

YCC NEWSLETTER



MARCH 2024

NEW KEY SYSTEM

Saturday 2 March will remain a memorable day in the club history with the installation of the new boat key distribution system in Port Choiseul.

We warmly thank the designer of this project, Enrico Bravin, for his initiative and engagement.

The old system, also a piece of the club and CERN history as it was used in the SPS access system, also developed by Enrico, was decommissioned after many years of service.

The new solution (crate hosting mechanics and electronics and software to control it) has many benefits: compact (large space released behind), more key slots (35 instead of 24), easier to maintain and moderate price (considering that the integration is done by our members).

Thanks also to Bartek and Alberto who helped Enrico for the installation, that you can replay with these videos on YouTube:

YCC: Using the new key distribution system: [URL](#)

YCC: The making of the new key distribution system [URL](#)



SAVE THE DATE: 6 APRIL

On Saturday 6 April we will launch our fleet in Port Choiseul harbour for the 2024 sailing season. All YCC members are invited to participate to this event, starting around 9am. Planning and details will be shortly sent by email by Gijs, who will once again supervise this event. Refreshments, coffee, croissants will be served.



NEW BOATS

This season, the club is increasing and rejuvenating its fleet with several new boats, whose acquisition was approved at the last General Assembly:

3 new Melges (dinghy) boats, expected to be ready at the end of March and transferred to Port Choiseul early April.

A new J70, expected to be ready for sailing by mid July.

A second hand catamaran, available and to be prepared.

WELCOME DRINK 4 APRIL

Alessandro, Federico, our social activities directors, invite you to the [Season Opening Welcome Drink](#) on the deck of camaraderie and adventure!

 **Date:** [Wednesday, April 4, 2024](#)

 **Time:** [18:50 sharp](#)

 **Venue:** [Da Vinci Lounge Bar, Rte de Vernier 163, 1214 Vernier](#)

Why should you drop anchor with us?

- **Mingle with the seafaring community:** Connect with fellow yachting enthusiasts, share stories from the high seas, and make waves with new friends.
- **Sip & savor:** Enjoy your complimentary drink, craft cocktails, and finger food, with a spectacular club presentation backdrop and DJ set afterwards.
- **First look at the fleet:** Get a preview of our latest yachts and upgrades to the club facilities.
- **Membership perks:** Learn about the way to become an experienced sailor, upcoming regattas, and sailing opportunities within the club.

Let's set sail into the new season with good spirit and great company.

Please reply [here](#) by [31 March](#) to ensure your complimentary drink on the deck, for the first 65 members reaching the venue.



COURSES LOTTERY

The lottery is open and will close on [17 March](#). Results will be announced shortly afterwards. [URL to register](#) (open to active club members).

Even if you are not selected at the lottery, do not worry, there are many opportunities to learn how to sail during the whole season by participating to the free weekly outings organized by the club (Level Zero outings, Thursday practice, Tuesday Yngling and Dinghy practice, regatta trainings).

START OF PRACTICE

Soon after the launch of the fleet, the start of the practice will be announced. As a pre-requisite, each of our boats must have been successfully tested on the water.

We hope that the level of the water will soon increase as we currently have boats unable to go out like MissR, Jedi and Mamma Mia. The current level is 30 cm lower than normal at the same time of the year. The lake level can be monitored on [this website](#) while Gijs and Tim plan to survey shortly the depth over the blocks, as the real danger is to hit one of the concrete blocks.



THEORY COURSES

Follow the theory classes to get the basics before practicing sailing in a few weeks.

Planning and details are provided in [this web page](#). If you are an external club member, please follow the guidelines to print a visitor access card.

[20 March:](#) Paul Smith, Welcome to YCC, [webpage](#)

[17 April:](#) Sebastian Lopienski, Introduction to sailing - part 1, [webpage](#)

[24 April:](#) Sebastian Lopienski, Introduction to sailing - part 2, [webpage](#)

SUI LICENSE

If you registered after January 15 and need a Swiss Sailing License for this season (required to participate to several external regattas), please send an email to ycc.secretary@cern.ch. Check beforehand that your home address is correct in the YCC database (URL 'Update your member data' from [Membership page](#))

Nota Bene: if you do a few external regattas per year (< 8), it may be more convenient to purchase a daily SUI license for each regatta instead of the annual one. In that case, you do not have to request it to the YCC secretary but just purchase it on the day of the regatta.

If you registered to YCC before January 15, the SUI license will be sent in due time to your home address.

SWISS SAILING LEAGUE

A record number of YCC members are interested in competing in the Swiss Sailing League this season: 25 members are interested in the Promotion League and 14 interested in the Women's League.

To confirm your interest in either of these leagues, please sign up via the [External Regatta registration page](#) as soon as possible.

Teams will be confirmed early so that they have time to prepare.

Feel free to contact Nathalie and Andrin via YCC-External-Regatta-Coordiators@cern.ch if you have any questions.



SEPTEMBER CRUISE

The traditional Jeûne Genevois Cruise will take place **from August 31st to September 7th**, along the coast of Split, Croatia. Guidelines to register were sent by email on March 10th by the cruise organizers, Marco and Jorge. Do not hesitate to reply to YCC.cruises@cern.ch if interested.

