

ZÜRICH INTERNATIONAL SAILING CLUB



WELCOME TO OUR

Quarterly ZISC Newsletter



Dear ZISC members!

This is the first newsletter of 2024. From now on, we will summarize the most important events and activities of our club on a quarterly basis. Furthermore, the newsletter will give an outlook towards the upcoming key events. Let's investigate how the 2024 season started off.

Besides the highly official club events, club members teamed up again to sail outside of Switzerland 🇨🇭 and enjoy a great time on the worlds seven seas: Earlier this year members sailed in the Caribbean 🇵🇸, in Scotland 🇬🇧, in Italy 🇮🇹 and Croatia 🇭🇷 and Norway 🇳🇴 together.

Latest Regattas, sailing opportunities and upcoming events.

Despite our best attempt this newsletter cannot cover all activities from the past months but strives to give a good overview about the most key activities.



AGM 2024

COMMITTEE WAS ELECTED ON MAY 30

- Grant Gillon, Chair
- Dario Ogliaroso
- Mihai Gheorghita
- Anja Kroll
- Michele Papesso
- Marielle Danelljan (newly appointed)
- Silou Limaro (newly appointed)
- Stephen Thomas (newly appointed)

In a nutshell: It was confirmed that annual membership fee of CHF 50 will be introduced starting September 1, 2024. Paying members get access to the members chat, special club events and the membership area of our website.

SSL Promotion League

THIS SEASON IS MARKED BY THREE KEY EVENTS

ACT One in Ascona 27.-28.04.24

- Gianmarco
- Nico
- Michele
- Angelika

ACT Two in Zürich 01.-02.06.24

- Gianmarco
- Nico
- Mihai
- Angelika
- (crew pictured above)

ACT Three in Zürich 13.-15.09.24

Crew to be defined

For 2024, ZISC members have joined RCLM to race on their boat (including the Women's team). ZISC has not entered its own boat in the SSL this year. The team is still training hard, including in Brunnen and Sisikon known for their more reliable and stronger winds.



Ascona Regatta

Almost a must do in our regatta calendar: 15 ZISC members headed to Ascona for a two hour long regatta, hosted by the Ascona Yacht Club on June 1 formerly called Tre Ore.

Our three crews

- on a Surprise, skippered by Dario
- on a Surprise, skippered by Michéle
- on a mOcean, skippered by Andi

Swiss Sailing Women's League 🏆

J/70 Women Camp 2024 Brissago

16/04/2024 - 19/04/2024

The crew: Silou, Cristina, Sofia, Kaltrina
(upper picture)

ACT One Group 2 (West) Biel-Bienne

09/05/2024 - 10/05/2024

The crew: Silou, Cristina, Lauren, Kaltrina

ACT Two Group 1 (East) Sempach

25/05/2024 - 26/05/2024

The crew: Silou, Lauren, Anna, Kaltrina
(lower picture)

Special thanks to Silou as the driving force of our Swiss sailing women's league, officially established this spring. 🌞🌊🏆



RYA First aid course 🧑‍🎓 🧑‍🎓

10 ZISC members earned their RYA First Aid certification early May during a full day of fun and informative training. Abby summarized her thoughts after the training: "The First Aid Course is a perfect pairing to the Sea Survival Course, both offered by the Swiss Maritime Academy, recommended to all sailors. Not only applicable on the water but can also be life saving during every day living."

ZISC was able to offer access to this course at a discounted price. Further courses will be announced on our website.



Tag und Nacht Regatta

Zürich-Rapperswil back and forth! ☀️😄 The Tag and Nacht Regatta took place mid June and stimulated all kind of emotions, race adrenaline, night sailing, and tested the endurance and the ability of planning a lake crossing. 30 boats in total registered for the memorable experience, three of the boats were registered via ZISC. This year was a tough one as it started to rain in the middle of the night and it didn't stop until the late morning.



Rain or shine ... ☔ ZISC is out and about

This season we haven't been spoiled with sunny days so far but despite all odds the lake was busy and on some days we had up to five crews out to train.



Solent Racing Series

Solent - Part I (March)

As summarized by Grant: "Last weekend was a blast - super competitive, exhausting and fun racing. We were second in the first race, but were over the line early by a few metres. And then we were super unlucky with our hoists and drops. No room for error or bad luck in these races! One bad hoist or drop can cost the race. Sooooo....practice practice and on to the next weekend in April."

Solent - Part II (April)

Another report by Grant: "Another fun yet tough, exhausting, physical weekend on the Solent. Saturday we had 4 races. Our first start was awesome, we spotted the wind shift, read the changing currents. We held a 5 boat length lead for most of the race but lost it in the last leg when we struggled with a spinnaker hoist. But, we held second place and we went looking for more in the next races. Race 2: Three boats side by side. The boat in the middle couldn't turn left or right. Somehow somehow, they peeled away and he missed spearing the ZISC crew by centimeters.

The racing for the rest of Saturday and Sunday was less dramatic, but no less competitive. A lot of exciting tight mark roundings, tactical maneuvers downwind as we luffed other boats while we tried to remember the specifics of proper course, overlaps and Rule 17. And we got better and better with the hoists, drops and racing tacks and gybes. 6th overall. We'll be back!"

Solent - Part III (July)

This weekend a crew of four will fly to the Solent again. Next opportunity to join: In October and hopefully in November for the final series. This date isn't defined yet. Fingers crossed for the upcoming July weekend.

Schoggi Cup

Based on a summary by Abby: The Schoggi Cup /Swiss Chocolate Cup regatta was a blast on Zurichsee end of May. Beautiful weather and decent wind. Not great but not bad either with gentle breezes, enough to propel boats anywhere from 1-2 kts.

Approximately 40 boats participated in the Schoggi Cup /Swiss Chocolate Cup and of that somewhere between 11-13 were in the J70 boat class.. Both boats registered under ZISC, skippered by Dario and Michele, finished among the Top 10. Dario's team was consistently solid, out performing half the regatta keeping a steady pace right alongside larger performance vessels. Bonus treats for the crews: everyone went home with a bounty of chocolate. It was a sweet day!



What's next?

July 13
ZLC Distance Races Cup of Lake Zurich aka Distanzfahrt
We registered two boats, skippered by Marco and Dario

July 14
ZISC Juniors: Sailing with kids
Join the waiting list

August 4
Olympic Sailing in Marseille
Come with us as a spectator

August 10
A new date for our annual summer BBQ, again at Schindlergut. Bring sausages and sunshine

September 1
Option to become a full club member at the annual price of CHF 50 starts. Three month transition period.

September 7
2024 Fundraising event supporting „Just for smiles“
Mönchhof am See
Voluntary donations will be transferred by ZISC to Just for Smiles
Free sailing lessons available

September 13-15
SSL Promotion League Act 3
Fingers crossed for our SSL team

September 21-28
ZISC Med Rally
This year we are heading to Kos
Talk to one of the skippers to get to know more: Dario | Mihai | Markus | Grant | Michele
Pro Tipp: Flights from Zurich to Kos got expensive meanwhile. Check flights via Bodrum, Turkey.
There is a ferry connecting Bodrum with Kos and it only takes 20 minutes.



Impression from the MedRally 2023 🇪🇺

