

# YCC NEWSLETTER



MARCH 2023

## WELCOME DRINK THURSDAY



The club welcome drink takes place **THIS THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> March from 7pm**, at La Gioconda, Avenue Louis-Casaï 81, 1216 Cointrin [GoogleMaps](#).

The committee will present the club's activity and answer your questions.

It is a great occasion for newcomers to connect with people who will help you to learn how to sail and become a club skipper!

The club offers one drink per person (beer, wine or soft drink). [Register for your free drink here](#).

There will be also Italian snacks.

## FLEET LAUNCHING SATURDAY



**THIS SATURDAY 1st April**, we will launch our fleet in the Versoix harbour. All YCC members are invited to participate to this event!

At 8:30am, the trailer drivers will gather at CERN BA5 to fetch the boats and the material. At 9am, the first batch will arrive in Versoix and we can begin the unloading and do the rigging. So we expect you in the harbour around 9am.

Please refer to the last emails from [Gijs](#) (event coordinator) and [Hermann](#) (Dinghy coordinator).

As usual, some refreshments will be available.

PS. Can the people having a car with a trailer hook please inform [Gijs](#) ?

## THEORY COURSES

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Two theory courses took place already earlier in March, three are in the pipeline. Consult the [Web page](#) for the planning and for the slides presented, if you miss one course.

Next courses, all taking place at 6:30pm at CERN (+ possibility of zoom connection for some) :

- **TODAY : Introduction to Sailing – part 2**
- 19 April: [Initiation à la voile \(in French\)](#), 6:30pm
- 27 April: Regatta tactics

## PRACTICE STARTING SOON

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189 members applied to the lottery which closed on 14 March with about 80 places allocated over 9 different courses. Lottery winners are expected to pay the course fee as soon as possible and will be informed by the course's coordinator in April about the schedule of the lessons.

Even if you were not a lucky winner of a course this year, do not worry! You will have plenty of opportunities from April to end of October to actively practice and eventually prepare the test for a given boat category. Just as with driving a car, once you have mastered and demonstrated the necessary skills, you will be able to sail 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 volunteers. You will be regularly informed by email.

- 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 ([list here](#))
- Maintenance activities

All practice sessions take place in Port Choiseul in Versoix.

**NotaBene:** the Thursday 6:30pm practice will resume on as soon as the boats are available in the harbour after the launching of the fleet. The water is still cold in April but you will be able to practice on Dinghies provided you have a long sleeve web suit. We will not always be able to accommodate all participants on the keelboats !

## CRUISE PRIVATE OFFER

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### Opportunity of Cruising Training and Boat Handling in Tidal Waters

One of our Club members, François Enzler, organizes sailing cruises/trainings in Brittany. As professional skipper, he offers a 5% discount to YCC members joining his cruises/trainings.

Check out for next opportunities :

<https://www.staycoolandsail.com/deals> or contact François [fsenzler@gmail.com](mailto:fsenzler@gmail.com) for a personalized offer for a group.