

YCC NEWSLETTER

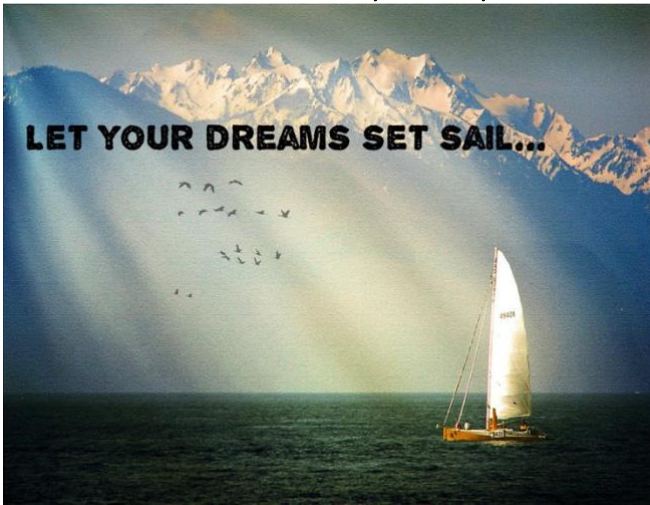


JANUARY 2023

2023 WISHES

With the last season just behind us, with more than 400 sailors and 105 new members, we are preparing the new season and looking forward to an exciting year with many outstanding moments together.

Warmest wishes for 2023 to you and your families!



NEW SEASON MEMBERSHIP

The sailing season will start soon and to prepare it, you will have the opportunity to attend a series of theory courses as well as to apply to the Lottery for the practical courses.

[It is time to renew your membership for 2023!](#)

This will ensure that you receive all the information through our mailinglist and will allow you to participate to the Lottery and all other club activities.

To renew your membership : from the [YCC home page](#), follow 'Membership', 'Renew your membership' ([direct link here](#))

LOTTERY

Every year, places to courses on the various boat categories are awarded through our lottery.

The lottery will open on **February 14th** and close on **March 14th** at midday. The results will be published shortly after.

Pre-requisite :

The lottery is open to club members only, so please do not wait to [renew your membership](#), allowing 10 working days to process your renewal request.

Important :

The number of course places is limited. Not everyone will get a place, but [be assured that there are many sailing practice sessions organized by the club during the sailing season from April to the end of October](#) to give you the opportunity to actively practice and eventually prepare the test for a given boat category, to then be able sailing on your own. Practice sessions also offer a great opportunity to meet other members and share some beers, food and sailing experience and stories at the harbour buvette after sailing.

[The club will try organizing the same activities as in 2022, depending on the contribution of the volunteers:](#)

- Weekly practice on Thursdays 6pm on all boats
- During summer, practice on Dinghies and Ynglings on Tuesdays at 6pm
- Level 0 outings, during evenings or week-ends, specially suitable for newcomers ([link to subscribe](#))
- Internal and external regattas ([complete list here](#))

All practice sessions take place in Port Choiseul in Versoix.

THEORY COURSES

Several courses on sailing theory and security will be scheduled in the coming months. They will be announced through the club mailinglist but you can also consult the web page (under 'Theory Classes').

After two years of remote courses, we go back to courses in person. The chosen dates, room and time will be announced through the mailing list. New this year: a course on regatta tactics!

AVAILABLE BOATS

A few of our boats have been kept available for sailing by our enthusiastic members through the autumn up to now.

For the time being, the Surprise MicMac remains available.

The GibSea will be usable again as soon as temperatures will rise above freezing point. Then it will stay in the water, available for sailing, until October 2023 when she will be pulled out for maintenance.

We need to take the Gibsea sails down as soon as possible as they are at risk to be torn during strong bisse storms. Please contact Gijs if you are available these days (2-3 volunteers needed).

FLEET LAUNCHING : 1 APRIL

Mark the date in your calendar : Saturday 1st April. Many volunteers will be needed for the launching of our fleet, under Gijs supervision. It is also a fun event every year, with drinks and food supplied.

SWISS SAILING LICENCE

If you register from now on and [need a Swiss Sailing licence to participate in external regattas in 2023, please contact me.](#)

NB: you do not need a Swiss Sailing licence to join internal regattas organized by our club.

In case home address change, please inform by email the [SUI administration](#) and update your data in our system (access from the [club home page](#) + 'Update your Member data').

UPDATE YOUR PREFERENCES

The form containing the members' personal data has been extended in order to include the member preferences to contribute to essential club tasks (maintenance, boat transfers, surveillance shifts, teaching, social activities), The club relies on all members to ensure a safe and highly enjoyable environment for sailing, and all at a very reasonable cost!

Please fill your preferences in your member data form (from the [club home page](#), follow 'Membership', 'Update your member data').

Please rate your interest and ability to contribute from 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest).

reinforced plastic	1 - Not interested
woodwork	1 - Not interested
rigging, ropes and fixtures	4 - Reasonably competent and ready to contribute with minimum guidance
varnishing, painting and antifouling	4 - Reasonably competent and ready to contribute with minimum guidance
motors	2 - Interested and not yet quite ready to start contributing
organising social events	4 - Reasonably competent and ready to contribute with minimum guidance
organising regattas	3 - Enthusiastic beginner keen to start contributing and learn
teaching to sail dinghies	2 - Interested and not yet quite ready to start contributing
teaching to sail catamarans	1 - Not interested
teaching to sail keelboats	1 - Not interested
teaching to drive motorboats	1 - Not interested
driving our motorboats for surveillance shifts (requires a motorboat license valid on the Geneva Lake)	2 - Interested and not yet quite ready to start contributing
lowing our boats on trailers on land (requires a tow hook on your car)	2 - Interested and not yet quite ready to start contributing

STRONG WINDS ...

On 21-22 January, we had a rather strong wind, La 'Bise', which started to build up Saturday morning and during afternoon had reached a gale at 8 Bf. During such conditions, mooring and rigging are subject to major stress, potentially leading to important damage. To keep an eye on our boats, our club has a mooring watch made up of devoted members living in, or close to Versoix.

At different points in time during this weekend, four of these members passed by Port Choiseul and observed how several Dinghies on the hard had capsized and several genoas (without cover) had gone loose and had been torn to pieces. Several mooring lines had also snapped.

Luckily none of these boats belonged to our club but the events demonstrate the need for such a mooring watch, as this team from our club which often prevents small issues from further deteriorating over time.

The club would therefore like to express its gratitude to these volunteers.

PICS FROM GA AND DINNER

Club Annual Dinner 16 November 2022



Club General Assembly 22 November 2022



CATAMARAN COURSE

Andreas Valda, a member and Surprise teacher, plans to participate to a weekend course on harbour manoeuvres with a catamaran. *One motivation is to get prepared for a possible cruise in the Caribbeans next year.*

Andreas found a price-competitive offer to the well-known provider *Macif*: a weekend course at Hyeres, next to Toulon in France, with *ACM-Cata*. The catamaran is a Lagoon 385.

Price: 700 Euro for the weekend (from Friday evening to Sunday evening, 2 nights sleeping on the catamaran). 70 Euros discount if the cabin is shared by 2 people.

Andreas' availabilities: all weekends in April except latest, 2nd weekend of May, weekends 9, 23 et 30 of June.

If you are interested in more information or joining the course, please contact Andreas (valda@gmx.ch, +4179 636 36 06)