



ZÜRICH INTERNATIONAL
SAILING CLUB

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ZISC News

*What a week, what a
year*

Med Rally 2022

The wind blew hard, many a cocktail was sunk but the boats stayed afloat.

The club is just back from Sardinia, the very first ZISC Med Rally, and a what a fantastic week it was! We had six 17m boats with 35 keen ZISC sailors aboard, from seasoned ocean crossing skippers to those that had almost never been on a yacht. Perfectly reflecting ZISC's 'welcome to all' approach to sailing.

Despite the Mistral weather bomb not too far away, we managed to alter our Sardinian route to keep us sailing every day in some amazing sailing conditions.



The ZISC Med Rally Trophy was won by Pan Di Zuchero, ably skippered by Nico with his crew of Annie, Isabel, Jonas, Viktor and Suzanne. Due to the constantly changing weather, winds and route it was a slightly shorter programme than planned (!?) but we had a blast and it was the perfect intro to more ZISC rallies and regattas in future. We hear rumours that Pan di Zuchero are already planning to defend the cup in 2023....

Highlights of the week included boat speeds regularly over 10knots, stunning anchorages, turquoise waters, a Tapas and Cocktail sharing evening to beat them all, Pevero's incredible immersive art display of Nelson's famous melon warship and carrot cannons, and of course amazing company.

And for next years cocktail competition we've got a hilarious cocktail lined up! (You know who you are 😄😄)

In other news....

(Not the) End of Season

Some people claim it's the 'end of the season'. Not for ZISC.

For those that like relaxing and chilled sailing, we'll have a sailing programme right through the winter. Wrap up warm and keep your sailing skills sharp through the chillier months. ZISC isn't stopping for the winter.

We'll also have slightly warmer land based activities, and it's a great time to sharpen your sailing theory, do some courses, or join us at one of the exclusive ZISC Sailing Movie nights.

Winter programme highlights include;

- RYA Sea Survival Course in November
- SRC VHF radio course (now essential for most charters in the med)
- Movie nights in a 'real' cinema exclusively hired for ZISC
- (Not the) End of Season party
- Sailing theory events
- Weekly Zürisee Sailing
- And of course our weekly social event

Check the club website www.zisc.club for details.

2023 and beyond

Membership and Balance

In less than 9 months since we started, we already have 80 signed up members, split exactly 50% male / female. The gender bias isn't the most important thing, but what's interesting is 20 (50%) of our male members are skippers. But only 6 (15%) of our female members are skippers. We'd love that to "even up" next year and we'll have programmes to encourage even more female skippers in 2023. Why not a female skipper (or more) in the Med Rally next year? An all female crew lifting the ZISC Med Rally Trophy?

Our own ZISC boats

We are continuing to evaluate getting our own ZISC boats on the lake. It takes time, but as a Verein we can get preferential access to moorings, so it's a real possibility in 2023. Watch out for more news on this.

2023 Programme

We're putting together the programme for 2023, and we will announce it in the coming months.

- We're planning a regular weekly sailing slot on the lakes to allow for even better planning.
- A regatta programme on the lakes and Hochsee.
- More Skills and Drills sessions on the lake particularly focused on building confidence and skills.
- More courses, more training, and a programme to help take people through the D-Schein.
- And of course the 2023 ZISC Med Rally.

Getting involved

There's a lot going on, and we know there's a lot more people out there that will come and join us in 2023. We have had incredible momentum this year. It all started with a chat over beers in Frau Gerolds Garten in January, and has continued to morph and evolve rapidly over a short few months. You're all part of something that is growing and evolving super fast.

This reflects the fact that what we're all involved with here is needed and wanted, and it's attracting a lot of like minded people.

But to make all this happen, we need three things.

1. All you fabulous people that are already involved
2. More skippers with access to boats (in practical terms, until we have our own boats, this means more D-Schein skippers signed up to Sailcom / Sailbox)
3. More people actively involved in organizing the club. Put your hand up and come help, contact us at hello@zisc.club. It's fun and rewarding 😊

Fair winds and following seas

Your ZISC Team