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# ZISC News

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*Anniversary and blast from  
the past*

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## On this day in 2022

On 21 February 2022 we created the first club WhatsApp group, with Dario's infamous first shoutout "Hello Dears! Welcome onboard". The start of something beautiful. It took us another 3 months to rebrand as ZISC and launch the website and insta. And look at us now! All in the space of a few short months.

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*2023! That came  
around quickly*

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## A lot has happened since our first News in October

### Winter Sailing

True to form, ZISC has kept sailing throughout the winter, whether that's been sweeping snow off the boats on the Zürisee or disappearing to the Caribbean or Med for some warmer sailing miles. Winter sailing has been a blast, and there's lot more to come. Including a trip on the Sauna Boat on Zürisee.



## The End of Season Party was one to remember

A mist of dancing, partying, awesome DJs, costume competitions, a tombola/raffle with loads of amazing prizes - almost too many to list here! Sailing jackets, books, lifejackets, fancy rugs and beach towels, dry bags and sailing rucksacks and lots more, we had them all to give away. Thanks again to all of our sponsors!

## The RYA Sea Survival course was a big success

Sixteen intrepid ZISC members successfully completed the Sea Survival course in Kloten and received our RYA Sea Survival certificates. In an emergency, if you need to know how to launch your liferaft, you know who to call.

We'll run the course again once we have sufficient numbers, send a message to [hello@zisc.club](mailto:hello@zisc.club) if you're interested.

## 2023 calendar has been announced

The calendar is on the ZISC website (see the Club News section for the pdf). Casual sailing, race training, regattas, onshore training. Something for everyone. We'll be posting more events on the website soon, so make sure you have an account on ZISC website events page.

It's where it will all be happening over the spring and summer months.

Check the club website [www.zisc.club](http://www.zisc.club) for details.

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## *Get ready for Med Rally 2023*

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## We're going to Greece

The venue is fixed and the boats are being booked. ZISC is going to Athens. We'll be sailing either through the sporty Cyclades or scenic Saronics, depending on the weather that week, choices choices.

The dates are 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September, mark it in your diary and make sure to sign up now on the ZISC website, we have limited places and this one will definitely be a sellout. Speak to Dario or Grant for more info.

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## *Upcoming Events*

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## An update on some upcoming events

### Weekly Sail

We plan to have a boat on the water every week, one of our core activities. We have arranged a pool of ZISC skippers that will do the weekly sail on a rotating basis. It might be social sailing or race training, on the Zürisee or another Swiss Lake. The exact format is the skippers choice, but this is a chance for everyone to get out on the water. Sign up on the ZISC website as the events come up (more events being posted soon).

### Solent Race Series

There are still some spaces for the Solent race series, several weekends of racing in the waters off the South Coast of England. Home to some of the best sailing and most historic sailing grounds anywhere in the world. Register for the ones you're interested in (no commitment yet) and we'll send more details on logistics.

### Generalversammlung (GV) / AGM

The GV/AGM will take place in April 2023. ZISC already exists as a Verein, and this will be the first GV where all members formally join as voting members. We will elect a slightly larger admin group to keep managing the ever growing club. This is your

chance to be part of shaping the club and helping organise some of the events and admin to keep us ticking along. We need YOU to keep the club alive!

## Membership fees

We are planning to start charging a small fee to help fund the club and events. Everyone involved works on a voluntary basis but there are costs to be paid (venue hire, websites, email accounts etc etc). More news on this before the GV.

## Weekly Social

We'll continue to meet at Hafenkneipe, Militärstrasse (near HB) every Thursday at 18h30. The perfect opportunity to meet with fellow club members, listen to some tall sailing stories, and plan your spring and summer sailing schedule.

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### *And in other news*

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## The Race Team

The ZISC Racing Team is gathering forces to achieve its ambitious objectives in 2023. ZISC has already secured a spot in the Swiss Sailing League, and competing at this level will require quite some training but the growth journey will surely be rewarding.

We have a separate WhatsApp chat to organize some of the race training and events. Lots happening, and it's open to all. Speak to Dario for more info.

## For the 'Gram

Thanks to Rui our Head of / Director / Editor in Chief of all Things Social Media for keeping our Insta account ticking along. It's our window to the world to let them know what ZISC is all about. Giving us credibility with sponsors, Swiss Sailing, other clubs, guest speakers and more. Keep the content coming, post your photos and videos - in portrait / vertical mode is best.

## Getting involved

And as always, there are lots of opportunities to get involved and help organize events, activities and the administration of the club. We're all part of something that is growing quickly, creating a sailing community for all of us. Don't be shy, put your hand up and get involved.

Fair winds and following seas

Your ZISC Team