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THE CLUB

History

Yacht Club Italiano, founded in Genoa in 1879, is the oldest sailing club in Italy and one of the oldest in the Mediterranean.

The club began its life as Regio (“Royal”) Yacht Club Italiano through the initiative of Vittorio Augusto Vecchi (“Jack La Bolina”) and his enthusiastic sailing fellows, and enjoyed the support of His Majesty King Umberto I.

Since its inaugural race on 8th August 1880 (177 yachts racing in the Gulf of La Spezia), YCI has made sailing a popular sport through national and international events as well as training the younger generations. YCI inspired the establishment of other clubs (Naples, Palermo, Trieste and Venice) which led, after WWII, to the foundation of the Italian Sailing Federation.

Since the early 20th century the history of YCI has been marked by memorable events, such as the victory of the 1902 French Cup by the 10-Ton Artica owned by HRH the Duca degli Abruzzi, thus marking the club’s entry into the international racing arena; the gold medal won by the 8-Metre Italia at the XI Olympics (Kiel 1936); the lighting of Sydney City Hall by the club Member Guglielmo Marconi on his yacht Elettra moored in the Porticciolo Duca degli Abruzzi; racing the ‘87 America’s Cup on “Italia”.

High-profile club Members from the past are Luigi Durand de la Penne (who was awarded a Military Gold Medal) and Beppe Croce, highly regarded President of the club for 28 years and the only non-Anglo Saxon to head ISAF (the International Sailing Federation). More recently, Luca Devoti and Alessandra Sensini with their rich collection of prestigious awards and Olympic medals.

Throughout the decades, several projects were launched, such as the foundation of STA-I in 1996, jointly with the Italian Navy, to enable the younger generations to experience life at sea on civil and military boats.

Again with the Italian Navy, in 2007 YCI launched the Tender to Nave Italia Foundation, aimed at improving the quality of life for disabled people by means of sailing courses on the 61-m brig Nave Italia.

In 2000, the Scuola di Mare Beppe Croce was founded, open to Members and non-members, to teach sailing at beginner and advanced level, offshore sailing, and preparation to qualify for a Nautical License.

In March 2017, Nicolò Reggio replaced Carlo Croce, a 20-year President. At the end of 2019 Gerolamo Bianchi followed, supported by a broadly-unchanged Board of Directors, with an agenda of openness to Genova, its institutions and its citizens, and international relevance; underpinned by of world-class events such as the Rolex Giraglia, the SIAD Bombola d'Oro Trophy, the Millevele, the Grand Prix d'Italie Mini 6.50 and the Coppa Alberti.

YCI is a promoter of Olympic Classes too, through the organisation of the Olympic Classes Italian Championship in 2018, followed in 2018 and 2019 by the World Cup Series, which placed Genova on the stage of worldwide Olympic sailing.

More recently, the traditional and famous Regate di Primavera Portofino for Maxi Yachts, have been resumed, and new world-class events, such as the 2022 Melges 24 European Championship and the 2023 8mr Class World Championship, have been successfully organized by the Club. Through these and new challenges, YCI is ready to consolidate its future.

252 yachts fly the Club's burgee.



CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Over 1,000 Members are part of the Club.

Membership of the Club passes through strict admission criteria, regulated by the Statute, exclusively upon presentation by other Members, subject to verification of suitability by the Board of Directors and final approval by the Members' General Assembly.



CLUB HOUSE

Genoa - Porticciolo Duca degli Abruzzi

The head office of Yacht Club Italiano at the Porticciolo Duca degli Abruzzi in Genoa was designed by the architect Marquis Giuseppe Crosa di Vergagni and inaugurated on 17th February 1929, to coincide with the Club's fiftieth anniversary, in the presence of the Principe di Piemonte.

During WWII, it was heavily damaged after five bombings, and rebuilt in 1948-49. It was inaugurated on 8th March 1953, complete with the quayside installations, and the journalists who were present commented: "The Yacht Club's colours flutter above the rebuilt installations".

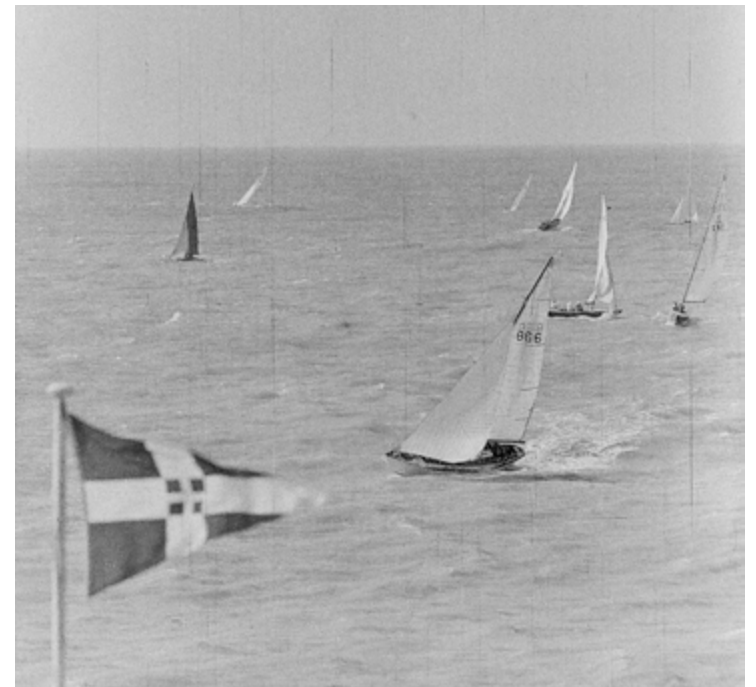
Today's clubhouse extends over three floors. A large entrance hall and locker rooms on ground floor, with a central stairway leading to the upper floors. More recently, the "Sala Trossi", a fully equipped lounge, has been created for junior Members".

