

Rules of YCC Cruises

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Principles

Participating in a YCC cruise implies abiding by these rules and to collaborate with the cruise Organizers and fellow participants in all aspects outlined below.

YCC Cruises are exclusive to YCC members, who must be members at the time of requesting participation. Membership cannot be deferred until a spot is offered.

YCC cruises welcome diverse participants, including experienced sailors, beginners, newcomers, and members of all ages. Efforts are made to avoid repeating past crew compositions and to include new faces. For safety, each crew includes enough experienced members, both for technical skills and familiarity with the club.

One's participation in a YCC cruise is public within the Club. Attention is drawn to the YCC club [rule 4.16](#): *“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 <...>, cruises, online polls, etc”*.

Similarly, YCC is often required by national authorities to provide crew ID data (e.g., birthdate, residence, nationality). This information will be kept confidential but may be accessed by Organizers and Skippers as needed.

Rules

1. General

- a. The *Cruise Organisers* are the members of the YCC Committee tasked with this role by the YCC General Assembly.
- b. Skippers and co-Skippers are volunteer club members appointed by the YCC based on their reputation and experience. To become a skipper, a YCC member must have successfully served as a co-skipper on a week-long YCC cruise.
- c. Skippers represent the YCC to their crew, holding ultimate responsibility for safety and vessel operation. They have final authority on crew selection, both during organization and the cruise.
- d. The YCC Committee, in consultation with potential Skippers, defines the date, duration, venue, and number of participating boats for each cruise.
- e. The YCC Committee reserves the right to cancel or modify a cruise itinerary at any stage, including during the cruise, especially for safety reasons.

2. Reservation of cruising boats

- a. The Cruise Organizers are responsible for securing yachts.
- b. The *charter rental fees* are paid to the Charter Agencies by the YCC *Treasurer* from the YCC budget.
- c. The charter rental fees are reimbursed to the YCC by the cruise participants.

- d. Should YCC cancel the cruise, participants will have their expenses related to boat reservations reimbursed by the YCC.

3. Allocation of places

- a. Applying for a place in the cruise does not automatically guarantee a place.
- b. There is no first-come first-served. Places in the YCC cruises are allocated considering skills and individual preferences of participants.
- c. The allocation of a place is confirmed only after the corresponding Skipper agrees to accept the participant.

4. Final payments

- a. The final individual fee will be calculated separately for each boat and be paid by the skipper and crew to the YCC in equal shares.
- b. One participant requiring several spots, if granted by the skipper, will pay the individual fee multiplied by the number of granted spots.
- c. A call for final payment is sent to confirmed participants, who must pay within one week. Failure to pay is considered a cancellation.

5. Cancellation

- d. If a member cancels, the club will attempt to find a replacement per Article 3. The reservation fee will be refunded once paid by a replacement. If no replacement is found, the fee is non-refundable.
- e. In case of cancellation, other related expenses, such as travel or accommodation are not reimbursed by YCC.

6. Miscellaneous

- a. Each boat shall take out an insurance covering the security deposit for the boat for the specific cruise. The premium is shared by all occupants of the yacht.
- b. Each Skipper must have personal liability insurance that covers injuries to crew members onboard the yacht in case of an accident. The club may choose to fund this insurance on a per-event basis.
- c. Participants are responsible for their own travel to the cruise venue. Unless otherwise advertised, YCC does not organize travel or accommodation arrangements.
- d. Participants are advised to account for potential delays and ensure timely arrival at the venue for cast-off. Skippers are not obliged to wait for late arrivals, in which case crews must arrange their own way to join the yacht en route.