

NEW SEASON

The new season has already started ! The start signal was the General Assembly held on 27 November.

Hopefully the new season will be as popular as the last one which broke a new record in terms of registered members (445) and of new members (119), excluded 2019 season (477 members).



From this season you can easily renew your membership using the new QR-bill system via [this link](#). For those of you needing a Swiss Sailing license, you are invited to register before the end of 2025 to benefit from a discounted price on membership + licence. Otherwise, better for you to register from 1st of January 2026. All details available in [this page](#).

WORKING GROUP

As approved at the General Assembly Meeting, a working group to evaluate whether to repair or replace MicMac and Gipsy has been created and will start the study under Gijs' coordination.

The working group may also propose the purchase of new boats, to be submitted for approval to the Club members through an online vote

FLEET LAUNCHING

The launching of the fleet will take place on Saturday morning March 28th, 2026. Your contribution is needed to the boats' preparation but also to make this event unforgettable and even

more friendly than past ones :-). Details will follow by email by the coordinator, Gijs.

HELPERS EVENING

End of January or beginning of February (date to be confirmed), an event will be organized to thank the helpers of the club who are essential to the club operation.

COURSES & LOTTERY

Theory courses: as every year, a sery of theory courses will be organized. Keep an eye on the [Courses web page](#) where dates will be communicated in due time.

Lottery: Lottery registration opens on Feb 18th and closes on Mar 17th 2026. Details to follow.

We are always looking for teachers, especially for the dinghies, but not only. Interested? Send a mail to [Michel](#)!

PERMIS HAUTURIER



On Dec 2nd, about 10 members attended Alberto's presentation on the preparation for the French "permis de plaisance option hauturière" (i.e permis hauturier), a theory exam to give you an offshore motorboat permit, valid worldwide. Priority was given to members holding a French "permis de plaisance option cotière" (i.e. permis cotier), which is a pre-requisite for the extension 'hauturière'.

The exam can be taken by residents of any country (including Switzerland) and nationality and costs 38 EUR, including the permit. All details in the email sent on Nov 20th and on the [web site of the course](#).

The course web site also gives information on how to obtain the French VHF Short Range Certificate (SRC) called CRR (Certificat Restreint de Radiotéléphoniste) which is also recognized worldwide and is sometimes mandatory when navigating in some countries.

If you already have a French permis côtier and are interested in taking this exam, contact [Alessandro](#).

PERMIS CÔTIER

While the *permis hauturier* requires an existing coastal licence, several members also expressed interest in obtaining the *permis de plaisance option côtière* itself — the essential first step before considering the extension hauturière. A group offer from the Bateau-École NERIB is currently available for 239 € (instead of 269 € public promo price), including both coastal (*côtier*) and inland-waterway (*fluvial*) modules, the full theory day, the practical session, e-learning access for 12 months, and even the VHF/CRR preparation. Additional mandatory fees amount to 78 € in fiscal stamps + 30 € exam registration fees. The theoretical training can be taken at various centers in the region (Annecy, Annemasse, Lyon...), while the practical part must be carried out in Lyon in half a day, with flexible dates for both theory and practice, and the theoretical exams can be taken in Pays de Gex (La Poste, Dekra...). If you are considering obtaining the permis côtier in order to later progress to the hauturier (see paragraph above), feel free to reach out [Valerio](#). Currently we have a YCC promo code, valid until December 31st, 2025.

CLUB RULES UPDATED

In the committee meeting of Nov 12th, a new version of the club rules was approved with 3 additional articles (8.56 – 8.58) to define measures to increase the protection of members against misconduct or harassment. The new rules are online in the “Documentation” section of the web site under [Rules / Règlement](#)

CRUISING CLUB CH

The Cruising Club Suisse (CCS) delivers a sea sailing permit recognized worldwide. The CCS proposes two ways to prepare the theory exam

- Standard: 14 courses, 10 on Mondays or Thursdays evening at HES HEPIA (Rue de la Prairie 4, 1202 Geneva) and 4 exercises sessions on Saturday morning at PPRD (Rue Dasser 11, 1201 Geneva). Start on Jan 19th until May 30 with exam rehearsal.
- Accelerated: 4 courses on Saturday mornings in Meyrin (Start on Feb 14th until May 9th) and one sailing week in Bretagne (French west coast from Apr 24th to May 1st).

YCC members benefit from a 10% discount on the courses. Please consult www.ccsge.ch and contact [Yazan](#) for further information.

PICS OF PAST EVENTS

Presidential Race on October 4th: Alberto with the Super league team (Andres, Elia, Kate, Nathalie) in Versoix to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Swiss Sailing League.



Berthing of the fleet on October 25th: More people, more fun, more food than ever in Port Choiseul with many brave and motivated members despite the rain and cold.



General Assembly Meeting on November 27th: Also more people this year (+ 15) onsite and on zoom for the Club GAM and drink.

Congratulations to all helpers and to the cup winners Jean, Florine, and Valerio.



Christmas Dinner on November 19th: Thanks to Alessandro and Federico for organizing this enjoyable event which gathered almost 90 members and allowed a special post-dinner time with karaoke, singing/dancing.



CONFERENCES

Following the success of the first conference 'Sailing from Alaska to Antarctica' by Andrea Pestarini on Oct 20th, a few conferences on Sailing, co-organized by Paola Catapano from Polarquest and the club, will take place during the winter at CERN.

The next conference is titled '[Science and Sailing with Gaia](#)' by Thierry Courvoisier on [Mon Dec 15th, 7:30 pm](#) at CERN. Invitation was sent.

Following events:

- [Wed Jan 14th, 2026](#): 'Sailing weather routing and emergency rescue experience' by Bernard Pattusch (former air traffic controller Geneva Airport and sailor)
- [February 2026, date to be confirmed](#): 'Le voilier qui a poussé dans un jardin. L'histoire d'un Integral 43, de la construction à la navigation' by [Remy Andrean](#) ([linkedin/](#)).

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