



SAFETY

Lifejackets are an important component of sailing safety.

In private outings, forcing the crew to wear a lifejacket is the decision of the skipper who carefully evaluates the sailing conditions.

In club outings, the event organizers can decide that lifejackets are mandatory and this decision must be respected by all skippers participating to the event.

During regattas, all skippers must wear lifejackets if the regatta director decides to hoist the corresponding flag on the committee boat.

In general, the club recommends that everyone on board always wears a life jacket and reminds that these are mandatory for children under 14, in high wind conditions (4 bft or more) and in cold water.

Wearing a life jacket can save the life of a person falling into the water. For members navigating at dusk or at night, wearing a life jacket with an automatic light is also a significant safety improvement.

The club only provides standard orange life jackets, but usually self-inflatable life jackets are more convenient. **If a member is willing to make a batch order of self-inflatable life jackets and night lights**, and potentially get a discount for the other members, please inform the committee. This will count as a maintenance club activity.

Once you own a self-inflatable life jacket, do not forget to check periodically the validity of the small self inflatable gas bottle and ensure you know how to inflate the jacket manually in case the automatic self inflating would not work.

This reminder on the usage of life jackets does not void **the other 22 important Club rules** (sections 8.1 to 8.22) that each member must be aware of and which describe the sailing perimeter and the outings end time (20h30 or sunset if earlier) as well as other safety criteria.

Q BOAT SURVEILLANCE

It is always difficult to find motor boat drivers for surveillance shifts so **if you old the M-Key, please fill some slots in the [Helping Shifts application](#)**.

Also the club needs more committed motorboat drivers and encourages all members to pass the motorboat license in France or Switzerland depending on their residence to subsequently get the M-Key (Cf later in this Newsletter).

YCC courses and Thursday practice can NOT take place without the presence of the motorboat manned by the driver and at least one crew. **Cancelation of a surveillance shift from either the driver or the crew has therefore a huge impact of the outing.**

Being the motorboat skipper is an important responsibility which is described in details in the **[Club rules 3.26 to 3.34](#)**, in particular rule 3.30, which states that **the surveillance boat has the authority to cancel an official outing if conditions are not considered adequate. Similarly the surveillance boat must be informed of the crew of all the boats participating to the outing** in order to ensure the safe return of everyone.

it is worth mentioning is that it takes lot of effort for the club to train M-Key drivers because there are several aspects involved (harbor manouveres, towing, rescuing a boat in difficulty, navigating in high winds, laying buoys,...). It is why we expect that **members who asked to be trained and tested for an M-Key then commit to regularly skip during surveillance shifts, at least a few times per season.**

Today, several M-key holders take surveillance shifts so rarely that they forget the basic safety requirements or are not familiar with our three motor boats (ResQ, MD2 and RIB).

OUR FLEET

All our boats are available for sailing except our Jedi (J80). Currently Jedi is out of the water for repair of the hull, and Mic Mac was put on her place. The new J70 (Joda) is currently on Mic Mac's place.

The old Tornado catamaran is not in operation anymore (equipment in BA5).

NEW MOORING PLACE

Thanks to a small working group composed of Alexander, Andreas, Enrico, Ilaria and Jean, the club has the opportunity to get a new mooring place which can be used for MicMac, which will allow us to keep two Surprise boats, two J70 and the J80 simultaneously in the water. This increases by one our capacity of big keelboats. Big thank you to the team to make this project take shape.

NEW BOATS

Dinghies:

The 3 new Melges 15 (Athos, Portos and Aramis) were delivered by the provider with some weeks of delay, but have finally joined our dinghy fleet in Port Choiseul. A number of motivated members spent many hours rigging them and performing the necessary shakedown. Now only a few small items remain to be done before they become available to D key holders. To allow a smooth adoption by our members, familiarization has started with some of the teachers, who will then be able to spread their knowledge to all other key holders. Please do not use MELGES boats without familiarization. See guidelines sent to the Dinghy Whataspp group to organise your familiarization.

Dinghy training sessions on Tuesday evenings will also be a very good opportunity to get to know them - make sure to sign up!



J70:

We are excited to announce that YCC's new J70 (Joda) was delivered on 1 July and put in the water in Mic Mac's place. Final preparations are almost complete and she will be available for use shortly! Because of recent changes in the regulations regarding antifouling paints and based on professional recommendation, we will defer applying antifouling to Joda until this winter. Members will need to clean Joda's hull and keel once a week until the end of the season to protect her from damage. It's a non-technical task that all members can help with, particularly those keen to sail her. With two people, it should only take about half an hour and the cleaning equipment is on the boat. Sign up via the [Helping Shifts application](#).



Catamaran:

Our [Netcat](#) Hobie Tiger has been prepared and made available for sailing since almost the beginning of the season.

SEMAINE DU SOIR

This annual event was jointly organized by CNV and YCC. A big thank you to the amazing organizing team, Ana, Andrin, Anne-Laure, Annika, Francois, Kinga, Alessandra Romain and Olivier, Benjamin and Benoit (from the CNV).

Despite a tricky weather through the whole week, the event gathered a very large number of members who helped and/or enjoyed sailing and spending time together after the regatta: **114 members were appointed to 227 spots for sailing, 62 members filled 107 shifts to help in the organization.**



EXTERNAL REGATTAS

This season's **Swiss Sailing League** is well underway. Congratulations to Emmet Ryan (skipper), Anne-Laure Lamure, Michal Kwiatek and Ole Marqversen. The team has trained together for a couple of years now and secured 3rd place overall in Act 2 of the Challenge League.



