



ZÜRICH INTERNATIONAL
SAILING CLUB

ZISC News

Year in Review 2023 and Exciting Plans for 2024

Dear ZISC Members,

As the year draws to a close, it's time to reflect on the incredible journey we've had together. The past year has been marked by thrilling adventures, shared success, and the vibrant spirit that defines our close-knit community. On behalf of the ZISC Committee we are delighted to review the highlights of 2023 and bring a sneak peek into the exciting plans for 2024.

January: Winter Sailing Delight Against the backdrop of frigid temperatures, ZISC members put on their winter gear to brave the chill, sailing on Zuri Lake navigating in strong January winds.

February: Sailing Weekend with Fraglia Vela Riva and RYA Sea Survival Course In preparation for the Swiss Sailing League, our members embarked on a thrilling sailing weekend with Fraglia Vela Riva, perfecting their skills and fostering a sense of unity. Sixteen intrepid ZISC members also successfully completed the RYA Sea Survival Course, prepping them for all sorts of emergencies at sea.

March: Training at Lago di Garda and Solent Series Act 1 March saw ZISC navigating the picturesque waters of Lago di Garda, utilizing the stunning surroundings for a training weekend essential for the upcoming Swiss sailing league. ZISC also participated in the first of the Solent UK race series, immediately getting into winning mode and placing first overall for this weekend, and qualifying for the finals in November.



April: Swiss Sailing League Training and Solent Act 2 Dedicated to excellence, ZISC continued its rigorous training, undertaking sessions in Punat, Croatia. April also saw ZISC back in the Solent, this time rather than the normal crew of 8, we only had 3 crew on board. After an extremely hectic weekend racing, we again got onto the podium placing second overall.

May: Regattas and Seven O'Clock Series Active participation in the Seven O'Clock Regatta on Zurich Lake marked the beginning of our regatta season. For 3 Ore Ascona Regatta on May 27 seven of our members travelled to Ticino to participate as two crews. ZISC entered a team in what turned out to be a light wind Shoggi Cup on Züri Lake, the first of the Zürich Langstrecke Cup (ZLC) series. ZISC were in action in the first act of the Swiss Sailing Promotion League J70 series in Versoix. We were also back in action in the Solent, and after a weekend dominated by light winds, and some tough races, we continued the learning and practice for the finals later in the season.

June: Club Racing and Scottish Adventure ZISC's sails unfurled on Lac Lemman for the Bol D'Or and Act 2 of the Swiss Sailing Promotion League, as well as in Zürich for the intrepid long distance overnight Tag und Nacht regatta to Rapperswil and return. Meanwhile the spirit of adventure soared as members experienced the beauty of Western Scotland, starting in Oban.



July: Adria Alpen Liga Regatta, Summer BBQ and the Solent From the Adria Alpen Liga Regatta in Austria to the vibrant ZISC Summer BBQ Party, July was a month of spirited competition on the water and joyous celebrations on land. The July Solent Series involved an action packed Friday practice, but a storm brought high winds preventing any racing this weekend.

August: Sunset Sailing Across Swiss Lakes August unfolded a busy ZISC calendar, with members enjoying sunset sailing events on Walensee, Lake Lucerne, Zuger Lake, Züri Lake, and Urner Lake, showcasing the diverse beauty of the Swiss landscape.

September: Zurich Regatta and MedRally September brought further excitement with participation in the Zurich Horgen Distanzfahrt regatta, the final act of the SSL Promotion League in Murten and the unforgettable MedRally—a 180-nautical-mile journey across the seas, featuring seven yachts, 48 club members, and an array of adventures, challenges, and an unforgettable party with a direct view to the Temple of Poseidon.



October: Sailing Venice In the spirit of exploration, ZISC set sail to Venice, with Dario leading the way, as members revelled in the cultural and maritime treasures of the historic city.

November: Solent Final Series and Season Wrap-Up ZISC shined brightly in the Solent Final Series, where we proudly brought home our first-ever race trophy from the South of England, securing 3rd place overall. The season concluded with a grand celebration, including the presentation of the "Sailor of the Year" award and the unveiling of the much-anticipated 2024 event calendar, featuring a winter series for beginners.

December: Festive Farewell to 2023 As the year drew to a close, ZISC members gathered for a festive meeting at the Christmas market—a fitting conclusion to a year marked by accomplishments, friendship, and the shared passion for sailing.

Looking Ahead to 2024: A Year of Anticipation and Excitement As we set sail into 2024, the ZISC calendar is brimming with exciting prospects. The Annual General Assembly (AGM) is on the horizon, providing an opportunity for all members to engage in shaping the future of our club. We eagerly anticipate the MedRally 2024, another thrilling chapter in our seafaring odyssey, promising new challenges and unforgettable moments.

Our renowned ZISC Summer BBQ is set to return, a festive occasion to reconnect, share stories, and celebrate the bonds forged on the open seas. Additionally, our calendar will be adorned with numerous Sunset Sails on Swiss lakes, offering picturesque vistas and moments of serenity.

As we embark on this new chapter, we share our warmest wishes for the holiday season and a New Year filled with fair winds, following seas, and the continued spirit of adventure.

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