

ZÜRICH INTERNATIONAL SAILING CLUB



WELCOME TO OUR

Quarterly ZISC Newsletter

Dear ZISC members!

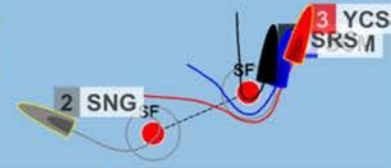
We are excited to announce that our transition to official membership has been successful. So far, **102 members** have chosen to upgrade to full membership. To celebrate this milestone, we invite you to join us for the (Not) the End of the Season party in just a few days—let's raise our glasses together!

Furthermore, we are pleased to inform you that our application for membership in the **Swiss Sailing League** has been submitted and is currently under review. This is a key step forward for our club, and we look forward to sharing more updates soon.

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 key activities. Feedback about the newsletter can be addressed to Anja.





Are you an official member yet?

ZISC MEMBERSHIP

This is a friendly reminder to everyone who has not answered the membership form and is thus not an active or passive member of the club yet.

Please be aware that if you have not answered the form before the **30th November** you will no longer have access to the WhatsApp community or the ZISC members website as it will be for Verein members only.

Questions about membership can be addressed to our committee member Marielle.



ZISC goes Olympics

The photo above shows Andi, Theresa, Kaltrina and Dario meeting in Marseille to cheer for the Olympic sailors.

Did you know? No nation has won more Olympic sailing gold medals than Great Britain. Team GB have collected 31 golds and 63 medals in total since the sport was first introduced into Olympic competition back at Paris 1900.

SSL Promotion League

Time to share highlights from the final SSL regatta of the 2024 season, held on September 13-15 on Lake Zurich. Our team had a fantastic performance, competing in J70s across a total of eight races. With only one training session together, our crew faced gusts peaking at around 17 knots. The team, consisting of Mattia (Bow), Theresa (Trimmer), Mihai (Trimmer), Nico (Tiller), and Gianmarco (Tactician), showcased their skills and determination. Gianmarco sums up the 2014 SSL season: “Sunday 15th of September has marked the end of the first season for the ZISC team in SSL. 3 weekends of racing in the famous J70 Monotype class against teams from many clubs all around Switzerland. In the first event in Ascona in April, due to poor wind conditions, no races happened. The second and third weekends took place in the home waters of Lake Zurich, where the team has delivered a *crescendo* performance, reaching also the podium in some races! Now it’s time to enjoy the offseason before coming back fully recharged for the season ahead!”

Swiss Sailing Women's League

The first official season for our women's sailing team has been remarkable, characterised by a tremendous level of interest, active participation, and dedication from our women's team. The team's commitment has led to successful involvement in key Swiss Sailing Regattas and Training Camps, including:

- **Women's Camp in Ascona (April)** - A milestone event marking the team's first official participation
- **Women's Swiss Sailing League:** The team proudly competed in both Act 1 in Biel and Act 2 in Sempach, gaining valuable racing experience
- **Additional events:** Swiss Sailing Camp, Brunnen (July), Ladies' Cup 2024 (July), Zürcher Yacht Club Old Fashion Race (August), Heidi Cup (October).

Silou Lamaro, ZISC Committee member and initiator of the ZISC women's team: "With a successful inaugural season behind us, we are now looking forward to continuing our development and building on this foundation for the upcoming seasons."

Just for smiles charity

Thank you for supporting our 2024 fundraising event in favour of our partner Just for Smiles Foundation. We were able to raise 585 CHF this time. ZISC offered the opportunity to sail, having drinks and lunch and return a kind gesture to the ones in need. Just for Smiles is a Foundation with a public interest status that gives children, teenagers and adults with restricted mobility the opportunity to enjoy all the excitement and freedom of outdoor activities. Thanks to our committee member Michele, who initiated this partnership.



Med Rally 2024 - Kos Edition

ZISC successfully hosted its third Annual Med Rally in Kos, Greece, in late September 2024. This year, 20 participants joined a flotilla of five 42-foot Bavaria monohulls, covering about 130 nautical miles along Pserimos, Kalymnos, and Leros. The flotilla spent half the nights in a marina and half anchored, allowing crews to visit each other easily. Despite smaller crew sizes, competition was fierce with typical high winds. Three races were held, with Team Eryfyli earning this years Med Rally trophy. Participants enjoyed sailing, swimming, snorkeling, and group dinners. A highlight was the all-night watch on Thursday, when boats anchored off Kalymnos facing 30+ knot winds. The crews rotated through the night to ensure safety, with one boat opting to motor to a safer harbor. For ZISC members, challenges often create the most memorable experiences.

Team Eryfyli: Adventurous Abby, Calculating Captain Markus, Fearless Lisa, Antoine the clever one-line wonder and Adorable Annette won the 2024 Med Rally held in Kos, Greece this year. (Pictured right below)



Solent Racing Series

Our crew of nine wrapped up a thrilling racing adventure aboard a Sun Odyssey 410, covering an impressive 80.4 nautical miles and hitting a max SOG of 9.5 knots. A huge shoutout to our amazing skipper and tactician Grant who expertly guided us through squalls and a spinnaker boot camp training, leading us to one of our best results in this race series! In a fierce competition with eight talented crews, we proudly secured 3rd place overall, with a remarkable 1st place in the second race. What a fabulous way to celebrate the end of the regatta season. The Solent series will continue in March 2025.

The crew Grant Gillon (Skipper and Strategist) | Mihai Gheorghita (First Mate) | Mattia Clementi | Alexey Gritsenko | Markus Imhof | Anja Kroll | Stephen Thomas | Andreas Tiefenauer | Wojtek Witon



What's next?



(NOT) THE END OF THE SEASON PARTY 🤩
THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 7TH

 **ZÜRICH INTERNATIONAL SAILING CLUB**

YOU ARE INVITED!

LOCATION: BOAT STÄFA NEXT TO GZ WOLLISHOFEN
DOORS OPEN 7 PM
DRESSCODE: DEEP SEA CREATURES

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