

# YCC NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER

## BERTHING PLAN

Do not miss it : [Saturday 26 of October, the club organizes the berthing of our fleet](#). Members are welcome to join to help preparing our boats for hibernating during winter and also to profit from a friendly event with snacks and drinks included. The event is coordinated by Gijs.

[A few boats will remain in the water and available for sail during winter: MicMac, Gibsea and two Ynglings \(Vas-Y and Y-Knot\).](#)

## SEPTEMBER CRUISE

Report from Marco:

Between 31st August and 7th September, our club celebrated a major milestone with the 2024 Jeune Genevois Cruise, which took place off the beautiful coast of Split, Croatia. [This edition of the cruise saw the highest participation in YCC history, with 68 members aboard nine yachts](#), ranging from 12 to 15 meters in length. The turnout is a testament to the enthusiasm within YCC, making this one of the most memorable cruises to date.

The Split coastline offered an ideal yet challenging setting. Conditions ranged from sunny skies to strong winds, calm lulls and even a few thunderstorms. This dynamic weather added an extra layer of excitement, demanding skill and adaptability from all aboard. Despite the occasional rough patch, Split proved to be a great choice for the Jeune Genevois Cruise, offering a great mix of adventure and beauty, with endless options of routes around its numerous islands.

Yachts gathered in bays for moments of rest and relaxation before setting off again the day after. The fleet sailed independently during the day, creating a sense of freedom and exploration, but in the evening, the boats would regroup here and there, where the YCC spirit took the form of lively parties and shared experiences.

YCC is deeply grateful to the nine skippers, Silvia, Alfons, Andreas, Dan, Federico, Jochen, Jorge,

Manfred, and Marco, who led the fleet and ensured safety and enjoyment of participants. The execution of this large-scale event is owed in no small part to Jorge and Marco. Their dedication ensured that everything went smoothly, from securing the rental to managing the assignment of spots for such a large group.

Discussions of next year's Jeune Genevois cruise already began during the evening gatherings, with some locations emerging as top contenders for the 2025 venue. Here's to more adventures ahead! Recap on [Instagram](#).



## SAILING PERMIT

The rules "Reglement" of the club have been modified to include [new articles describing the sailing and motor permit requirements for skipping YCC boats](#).

The good news is that it has been clarified that no motor permit is required to use the RIB while you are in Swiss waters. The bad news is that a Sailing permit is now mandatory to skip all YCC boats with more than 15 m<sup>2</sup> of sail surface.

You can consult new articles in [rules 6.7 to 6.17](#).



## Y AND D PRACTICE

The weekly Yngling and Dinghy practice sessions, organized during summer by our two enthusiastic members, Silvia Costantini and Paul Smith, had a lot of success. Silvia and Paul are thanked for their commitment and motivation.

Reports from Silvia (for Y) and Paul (for D):

[The Y and D practice sessions were very popular with at least twice the number of subscriptions than available places.](#)

Also, thanks to our volunteer skippers, a Yngling day was organized in August, and a couple of additional outings in September were added following popular demand. For the first time this year the D and Y practices have been scheduled on different days (Tuesdays and Fridays, respectively), allowing many enthusiastic sailors to take part in both. Short and fun paddling regattas took place in case of total lack of wind.

The Dinghy Tuesdays series, held from 2nd July to 27th August, was a resounding success. Across eight sessions, an average of 25 participants registered for the 12 to 17 available spots. The program attracted a diverse group of sailors, ranging from experienced D-key holders to novices, encouraging both teamwork and skill development as crews were formed.

Guided by the Q-boat, the sessions featured several short regattas, offering a well-balanced mix of competitive sailing and cooperation. Each session concluded with a debrief at the CNV, allowing participants to exchange insights and connect socially."



# THURSDAY PRACTICE

Report from Federico:

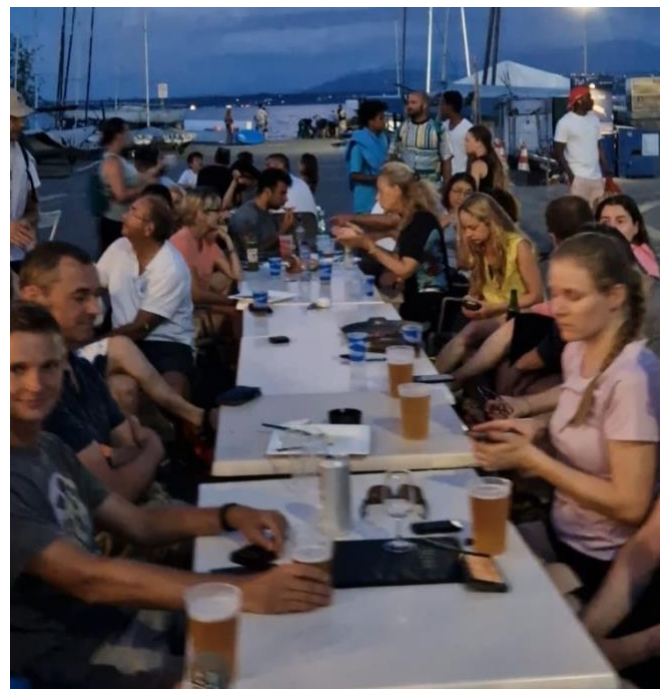
21 sessions have been held so far, with up to 90 members participating on a weekly basis. The post-sailing gatherings at the CNV buvette have been key for new members to connect with the YCC community.

