

YCC NEWSLETTER



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OUR CLUB IS GROWING

The club is very happy and proud to announce that the threshold of **400 active members** has been reached! It welcomes **104 new members** this season, which represents another achievement!

THE PRESIDENT'S WORD

The club has now a new constitution and a new set of rules. However often committee members receive requests to address issues which should not lead to additional rules as we would like to keep a lightweight set of rules covering the essential functioning of the club.

The difference between an association (club) and a professional business is that in the professional business customers pay for certain services that are defined and guaranteed while in the club members pay a membership fee which is then spent by the members to achieve a common goal. Therefore, the club member's obligation is not only to pay a membership fee but also to contribute to the club's life and operation.

This year we have welcomed an impressive number of new members representing more than 25% of the total members and it is an opportunity to explain again the club's culture.

The season is now running full steam and many boats (mainly Keelboats and Ynglings) are taken out more than 10 times each week. If we estimate that something on a boat breaks every 10 outings, there is, in average, a repair action on every boat every week. This requires a huge amount of time from the maintenance coordinators to organize the repair and a constant effort to identify volunteers willing to do maintenance operations.

This heavy work was again expressed during the last committee meeting and led the committee to compile **the list of points below that highlights the**

club's etiquette when sailing, when reserving and maintaining boats, and when handling incidents:

1. **Take good care of the boat to minimise the risk of damage.** If damage does happen during your outing or if you observe some prior damage, ask yourself if you are able fix it – many repairs are within your reach and it is fun to learn in the process! If the repair is more complex and you are not qualified, how can you help to fix it? **In any case report the damage in the logbook, but don't stop there.**
2. **Whenever a boat appears in the logbook in warning (yellow) mode, a maintenance action is required.** It is important that every member taking out this boat feels the obligation to initiate and follow-up the required repair, even despite the warning allows the boat to be used. There have been several cases of boats taken by many skippers over several weeks without making the effort of organizing the repair. This increases the risk of lowering the security on the boat by lack of maintenance and shows a lack of understanding from members that they are also responsible for the maintenance of the boats. We all understand that **certain types of maintenance need specific skills requiring the maintenance coordinator to be contacted, however, repairs within members' skills (like replacing a missing shackle, lost fender, broken tiller extension, patching a damaged sail with the onboard repair material, sewing a ripped cover...)** should be carried out immediately by the person noticing it. Remember that the cost of repairs are always reimbursed by the club.
3. **Sometimes maintenance issues mean that boats can suddenly be blocked from use,** where safety is a concern or when work needs to be done on them. In such cases, if you had a private outing booked during this time, maintenance or other club activities (courses, tests, club outings) take precedence.
4. **Fuel on keelboats is paid by the skippers.** Whenever a skipper uses the engine

for a long time or distance (for example, when returning without wind or when transferring the boat to a different harbour for a regatta), s/he is expected to refill the tank.

5. **It is unpleasant to see that some boats are reserved but not taken out or that the reservations are canceled just before the outing**, because this prevents other members from using the boats, specially for those extremely popular like the Ynglings. **To be respectful with other members, please cancel your reservation as soon as you know that you will not take the boat**, even if the reservation gets released after 15 minutes from the start time.
6. Last but not least, a reminder that **boat preparation for regattas is done by the skipper and the crew assigned to the boat**. **Do not expect the maintenance coordinators to do this work for you**.

To help members participate actively in maintenance activities, **the club plans to publish maintenance slots in the existing application used to register for surveillance slots**.

Finally, **the club needs more members with a towing hook on their car** as we often need to move boats from the harbour in Versoix to BA5 at CERN. On this point, we have also clarified that **there are no known issues when driving in Switzerland a French-registered car towing a Swiss-registered trailer**.

Looking forward to sailing with many of you !
Alberto.

YINGLING NEWS

The recent call for help to repair the Janisico's broken wooden boom support was picked up by Paul, one of our members, who selected the appropriate water-resistant wood, which he cut, sanded, drilled and epoxyed. He also made three additional sets to equip all other Ynglings. Thanks a lot !



FLEET STATUS & LOCATION

The entire fleet of our club is now available and extensively used on a daily basis.

All boats except the Yngling Janinisco are moored close to each other, close to the club Nautique de Versoix. You can see the exact location of all boats on the [Fleet page of our web site](#), thanks to the latest pictures taken by Federico



The latest move took place on 25th of July when the Zodiac Cadet RIB was put on land just below the Dinghy/Catamaran spots on the green carpet and the Gibsea moved to the RIB mooring. The Zodiac has now also also got his cover back.





Amongst the numerous maintenance and repair tasks organized by our maintenance coordinators, **the hull of our Dynamic 3000 (Miss R) has been cleaned underwater**, exploiting the scuba diving expertise of some members...



CLUB ACTIVITIES

The Club organizes **regular outings during the week at 6pm and in week ends, open to all members including beginners:**

[Thursday practice](#), [Dinghy Tuesday practice](#) ([pre-registration](#) required), [Internal regattas](#), [Level 0 outings](#). In addition, **the regular Yngling practice will start after the end of the courses.**

Consult the [club calendar](#) not to miss club events.

SEMAINE DU SOIR FOUNEX

It takes place every evening from 15 to 19 August, and is organized by the [Centre Nautique de Founex](#). This year more than 40 YCC members will be participating with 4 YCC boats in Founex: Padawan, Jedi, Mamma Mia and Mic Mac. Registration is closed.

TRANSLEMANIQUE EN SOLITAIRE

Andreas Valda, a pillar instructor of the club who trained tens of club's skippers **will represent the club at the [SYZ Translemanique en Solitaire](#) on 26th -28th of August**, on our Surprise "Mamma Mia". Congratulations Andreas and looking forward for your pictures and report !

YCC SEPTEMBER CRUISE

The traditional YCC cruise takes place from 3rd to 10th of September in the Balears, Spain, casting off from Palma de Mallorca. The cruise is now full, with 6 boats organised by the YCC. There are **46 participants in total**, including 6 skippers and 6 co-skippers. In addition, one present and one former YCC skippers have decided to join the fleet with their privately rented boats. We wish the whole team fair winds and nice holidays !

If you couldn't make to the YCC September cruise, one of our club members, François Enzler, organizes sailing cruises at sea. As professional skipper he offers benefits to YCC members joining his cruises (ie: discount on normal price, practice on passage planning, practice cruising skills).

Next cruise: **Channel crossing to Sicily Islands from Brittany -23 Sept to 8 Oct. There are 3 places left !** Contact [Francois](#) or check [this web page](#).

MOTOR BOAT LICENCE

This year, over 30 members declared their interest for passing the M-key. This is being coordinated by Marcel Arditi. **For club members residing in France and interested in passing the M-key, Marcel has negotiated a special group price for preparing the**

French "permis côtier" with the Proyachting school (the exam will take place in Versoix). If some members are interested, they should contact [Marcel Arditi](#) or [Jonathan Raillard](#) to subscribe for this season or register for the next one; also open to Swiss residents interested in the French permis de plaisance, option côtière ou hauturière.

NOT ONLY SAILING ...



Marine, on behalf of the YCC Committee.