

# YCC NEWSLETTER



AUGUST 2023

## WE ARE BIG

We are now 430 members, with 119 newcomers and there are still some people interested in joining the club. We increased our membership compared to last year (405 members in 2022).

We organized a lot of practice sessions open to all members: 19 Thursday practices, 7 Tuesday Yngling and Dinghy practices, several Level zero and Yngling/Dinghy full day practice over the weekend, 4 internal regattas.



## A NEW YNGLING



Ynglings are the most popular boats in the club and always in high demand. During each Thursday outing this season, sailing opportunities on Ynglings have all been sold out. Yngling Tuesday training is always more than doubly booked also.

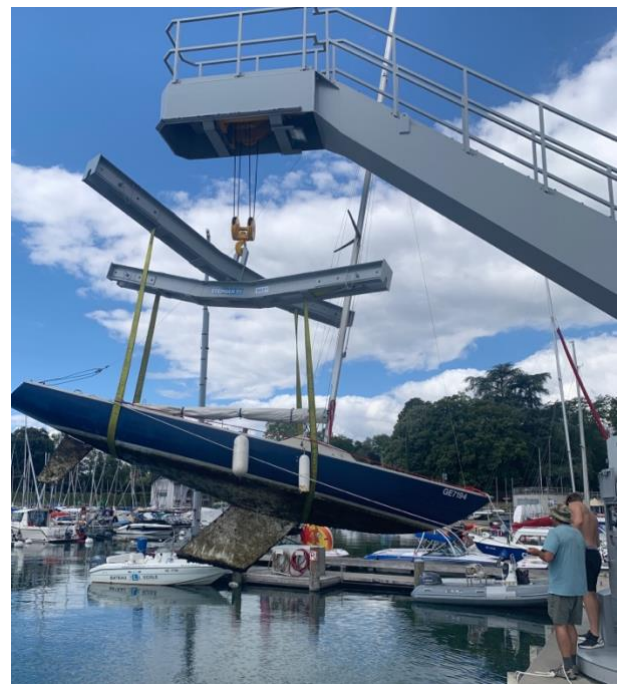
In June, the club had an opportunity to add one additional Yngling to the fleet: The boat is rather old but well maintained. It is the same generation

of Vas-Y and Janisico and has the advantage to have a capacity of 4 persons.

The owner of the boat, a private person who appreciates the activity of our club asked the committee to donate this boat to the members. While the boat is free of charge, a budget for maintenance is required for repair and sails. This triggered a discussion within the committee which finally approved the proposal to add a new Yngling to the YCC fleet.

So the club has now five Ynglings for its members!

In the past weeks, quite some work was done by several club members (Michel, Michael, Denise, Benoit, Fiona, Gabor, Silvia, Tim, Marine, Yazan, Franklin, ... and many others) to ensure that the boat is sailable. It is now moored at the CNV buoy No 8 outside the harbor.



Reaching the boat requires a long swim or a motor boat and is therefore not convenient for private outings. However, for the Yngling Tuesday practice, for Thursday outings and Yngling days, as we have a motorboat on duty, a crew can be allocated to the new Yngling and the motor boat will transfer the crew to the mooring buoy and back. When doing so, one should ensure that there are enough lifejackets to equip everyone on the motorboat.

The new Yngling will be named 'Y-knot' according to the vote results from the members.

## YINGLING MAINTENANCE

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Our Ynglings are heavily used and the maintenance team has been reinforced. Yazan took over from Denise (Lew) the role of maintenance coordinator of the Ynglings fleet with the help of many members. A coordination team has been created, composed of Joël (Vas-y), Conor (J'y vais), Sandrine (Y me), François (Janisico), Franklin (Y-knot), each responsible for coordinating the maintenance of one Yngling and Milica helps with common tasks. Many other YCC members have contributed to help and we take the opportunity here to thank them.