Several dedicated skippers, including Paolo Moroni, Torsten Layda, Alberto Pace, Alexander Grasset, Yazan Savoy, Philippe Barbotin, Francois Kocher, Manfred Willenbrock, Richard Lapper, Vid Malkar, Hans Postema, Irina Kirkman, and others, have consistently supported the activities. A big thanks to these volunteers for making Thursday practices possible.

However, the lack of skippers is a significant issue. Once members obtain their keys, their participation in club activities often decreases.

It's crucial for skippers to join outings to support the club's life. Key holders are essential for the club's functioning, and their involvement in activities is vital.

Thursday practice is the main social event of the YCC. All members should aim to participate at least twice a year to show their pride and gratitude for being part of the YCC.



# FLOTILLA EVENTS

This year, Federico and Alessandro introduced a new format for our sailing social activities. It began with an administrative outing, followed by two official events where several keelboats sailed together across the lake to Hermance. There, members enjoyed swimming, dinner, and dancing on board in a friendly atmosphere.

The new format was greatly appreciated by members, providing a refreshing break from the weekly learning sessions with some fun taken seriously. It's definitely something to repeat next year!



**Challenge league:** In August, Emmet Ryan (skipper), Anne-Laure Lamure, Olé Marqversen and Michał Kwiatek put in another strong performance during Challenge League Act 3 in Davos and finished 5th out of a fleet of 14.



Next weekend 21-22 September, Elia Borrego (skipper), Andres Vieitez, Kate Robertson and Nathalie Birt will race in the Challenge League final in Luzern, after which the overall series results will be determined.



## SWISS LEAGUE RACE

This year, YCC is participating in 3 leagues of the Swiss Sailing Leagues: the Challenge League, the Promotion League and the Women's League.

**Promotion league:** the 3rd and final Act of the Promotion League took place in Zurich this weekend 14-15 Sep. Eino Tiirinen (skipper), Simon Marti, Adelaide Davis and Emmet Ryan represented the club with fighting spirit, winning some of their races and finishing 7<sup>th</sup> overall out of a fleet of 18 clubs.



**Women league:** Women's racing among YCC members continues to grow. This year two new teams represented YCC in the 2 Women's league events and they made great inroads. Congratulations to both!



## TRANSMANIQUE EN SOLITAIRE

After 28 hours, 13 minutes, and 52 seconds, Farhad Farhad Irannejad successfully finished the Translémanique en Solitaire on our Jedi and returned to Geneva. This year's race took place under extremely challenging conditions, with 8 Beaufort winds and rain. Despite the storm, which

caused many boats to abandon the race, Farhad persevered and crossed the finish line within the time limit. He placed 6th out of 24 in the TFC3 category and 49th out of 125 overall in compensated time. You can read about his experience [his blog](#). Extract: *'I felt incredibly accomplished and absolutely thrilled! It was tough and challenging, but what an incredible experience! I like to thank again everyone who helped and supported me during this endeavor and for YCC allowing me to have such an amazing experience.'*

The Translémanique en Solitaire is considered the most demanding regatta on Lemman Lake, you can find more information [here](#).



## BELLE ETOILE

YCC ladies, Ursula Vogel (skipper), Melodie Honen-Delmar, Mariarosaria d'Alfonso and Kinga Wozniak had a successful Belle Etoile (a regatta which includes night racing, part of Coupe du Petit Lac) on our J70 Padawan and made a great performance. The regatta truly lived up to its name with many stars seen!



## PRIVATE CRUISE

A friend of the YCC proposes a sailing cruise to bring his boat from Iceland to Nantes with a stopover in Reykjavik and Belfast.

One option is still available: 25 Sep to 5 Oct.

This could be of interest to our members wishing to do miles or learn ocean cruising.

The boat is a 54-foot aluminum long-distance cruise boat, skippered by a professional.

If you are interested for this cruise or a future one, please contact the boat owner, [Pierre Ninin](#).



*Convoyage*

15 septembre au 25 septembre  
1er première étape de Reykjavik a Belfast  
25 septembre al 5 octobre  
deuxième étape de Belfast a Nantes

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