Photo courtesy of SSLA

First-time SSL skippers and crew participated in the **Women's League and Act 2 of the Promotion League**. All teams trained hard and made significant progress. Women's League: skippers Ursula Vogel, Anne-Laure Lamure and crew Kinga Wozniak, Melodie Honen-Delmar, Mariarosaria D'Alfonso and Leslie Stephenson. Promotion League: Eino Tiirinen (skipper), Martin Adam, Nikolaos Chalkias and Mariarosaria D'Alfonso. Eino should also be congratulated on his appointment as umpire in Act 1 of the Women's League.



YCC members participated to two other major regattas in June. Conor Lynch (skipper), Michael Jung, Andy Langner, Lucian Bancescu and Martin Adam on Jedi in the **Geneve-Rolle-Geneve** and two teams completed the **Bol d'Or Mirabaud**: Thierry Boileau (skipper), Isabel Calderon, Amber Schroeder and Hannes Salukin on Mamma Mia and Farhad Irannejad (skipper), Mariarosaria

D'Alfonso, Florian Eble, Diogo Monteiro and Joel Spaltenstein on Jedi.



[Sign up for upcoming regattas](#), including **Semaine du Soir de Founex** - a fun social event, and for YCC's more experienced sailors there's double handed racing in the **Cordee Lemanique** and night racing in **La Belle Etoile**.

Y AND D PRACTICE

The weekly Dinghy and Yngling practice sessions have resumed early July, respectively on Tuesdays and Fridays at 6pm. For Dinghies, sign-up for the following Tuesday via [this link](#): For Yinglings, sign-up via [this link](#).

Should you decide not to come anymore, please do not forget to cancel **NOT** at the last moment (even if you are in the waiting list) so that other members can take your place. Also do not forget to check regularly if you got a place.

THURSDAY PRACTICE

Every week the Thursday practice is a success, with about 50 to 70 participants. The mechanism put in place for this season to allocate the boats before the practice has proven to be very efficient

(fast key distribution, no need to arrive very early) and appreciated by the participants.

Gentle Reminder: Please arrive at 6pm to allow fast key distribution and do not cancel at the last moment. Also take care of not occupying the buvette space which is reserved for those buying some food or drink.



LETTRE CAPITAINERIE

The newly allocated mooring places for dinghies and catamarans have some advantages but also many disadvantages.

[A letter summarizing these disadvantages has been sent to the Capitainerie Cantonale asking for a meeting to resolve these issues.](#)

The requests made are:

- To have our places closer to the central wider channel.
- To have our places on the flat space instead of the inclined one.
- To remove the large trimaran that is taking space in the central channel

- To be allocated the places from 480'208 to 480'213

A copy of this letter is available on demand.

The Capitainerie will come to Port Choiseul Wednesday 24th of July to assess and discuss the situation with us.

SAILING LICENCES

We have recently received from the Geneva Office Cantonal des Véhicules a clear information that a valid sailing license ("permis de navigation") recognized by the Swiss authorities is mandatory for skipping any Swiss registered sailboat with more than 15 m2 of sails. This includes Surprises, J/70, J/80, Gibsea and D3000.

In particular, this means that members who are residents in France must have a valid license while France does not deliver this type of license. Therefore, an arrangement has been found with the [OCV](#) to allow our club members to pass the Swiss D sailing permit. Also several foreign licenses for our non Swiss residents.

All SU and GS skippers have been informed earlier this week.

COORDINATORS

The club is looking for several members to help with the maintenance of several boats, trailers, engines, towing, various repairs and for internal regatta organizers.

So if you are willing to get more involved in organizing and coordinating club activities, please contact the president (Alberto).

In particular we need:

- A member willing be responsible for coordinating maintenance on some keelboats.
- A member willing to take responsibility for coordinating maintenance on the YCC trailers.
- Members who have a car with a towing hook and are willing to do few transport per year from Versoix to CERN BA5.

There may also be few committee positions available at the end of the season that will be discussed in September.

MOTORBOAT LICENCE

If you want to take the Swiss motorboat license (permis 'A'), [Moby Dick](#) and [Seal Aqualeisure](#) propose motorboat lessons and preparation to the

[practice exam, taking place in Port Choiseul](#). They have equivalent fees.

You need to have successfully passed the theory exam to pass the practice one. To subscribe to theory and practice exams:

This is possible to pass the practice permit in Port Choiseul even if you live in Canton de Vaud. For this, once you have passed the theory permit, you will need to ask a derogation to [SAN](#) to take the practice exam in Canton de Geneve (CHF30 fee) and schedule an [appointment](#).

EXTERNAL COURSES

For those interested in taking **sailing classes** with professional teachers, the [Club nautique de Versoix](#) located in Port Choiseul, and the [Geneva Sailing School](#) in Les Pâquis, are offering high quality courses at a discounted price for our club members.

- The [Geneva Sailing School](#) (14 quai du Mont-Banc) has a fleet of keelboats: Beneteau First Class 7.50, Beneteau First Class 8, Surprise and Yemanja. Plus a motorboat for motorboat classes, a Bayliner with a 130 HP engine.

As a YCC member, you can benefit from a 10% discount on private and collective courses by using the special code [on this document](#).

- The [CNV](#) is giving adult classes on its dinghies, the Laser 420 and Laser 2000, for beginners and for advanced sailors, as well as many classes for kids and teenagers. [Link to the course registration](#). To benefit from the YCC prices, register to the course and send a mail to [CNV secretary](#) stating that you are a YCC member, putting [Michel Chevallier](#) in cc: to confirm your affiliation to YCC.

YCC SHOP

The club is looking for a member to take care of the merchandising activity and select items from the [YCC online shop](#), bulk order and sell to members. Typically, this task would require to keep members informed of available items, gather wishes for new items, organize bulk order and distribution.

If you are interested, contact the club secretariat.