Please remember that all boats require maintenance, and when you see any problems, please try to help fix them if they are manageable. We are always here to help you; you only need to ask. If problems are too difficult, we send them to professionals for repair. In addition, a few tasks have just been added to the Helper app, to which anyone can sign up and volunteer. In doing some maintenance, even if they are small tasks, you will learn much more about the boats, than by just sailing them! Have a look at the available tasks: <https://ycc.app.cern.ch/helpers>.

Some of you have already noticed the new checklists in the big plastic box on each boat. Please check, before and after your outing, so that we can all better care for our boats. We are in the process of updating these lists, so please look for the new ones in the next few weeks.

## DINGHY FLEET

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There are several dinghies that are declared "out of order" and cannot be sailed. This is limiting the club sailing activities including training, outing and regattas. We again strongly encourage members to help in the dinghy maintenance to ensure that we maximize the boat availability.

Moreover, some of our dinghies have reached the lifetime beyond which some repairs become very difficult. Therefore, the club is evaluating some replacements for the next season. As the procurement of a new boat is time consuming (several months), the committee has mandated Hermann Pommerenke, the dinghy maintenance coordinator, to lead a working group to study some replacements. If you have suggestions or ideas, please contact Hermann, keeping in mind that a good boat for a club should not only be fast and fancy but also robust and easy to maintain.

## TRANSLEMANIQUE EN SOLO

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This year again, one of club member will participate on a YCC boat in the [Translemanique en Solitaire regatta next week-end \(26-27 August\)](#). This is the 50. edition of this famous single-handed race (only one person on each boat!) that brings sailors to the other end of the lake and back - just as the Bol d'Or regatta.

The skipper this year is Sebastian Lopienski, YCC member since more than 20 years, with a lot of regatta but also offshore experience.

He will take our J/80 "Jedi", and is currently preparing the boat for solo sailing - installing special helming systems, adding lifelines, cleaning the hull, and doing general boat maintenance.

All these and other preparations are covered in his blog: <https://translem2023.blogspot.com>. Sebastian is regularly updating this blog to share his amazing experience with us.

## SEMAINE DU SOIR FOUNEX

The club was well represented by 3 of our boats, the J/0,, J80 and a Surprise at [this regatta](#) organized on 5 consecutive days in Founex 20-24 August.



The Jedi has unfortunately suffered three unexpected issues last week during the [Semaine du Soir in Founex](#): damage to the regatta mainsail's bolt rope, major scratches to gelcoat on top of the hull caused by another boat moored alongside, and a broken outboard engine's kill switch. Repairs are ongoing, and hopefully the boat will be ready soon!



In addition to Sebastian, two other club members (Jean Vasic and Hans-Peter Bichelmeier) will take part in this very demanding race on their private boats.

We wish all three YCC skippers fair winds and a great Translemanique experience!



We are very proud that our J70, made it to the podium! An impressive result for the crew: Kinga, Mariarosaria, Yvette, Michel, and Pierre-Yves.



## INTERNAL REGATTAS

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This summer several regattas were organized, combining a sailing and racing experience with a fun event. All regattas were very popular. The latest one took place last Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> where family and friends were invited. We had 65 participants, 16 YCC boats and 3 external boats participating!

The next regatta will take place on 17 September.

A big thank you to the organizing committee, Kyriaki, Ilaria, Alessandro, Federico.



Regatta 20 August



Regatta 26 July

## SEPTEMBER CRUISE

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It is now less than two weeks before the cast-off of the annual YCC cruise. Six boats organised by YCC and one independently skippered by a YCC member are ready to sail into seven days of fun and adventures. The 2023 edition of the YCC cruise features more than 50 participants, including crew, skippers and co-skippers.

Did you miss your chance to participate this year? Do not worry! Next year we plan to have another edition. Or shall we make two of these cruises per year? Your comments, suggestions and willingness to help as skipper, co-skipper, local destination guide or simply crew are highly appreciated by the YCC committee. Please contact [Kirill Prokofiev](#) for further details.