

# YCC NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 2023

## HIBERNATING PLAN

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We are approaching the end of our sailing season and it is time to organize the hibernating of our fleet. Gijs will be coordinating the tasks.

A big event will take place on **Saturday 4 November from 9am to 2pm**: we expect to move or transfer to CERN BA5 most of our boats for the winter season therefore we will need many helpers. Drinks will be provided during the event. Save the date in your calendar; detailed information will follow by email.

Our plan is to keep Dinghies, Catamarans and Ynglings on land except one Yngling (Janisico) staying in the water. Big keelboats will be brought to BA5 except MissR and MammaMia.

Several big keelboats, MicMac, Jedi and Gibsea, will need a professional repairs by Marine Creation. The 4 Ynglings will get their usual hull treatment by Marine Creation. For all other winter maintenance and repair tasks on our boats, we will call on the members to volunteer, this will happen mostly in autumn and next year in spring.

## SAVE THE DATE

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**Annual dinner: 15 November**, that will be organized by Alessandro and Federico.

**General Assembly Meeting: 23 November**, held at CERN with possibility of remote connection. A drink will follow on site.

## DINGHY FLEET

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Hermann as Dinghy coordinator presented at the last committee meeting the status of our 10 dinghies and the pressing need to renew the oldest ones for the next season. The strategy replacement will be presented at the General Assembly.

## KEYBOOTH CHANGE

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We have 3 boats that are not in the key system: Miss R, Mother Duck 2 and the 5<sup>th</sup> Yngling. Those will be allocated the key slots of our 3 LASERs in the key booth at Port Choiseul.

## NEW KEY DISTRIBUTION

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A new system was agreed by the committee to replace the current one which is tricky to maintain and is limited in key slots. The new solution to be developed (crate hosting mechanics and electronics + software to control it) has several benefits: compact (raspberry-like computer instead of large desktop allowing to release most of phone booth space), more key slots (**35** instead of 24), easier maintenance as based on simple basic components (RFID readers, solenoids, hall effect sensors, magnets) and a light application connecting directly to the CERN DB without local databases, moderate price (considering that the integration will be developed by members).

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

## MEMBERS PERFORMANCE

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We are very proud of the latest achievements of our members at several national sailing events.

**Sebastian Lopienski ranked first at the Translemanique en Solitaire regatta in his boat category on 26-27 August with our Jedi.** This year we celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> edition of this demanding single-handed race that brings sailors to the other end of the lake and back. You can read about Sebastian's race in strong winds but also heavy rain, at his blog: <https://translem2023.blogspot.com>



This result, along with the excellent performances of the other YCC SSL Teams who competed in the 2023 league events has qualified YCC to move up to the Swiss Sailing Challenge League next year! Qualification to the Challenge League is an impressive achievement resulting from the commitment to regular training put in by the YCC sailors throughout the year. Building on 2023's strong performances, we can look forward to the last open event of the year – the Swiss Sailing League Cup in Neuveville which has two YCC Teams entered - and to stepping up to the Challenge League in 2024!



Sebastian on the podium, first place.

Second place went to Hans-Peter Bichelmeier, also a YCC member, participating with his private boat Melges 24.

YCC was also well represented **at the finals of the 2023 Swiss Sailing Promotion League (SSL)**, which was held over three days, 15-17 September, in Murten (Morat). **The YCC Team of Emmet, Anne-Laure, Michał and Ole** had a very strong start to the event, winning the two races sailed on the first day against the league's top teams to lead overall. On the second day, some split-second tactical decisions proved costly, especially as there was no opportunity to recover with no wind or racing on the Sunday. In the end, the YCC Team had to settle for 5th overall.

On the same weekend 15-17 September, **another YCC crew (Elia, Sebastian, Andres and Simon) took our Padawan for the J70 Swiss Championship in Geneva**. This very competitive regatta gathered excellent J70 sailors from Switzerland and abroad. After 6 races over three days, the YCC team finished 18th out of 38 competitors - a respectable result, given the very high level of the event.



Also worth noting the performance of **Ursula and Genrich who ranked fourth at the La Double Regatta** last week-end.

## EXTERNAL REGATTAS

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There is a growing interest among YCC members in Swiss Sailing League Association events. [This season saw a record level of participation by YCC members and YCC's best results ever in Swiss Sailing Promotion League.](#)

112 individual YCC members (28% of total active members) participated in external regattas and 20 individual YCC members participated in Swiss Sailing League Association events.

## SEPTEMBER CRUISE

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Our traditional cruise held early September was a big success. Most boats met in Bonifacio on Monday evening and then split on 2 routes South and North to then reconvene on the last evening for a party in the harbour.

All in all, the comments are extremely positive. Several proposals will be discussed for next years.



## CLOSING REGATTA

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The last regatta of the club on 24<sup>th</sup> of September gathered a large number of members who happily sailed on our Ynglings and big keelboats under a sunny and windy sky. It was as usual perfectly organized by our internal regatta organizers, Ilaria, Kyriaki, Alessandro and Federico.



## SLAWOSZ FAREWELL

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On 29<sup>th</sup> of August, many members attended the farewell talk and drink at CERN of Slawosz before his departure to Germany for his ESA training. Slawosz was selected end 2022 as ESA project astronaut.

It was a unique opportunity to say goodbye and wish all the best to Slawosz, our expert sailor, Dinghy coordinator and committee member of the club.



## SECURITY COURSE

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### Cours sécurité lémanique 14 octobre 2023 au Port de Rolle

A new session of the course on the safety on the lake is proposed mid-October, following the success of the first session organized last Spring. Details in French below. If you are interested, please get in touch with the teacher, Patrick Huguenin. The language of the course will be French or English depending on the participants. If interested, please contact Patrick before 2 October ([hugueninpat@gmail.com](mailto:hugueninpat@gmail.com), +41794135911).

**Pour skippers: 9h30 -12h:**Discussion sur les risques en navigation, analyse des engins de sauvetage et autre matériel de sécurité.

**Pour équipiers et skippers: 13h30 -16h30:**Exercices pratiques, lancement de fusées, déclenchement de feux à main, natation avec gilets, remplacement des cartouches.

Prix:

Matin et après-midi (skipper): CHF100

Après-midi seul (équipier): CHF50