

# YCC NEWSLETTER



MAY 2024

## WORK IN THE HARBOUR

Following the complete refurbishing of the Port Choiseul harbour this winter, a new area on the ground will be allocated to our boats. The committee is working on identifying the places for catamarans and dinghies by early May.



## BOAT STATUS

Thanks to the huge effort deployed during the fleet launching event of April 6th and the following weekends and evenings, the vast majority of our fleet is now ready. Go to [the Boat Reservation Table](#) to see the exact status of each boat.



This season, we are proud to inaugurate 5 new boats! Their names have been chosen by the club members via a poll prepared by Anne-Laure Lamure.

- 3 new Dinghies (MELGES type): **Athos, Portos and Aramis**. Expected to be ready end of May.
- One second hand Tiger Catamaran, **Netcat**. It is being refurbished with new equipment and expected to be ready in the next weeks.
- One new J70, **Joda**, expected ready in July.

## HELPER SHIFTS

The first batch of surveillance shifts was opened and filled in 4 days. If you did not get a spot, do not worry! With upcoming regattas, D and Y Tuesday outings, about 150-200 more slots are expected over the course of the season. Moreover, as in the previous season, many maintenance tasks will be posted during the course of the year.

If you do not find an available maintenance task in the [Helping Shifts app](#), please contact [Yazan Savoy](#) (Y maintenance coordinator) to offer your help.

If you hold a motorboat driving licence valid on Lake Geneva, you can participate in surveillance shifts as driver - please contact [Lajos Cseppento](#) and/or [Marcel Arditi](#) for more info.

## THURSDAY OUTINGS

The outings started on April 18th.

Thanks to the helpers' involvement to speed up the preparation of our boats, the first outing could take place already on April 18th, It gathered many motivated members despite the winter weather!



All members receive a notification a few days before the Thursday outing, inviting them to register (obligatory) before the preceding Wednesday evening. Please get familiar with the [Thursday Practice rules](#).

Thursday Practice Coordinator: Federico Pagliarini

## WELCOME DRINK 4 APRIL

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It was organized by Federico and Alessandro and gathered more than 100 members. The aim was to welcome newcomers and present the club's activities in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.



## FLEET LAUNCHING 6 APRIL

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The launching of the fleet event, led by Gijs de Rijk, was a big success with many volunteers on board! It obviously played a crucial role in the boat preparation for the season.



This was also a great social event, with food logistics taken care by our social activity team, Alessandro Parrella and Federico Pagliarini.

Big thank you to the 3 organizers!



## LEVEL ZERO 27 APRIL

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The inaugural session of Level 0 2024 has set sail with a promising start and a crew of 26 eager participants. Twenty adventurous souls embarked on their first sailing lesson on YCC boats. However, due to the low water level, some boats were left high and dry, awaiting their turn for future excursions. Fear not, for all participants made the

most of their time on land, mastering the art of dinghy rigging and knots.



Our next session sets sail on the 5th of May, and we're expecting an even larger crew of 30 aspiring sailors to join our ranks. With anticipation in the air, we eagerly await the chance to welcome new members and share the joys of sailing with YCC to share their knowledge next year!

## COURSES LOTTERY

The lottery was very popular again this year with more than 200 applicants. We were able to grant up to 96 courses to our members. This is a record never reached in the past (83 courses in 2023). This was possible thanks to the combined effort of Michel Chevallier as course coordinator and of the boat coordinators to find teachers.

## LOTTERY ADMIN WORK

It is worth mentioning the large number of members applying to the lottery but then withdrawing their application when selected. This caused overhead for the course coordinator, the treasurer and the secretary to re-allocate the courses to people in the waiting list. For next year, please ensure, before applying, that you will be available to follow the course in case you are selected at the lottery.

## PERFORMANCE AT SSL

YCC's momentum in the Swiss Sailing league continues to grow and this year YCC will compete in three different leagues: Challenge, Promotion and Women's.

The 2024 season started strongly with the team (skipper Elia Borrego, Kate Robertson, Andres

Vieitez and Nathalie Birt) securing second place overall after seven hard fought races in Act 1 of the Challenge League on 20 – 21 April in Ascona. Conditions over the weekend were varied and challenging: gusts of 30 knots with 30 degree wind shifts on day one and very light, patchy winds on day two.



Last week-end (27-28 April), YCC team (skipper Eino Tiirinen, Adelaide Davis, Simon Marti, Leslie Stephenson) participated in Act 1 of the Promotion League in Ascona. The team got off to a promising start coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in their first race. Unfortunately the wind then disappeared and no more racing took place.



28 April – YCC promotion league team under the rain, but still smiling!

Next race will take place on 9-10 May with a third team (skipper Ursula Vogel, Melodie Honen-Delmar, Anne-Laure Lamure, Kinga Wozniak) participating in Act 1 of the Women's League. We wish them luck and most importantly, lots of fun!

Any YCC member who'd like to train and commit to a YCC Swiss Sailing League campaign should register their interest in upcoming Acts by signing up on the external regattas webpage.

## MIC MAC SURPRISE

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Our old but beloved MIC MAC is in the hands of Tim Foster to perform the maintenance and repairs.



## EXTERNAL COURSES

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For those interested in taking sailing classes with professional teachers, [the Club nautique de Versoix \(CNV\)](#), located next to our boats 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: one Beneteau First Class 7.50, one Beneteau First Class 8, one Surprise and one 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, please register to the course and send a mail to the [CNV](#)

[secretary](#) stating that you are a YCC member, putting [Michel Chevallier](#), the YCC course coordinator in cc: to confirm your affiliation to YCC.

## PURCHASE AT MOBY DICK

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An agreement has been established in March with the [Moby-Dick](#) shop in Port Choiseul, to ease the life of our members, by avoiding individual payments and subsequent reimbursements. All purchases should now be registered on the YCC dedicated account in Moby-Dick (with boat name) The global invoice will be sent to our treasurer.

NB: for any purchase, please fill the elogbook of the related boat with a short explanation of the usage of the purchased equipment.

## NEW CNV COMMITEE

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Our neighbour and close partner, the CNV club has elected a brand new [central committee](#) at its General Assembly meeting in March.

Warm congratulations and welcome to the new President Frederic Macheret !

## CHINA SAILING RACE

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One of our members, Kirill Prokofiev, participated on the boat *Neo One* (Neo 400+) to the challenging race across the South China sea from Hong Kong to Subic bay in Philippines, about 600 nm. It took them 4 days and a couple of hours only.

