

YCC NEWSLETTER



APRIL 2025

THURSDAY PRACTICE

The first Thursday practice is planned this Thursday 17 April 6pm sharp, in [Port Choiseul, Versoix, in front of the regatta box.](#)

Registration:

- Registration is mandatory for participation.
- This year, members will no longer receive a weekly email to register but, if they want to participate, they will need to register online on the [Thursday Practice webpage \(direct link\)](#)
- Registration closes at 6pm on Wednesday.

Lottery draw:

- Boat allocation is defined by a lottery draw to ensure equal opportunity for all participants.
- Confirmation will be sent on Thursday by email to registered members.

Allocation on Thursday 6pm:

- The boat allocation will be announced in Port Choiseul at 6pm sharp.
- Do not arrive late as you will miss your spot. which will be given to another member

Please read [guidelines](#) before joining the 1st time.
Contact the [coordination team](#) for questions.



FLEET LAUNCHING

The launch of the fleet on Saturday 5 April supervised by Gijs was a successful event with a wide participation of members. It was a unique experience for newcomers to get familiar with the operation of the club and make contact with other members in a friendly atmosphere thanks to our social activities organizers Federico and Alessandro.



Last but not least, after the practice, stay with us for a drink or a pizza at the CNV Rotonda for a friendly moment with the other members.



BOAT STATUS

Most of the keelboats are ready for sailing, a few are in final maintenance. Several dinghies and catamarans still require a shakedown outing before they can be declared ready for use. You can see the boat status, and reservation planning in [the new friendly web application](#).



NB: the new boat key system has been moved to a space shared with the CNV, below the CNV Restaurant. There are 2 security locks, one on the external door, one on the cupboard hosting the boat key system. To get these codes, please contact the boat maintenance coordinator from [the committee web page](#).

LEVEL 0 COURSE

Level 0 is a free course intended for new club members who would like to get a first sailing experience. The scope of this course includes basic sailing knowledge needed for level 1 courses and for developing their skills further in other club activities.

Schedule: 12/13 April and 11 May 2025.

[Details](#).

If interested, do the subscription to Level 0 course by filling the [Level 0 registration form](#).

Please contact Anastazja, our [Level 0 coordinator](#) for further information.

LOTTERY & PRACTICE

Every year, practice courses are awarded through the lottery extraction for all boat categories.

This year, the lottery closed on 17 March. We registered 180 participants and more than half were granted a spot. 96 course spots have been allocated!

This represents a record, compared to previous years (82 spots in 2024 and 86 in 2023). This reflects the outstanding commitment of the club teachers and of our course coordinator, Michel.

NB: It is not necessary to take a course to obtain a key. The weekly Thursday practices, regular Dinghy and Yngling practice (in summer), internal regattas and leisure outings with other club members will allow you to regularly practice and be up to the level to pass the exam to get a key.

Have a look to the activities proposed by the Club: [Activity 2025](#) web page and [Calendar](#).

THEORY COURSES

Five theory courses already took place and a few are still upcoming. Do not miss them ! You will acquire knowledge to put in practice when sailing.

Upcoming courses held at [CERN Room 13/2-005](#) with possibility of remote connection. [Full list](#).

Sailing rules on Swiss lakes 29 April, 6:30 pm.

External regattas information 05 May, 6:30 pm

REGATTAS

The regatta season is well underway! Last week five YCC members returned from Punat, Croatia where they were coached by former Melges24 World Champion Chris Rast at the 4-day training camp organised by the Swiss Sailing League (SSL). Congratulations to Pablo Velasco (skipper), Stefan Biereigel and Pau Oliveras who then went on to represent YCC in the Sea Challenger J70 event, finishing 3rd overall in a fleet of five.

May will be a particularly busy month: [5 different YCC teams will race in 4 different SSL leagues](#). Two of the teams will participate for the first time and we wish them all the best of luck!

Other regatta opportunities in May include La Double (two people per boat) and the Criterium Surprise, which are both taking place in Geneva. [Register your interest via the YCC website](#).

[Come and join in!](#) If you'd like to find out more about the different types of regattas, how you can join or form a YCC team, where to find key information, how to register, or if you have any other questions, come to our [External regattas info and Q&A session, Monday 5 May at 6:30pm at CERN Room 13/2-005 or via Zoom](#). To request a CERN entry badge, fill this [form](#).



YCC in Punat, Croatia – April 2025. Photo courtesy of SSLA.

The club is proud that the YCC team composed of Elia Borrego (skipper), Andres Vieitez, Kate Robertson and Nathalie Birt and Emmet Ryan (skipper), Anne-Laure Lamure, Michal Kwiatek and Ole Marqversen finished in 2nd position overall in 2024 and have promoted the YCC to the top J70 league in Switzerland, the Super League.



BA5 STORAGE

During winter, devoted members have worked in BA5, our storage space for boats, to clean and install new shelves to receive sails and equipment.



TRANSMANIQUE

Every year, traditionally, one member represents our club at the very challenging single-handed [SYZ Translématique en Solitaire](#) regatta.

[This year the event is being held on 29-31 August.](#)

One member of the YCC has already expressed his interest to participate. To open the opportunity for other YCC members to consider participating in the event, [interested members should contact the committee by email by 30 June at the latest.](#)



Farhad in 2024.



Sebastian in 2023, First in his category.

UPDATE YOUR PHONE NUMBER IN YCC DB

The club is also present in the Whatsapp community called "YCC WORLD".

To facilitate the annual review of members of the "YCC WORLD" community, it is important to register your WhatsApp phone number in the YCC member database as many members have this number different from their mobile phone number. The few users that have not (yet) registered their number have received a personal message inviting

them to do so or to identify themselves in the whatsapp community. If you did not receive a message, all is ok and you have nothing to do.

You can register and/or update your WhatsApp number from the membership page of the web site or by using directly [this link](#). From this page, you can also modify your personal information in the YCC database and remember that, when updating any phone number, always use the full international format which includes the plus sign (+), then country code, and national phone number.

The whatsapp 'YCC WORLD' Community is moderated and we encourage all members to join the "YCC Sailors" group which is the main group of the club. There are other groups that the users can join, but remember that some groups are limited to skippers only (members with specific keys) or are only used for the organization of events, outing and regattas where skippers are needed.

NEW 'SIEGE SOCIAL'

Following the decision of the last General Assembly to move the siege social of the club to Versoix, a letter has been sent to the Commune de Versoix requesting the recognition of the CERN Yachting Club as a Versoix sport association. [This will strengthen our link with the local authorities who have been always supporting our club.](#) A letter requesting the recognition of the club is being examined by the Mairie de Versoix.

NEWCOMERS DRINK

Friendly and festive atmosphere at our newcomers welcome drink on 24 March, organized by Alessandro and Federico to present our activities.



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