, illness, accident or other problems leading to non- or partial participation in the cruise. The YCC will not compensate any travel expense incurred.

6. Final payments

- a. A call for final payment is issued by the Cruise Organisers to the confirmed participants. This payment will have to be received from the participants within one week after the request is sent out.
- b. The final costs will be calculated for each boat individually and be paid by the skipper and crew to the YCC in equal shares.
Any remainder due an accounting imbalance (e.g., fluctuation in currency exchange rate) will be transferred by the YCC Treasurer to the corresponding skippers to be shared with their respective crew.
- c. Any extras costs related to the boat charter, but not making part of the initial reservation payments (such as optional equipment, extra sails, bed linen, towels etc.) shall be paid by the skippers and their crew directly to the respective Charter companies. Such payments are normally due on the first day of the cruise.

7. Miscellaneous

- a. Each skipper shall take out an insurance covering the security deposit for the boat for the specific cruise. The cost of this insurance is shared among the participants of each boat.
- b. The common cruise expenses, such as mooring fees, fuel, food, common entertainment etc., shall be paid by participants as organized by their skipper.
- c. The transportation to and from the cruise beginning and end points shall be organised and paid by participants personally or in collaboration with their fellow skipper and crew members.