

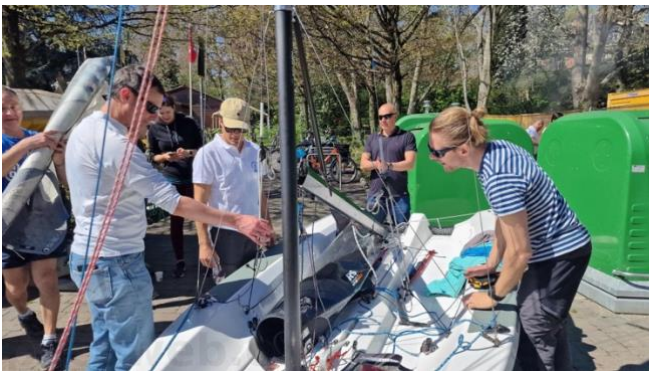
YCC NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY 2025

FLEET LAUNCH

Do not miss it ! **Saturday 5th of April, the club launching of our fleet will take place.** Members are called to come and help prepare our boats for the new sailing season. As usual, this will be a friendly event with snacks and drinks provided. The event is coordinated by Gijs, details will follow by email.



SAILING BOATS DURING WINTER

One Surprise (MicMac) and 2 Ynglings (Y-Knot and Vas-Y) have been available and used intensively by motivated sailors during the whole winter season.

THEORY COURSES

The new season is just ahead of us. Several theory courses will be organized in the coming weeks. The offer is more rich compared to last year, it targets both newcomers and members, beginner or expert levels. List of courses:

Welcome to YCC
Introduction to Sailing
Sailing rules on Swiss lakes
Introduction à la voile
Sailing in tidal waters
Introduction to regatta rules
Yngling mid season theory course

Courses will take place at CERN with a possibility of remote connection via zoom. CERN externals will be able to attend on site with a visitor card. The dates will be shortly published on the web site

LOTTERY & PRACTICE

Every year, practice courses are awarded through the lottery extraction for all boat categories. Since 2020, the registration to the lottery is open **only** to members.

Courses on the following boat categories are accessible via the lottery (course fee: CHF 170) :

Dinghy
Yngling
Competent Crew
Advanced Catamaran
Surprise, J/80, J/70
Spinnaker
Cabin Keelboat (GibSea)
Advanced Cabin Keelboat (Dynamic 3000)

The lottery will open on **February 18th** and closes on **March 17th at midday**. An email will soon be sent to all members with the guidelines to register to the lottery.

After the lottery closure, the planning and organization of the courses will be announced by each course coordinator once the places have been definitively assigned after the lottery closure.

NB: It is **NOT** necessary to take a course to obtain a key. The weekly Thursday practices, regular Dinghy and Thursday 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 [Activity 2025](#) web page and the [calendar](#) for a detailed view of the planned activities.



MEMBERSHIP FEE

The types of membership fees (Adult, Junior, Friend) are described in the [Membership](#) web page. Members who renewed their membership before 31 December 2024 will be sent their Swiss Sailing License by post (as it was included in the fee for a preferential cost). Those who renewed their membership after 31 December should contact Marine (ycc.secretary@cern.ch) if they want a Swiss Sailing License, providing the proof of payment to YCC of CHF80. For further details, please read the Club Rules, Article 4.11 to 4.14.

NEW 'SIEGE SOCIAL'

Following the decision of the last General Assembly meeting 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.

THANK YOU HELPERS

The club's operation relies on the unvaluable contribution from many helpers. Those have been invited to a thank you event, organized by Federico and Alessandro, mid February.

NEWCOMERS DRINK

The newcomers drink is a friendly event, where new members who joined the club are welcome and the activities the club presented by the committee. It is an excellent opportunity for newcomers to meet the other members and ask for information. The event is open to all members. It will tentatively take place on 25 March in Geneva. Date and place to be confirmed in a few weeks.

SWISS SAILING LEAGUE 10TH BIRTHDAY

The Swiss Sailing League will celebrate its 10th birthday this year and to mark the occasion a grand finale will take place in Versoix from 3 to 5 October with the final of both Super and Challenge Leagues. YCC will compete in the Super League final and on Saturday 4th, Alberto will join the YCC team for the Presidential Cup, a 3-hour umpired fleet race.

In total, teams from 32 Swiss clubs will compete : 16 in the Super League and 16 in the Challenge League. In addition to the 130 sailors who will race, 12 umpires, 10 race officers, 3 boatmen and numerous volunteers will participate in this huge event, which will be organised and hosted by the Club Nautique de Versoix.

Given the size of this special event, the SSLA has asked our club for our J70s to complement their fleet .

SWISS LEAGUE RACE

The club is very proud of another outstanding result of its team at the Challenge League final race on 21-22 September 2024 in Luzern. The team composed of Elia Borrego (skipper), Andres Vieitez, Kate Robertson and Nathalie Birt finished in Second position overall and as a result of the combined efforts of both YCC Challenge League teams our club has been promoted to the top J70 league in Switzerland, the Super League. Congratulations !



Following a record level of interest, YCC will participate in 4 leagues in 2025: Super, Promotion, Women's and 2k Team-Racing, with new YCC teams coming together to race in the Promotion and Women's Leagues. We wish them the best of luck with their preparation and racing. Go YCC!

SWISS LEAGUE RACE

In mid October, YCC team took part in the first 2K (umpired team racing) regatta in Switzerland. The event took place in Oberhofen, on Thunersee (Lake Thun). 2K means that two boats of one club race against two boats of another club - and the team who has the last boat loses the race. This regatta format is very exciting but also requires excellent boat-handling, and coordination between the two boats of the same club. With little wind, getting boat speed proved especially challenging for YCC crews - but we (Sebastian and Emmet as skippers, plus Adelaide, Nathalie, Martin, Anne-Laure, Ole and Michał as crew members) enjoyed it, learned a lot, and came back home motivated to continue 2K racing next year!

EXTERNAL REGATTAS

The calendar of external regattas is published on the [YCC website](#) and registrations are now open.

Once again our members have the chance to participate in a range of local and regional races including classics like the Semaine du Soir de Versoix, Geneve-Rolle-Geneve and the Bol d'Or.

On Monday 5 May we will hold a Q&A information session on External Regattas, where we will explain the nature of the different events, how to register, and other logistics. More details to follow.

INTERESTED IN GRAND SURPRISE REGATTA ?

L' ['Association des propriétaires des Grands Surprise'](#) is looking for interested crew members to participate to regattas. If interested, please contact Jenifer Schlup from [the contact page](#).