

YCC NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 2026

FLEET BERTHING

Saturday 31st of October, the Club will organize the yearly berthing of the fleet, under Gijs' supervision. Do not miss this instructive and friendly event. Details will shortly follow by email.



BOATS IN WINTER

One or two Yngling, one Surprise and our Bise V will remain in the water and be sailable throughout the whole winter.



SEPTEMBER CRUISE

The traditional YCC cruise has just ended and broke a new record in terms of participants (74 !) and number of boats (10 !) ...

Conditions were excellent with strong wind, great weather and excellent atmosphere during the whole week.

The club warmly thanks the organizers, Marco and Jorge, for their work to make this event unforgettable!



INTERNAL REGATTAS

The 2026 sailing season at YCC has been packed with racing, bringing together experienced sailors, newcomers, families, and friends.

Mariarosaria with her team organised **two match races**, the J/70 on 14 June and the Melges 15 on 12 July and **four internal regattas** throughout July and August. From the *Sailing World Cup* theme to *Stripes and Neon Inside Out*, the after-work Regattas combined friendly competition with plenty of creativity. The Family & Friends regatta welcomed new sailors, while the **CERN Cup on 23 August** brought together YCC and external participants, with 10 catamarans on water.

Our famous member, Slawosz, back from space. took home the CERN cup trophy on the laser, the boat with the smallest sails on the course!



YCC racing is about more than just crossing the finish line first. With around 180 participation entries from 140 unique participants recorded so far this year, everyone has found their own reason to join in: from training for external competitions or learning the basics of racing to simply enjoying the company of fellow YCC sailors. A big thank you to all the volunteers who made the regattas possible, from race officers and umpires to boat drivers, buoy crews, skippers and everyone working behind the scenes.



The season isn't over yet! [Our Closing Regatta on 27 September](#) will be the final event of the year. We have also just refurbished the Yngling with new sails inherited from an Olympic campaign!

WEEK END CRUISE

A week-end cruise took place in August on the Geneva Lake, with 4 boats: Bise V, MissR, MicMac et Mamma Mia and 19 members.

Two boats started on Friday evening to profit from an extra night.

Bise V anchored twice in a bay while the other boats slept in a harbour on the Swiss coast. Lot of fun and looking forward to repeating the experience next year!



TRANSEMANIQUE

The club is very proud of its new record with a participation of 4 members to this very demanding regatta! Sebastian Lopienski (on Mamma Mia) Florian Elbe (on Jedi) Ursula Vogel and Jean Vasic on external boats participated and reached an excellent performance!

LA DOUBLE

Congratulations to Ursula and Chris for winning La Double TCF4 regatta on Saturday 12 September. What an amazing performance!



Even Gemini knows everything about them :-):-)

La Double North Sails (often referred to simply as *La Double*) is a prominent double-handed sailing regatta held annually on Lake Geneva (Lac Léman), organized by the [Club Nautique de Versoix \(CNV\)](#).

The 2026 edition of the race took place on September 12, 2026. [manage2sail](#)

Team Context

- **The Sailors:** Ursula Vogel and Christopher (Chris) Hughes are a recurring double-handed crew pairing in Lake Geneva regattas. They are members of the [Yachting Club of CERN \(YCC\)](#).
- **The Boat:** They routinely compete onboard SUI 1375, a J/70 class yacht named *Padawan*.

LA BELLE ETOILE



Outstanding performance at La Belle Etoile regata on 21 August for our ladies (Ursula, Nina, Mariarosaria, Kinga) with a 3rd place on the podium, computed on the corrected time on the so called 'petit parcours', ranking on our *Padawan* before all SURPRISEs. Go YCC!

D & Y PRACTICE

Y practice: This summer, we organised 7 Yngling training outings in July and August, interleaved with 2 internal Wednesday regattas. With 70 different participants overall and an average of 20 registrations per event, the sessions were once again popular. From complete beginners to seasoned skippers, everyone had the opportunity to practice manoeuvres, collect signatures towards the aspirant Y key, or simply enjoy some sailing. A big thank you to all the participants, as well as the many rescue teams, helpers and captains who made the trainings possible.

A huge thanks to Daniele and his team.

D practice: as usual, the week of Jeûne Genevois marks the end of the weekly dinghy training evenings. This season, we organized a total of 10 outings - each of which was oversubscribed! The enthusiastic participation by many D and ED key holders as well as engaged newcomers highlights the persistent interest for dinghy sailing in our club.

Despite two events being cancelled shortly after rigging due to foul weather and otherwise often light sailing conditions, people showed up and shared a great time.

The most competitive participants repeatedly managed to secure top spots in the waiting list by staying up until midnight on Tuesday to sign up for the training the week after!

A huge thanks to the team of dinghy enthusiasts (Katie, Florine, Hermann, Anna, Paul, Tom, Valerio) helping with running trainings on water.



YNGLING TESTS

We expect to run Yngling tests possibly until end of September. depending on the weather. Beyond that, conditions may exceptionally allow the latest tests.

If you would like to pass your test this year, we encourage you to register soon, following the procedure described on the Y test page, and to be as flexible as reasonably possible when scheduling your test.

If you cannot complete your card this year, please don't worry: you will still be able to complete it and pass the test next year. However, please note that surveillance shifts completed this year will only remain valid until the beginning of the next season, typically until April, in accordance with the club rules.



SAFETY REMINDER

We would like to kindly ask all members to respect both the lake regulations and the club rules, as we have unfortunately experienced some rule violations recently. Please also keep in mind, when navigating on our boats, that you represent our club.

According to Club Rules [URL](#), art. 8.3: "The skipper must ensure that the maximum number of persons aboard is not exceeded. For YCC, one child equals one adult. (NB, different from Federal law but this takes precedence). It is the responsibility of the skipper to check that the boat is in a seaworthy state before leaving the shore or the mooring; the Club declines any responsibility for problems resulting from faulty equipment. While the Club makes every effort to maintain the boats and to ensure that the mandatory safety equipment is on board. **It is the skipper taking the**

boat out who has the full responsibility for checking that the boat is safe and has all the necessary equipment available on-board and working properly."

Docon boat capacity: [URL](#). Summary:

- Lasers: Capacity = 1
- All dinghies: Capacity = 2
- Ynglings 'old' (Janisico, Vas-Y, Y knot): Capacity = 4
- Ynglings 'new' (J'Y Vais, Y-me): Capacity = 3

Please note that by sunset all boats without navigation lights must be back to the port (all D, all Y, all Catamarans). NB: Joda has a solar-powered masthead tricolour navigation light so can be sailed after sunset.

Also note that Geneva has extra rules consultable [here](#). We also recommend that you regularly refresh your memory by consulting [our safety page](#).

E-LOGBOOK FILLING

After each outing, it is important to fill the electronic log ([URL](#)) to share useful information with the following skippers and provide data for any postmortem analysis. In particular, the following fields are mandatory: Names of the skipper and all crew members, wind and boat conditions.

CNV FACILITIES

YCC members should not use the changing rooms and showers of the local hosting the key cupboard, as both are strictly reserved for CNV members. Please be so kind to respect this rule.

Please also pay attention not to use the key cupboard (nor the regatta box) as storage place but store equipment in BA5 instead.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

It will take place either on Thursday 26th of November or on Thursday 2nd of December. The date will soon be communicated.

MEMBER CERTIFICATE

Should you need a membership certificate for any purpose, you can easily generate from your user details of the YCC app ([URL](#))

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