The first floor hosts the the President's Office with the Board Room annexed, the Secretariat and the Library, which has been greatly expanded in recent years thanks to enthusiastic members who donated a large quantity of nautical magazines to the Club.

Members can meet and socialise in the bar area, in the main lounge and in the restaurant where walls are lined with models of yachts owned by members. A journey through more than one hundred years of the history of the evolution of yacht-racing and leisure sailing boats.

The second floor is completed by the "Saletta de la Penne", dedicated to the memory of a Club Member who was awarded the gold medal for military honours, used for private receptions and Members' meetings.





LIBRARY

Our Library boasts over 1,500 books - many of which were donated, in particular by Bruno Veronese - as well as Italian and foreign nautical magazines, including "Vela & Motore" since 1930, "Yachting World" since 1932 and "Le Yacht" since 1952. Regrettably, much of the Library was destroyed by bombings and fires during the WWII, and it has only recently been rebuilt.

Members may borrow any book, including historical nautical charts and, view documents describing the origins of our Club.

Since 2015 the Library collects the archive of the renowned journalist Franco Belloni, who conceived "Centro Studi Belloni", an extraordinary heritage of pictures and documents covering 100 years of history of sailing, including images of regattas of the Club by the renowned Genoese photo-journalist Francesco Leoni.



PORTOFINO CLUB HOUSE

The small clubhouse in Portofino, and the annexed garden terrace, are located in a privileged position and enjoy a stunning view over the village. It is open to Members and their guests from June to September and, mainly during Springtime, it is the operations centre for important regattas such as the Zegna Trophy (for more than 20 years), the Pirelli Trophy, the now classic Bombola d'Oro Trophy for Dinghies, the Nespresso Cup, the Regate di Primavera, an iconic regatta for Maxi Yachts.

A little jewel!



PORTICCIOLO DUCA DEGLI ABRUZZI

44° 40' 00" N | 08° 93' 20" E

The YCI nautical centre, located at the Porticciolo Duca degli Abruzzi, coordinates personnel and equipment in order to provide its Members with mooring, launching and haulage facilities. These facilities are also available to visiting yachts for short periods.

NAUTICAL CENTRE

Characteristics

- LAT / LON: 44° 40' 00" N / 08° 93' 20" E
- Moorings: N° 6 floating and quayside berths upto 200 yachts
- Draught: from 2 to 8 m
- Prevailing wind: N-NW
- Mechanical lifting gear: one quay-mounted 30-ton crane and one semi-mobile 7-ton crane.
- Boat Haulage: a 20-ton remote-controlled yacht transporter and a 3.5-ton lifting truck.
- Slipways: fixed for small keeled craft
- Electrical and drinking water supply points on every berth
- Telephone system: on the main quay
- Yacht Repairs: two sheds totalling 1200 sqm
- Storage lockers: 75 of differing sizes
- Changing rooms and washrooms: N° 3 areas on the ground floor of the clubhouse, with 94 lockers for personal belongings and, N° 2 areas in prefabricated structures on the upper eastern square.

Access from the sea

Upon entering the Port of Genova through its Eastern Entrance, sail along the shore for about 500m from the Punta Vagno Lighthouse to the entrance of the 40-m wide channel then haul to starboard and head for the Porticciolo Duca degli Abruzzi.

OWNED FLEET

Yacht Club Italiano owns three beautiful yachts available to members for cruising, and offshore sailing. On the occasion of important events, these yachts are used for the entertainment and transportation of press and sponsors.



ELO II



INDOMABILE PENSIERO



GRAMPUS



Reale Circolo Canottieri
Tevere Remo



Yacht Club
de Monaco



Reale Società
Cannottieri Cerea



Yacht Club
de France



Compagnia della Vela



Yacht Club Adriatico



Societe Nautique de Geneve



Circolo del Remo
e della Vela Italia



Yacht Club of Greece



Circolo della Vela Sicilia



Real Club Nautico
de Barcelona



Societe Nautique
de St.Tropez

TWINNED CLUBS

Twinning agreements between clubs provide for: - development of sports events between the clubs, with all Members eligible to participate freely on the same terms - admission for Members to the other club's premises, restaurants, lounges and other facilities upon presentation of their membership card - admission to the other club's boutique - exchanges between the two clubs' sailing schools, sharing coaches and organizing competitions.

The Club is also an active Member of the ICOYC (International Council of Yacht Clubs), a non-profit Association that brings together numerous Yacht Clubs around the world. The mission of the "Council" is to establish international relations between the Yacht Clubs in order to share experiences in the field of yachting to offer a better service to its members.

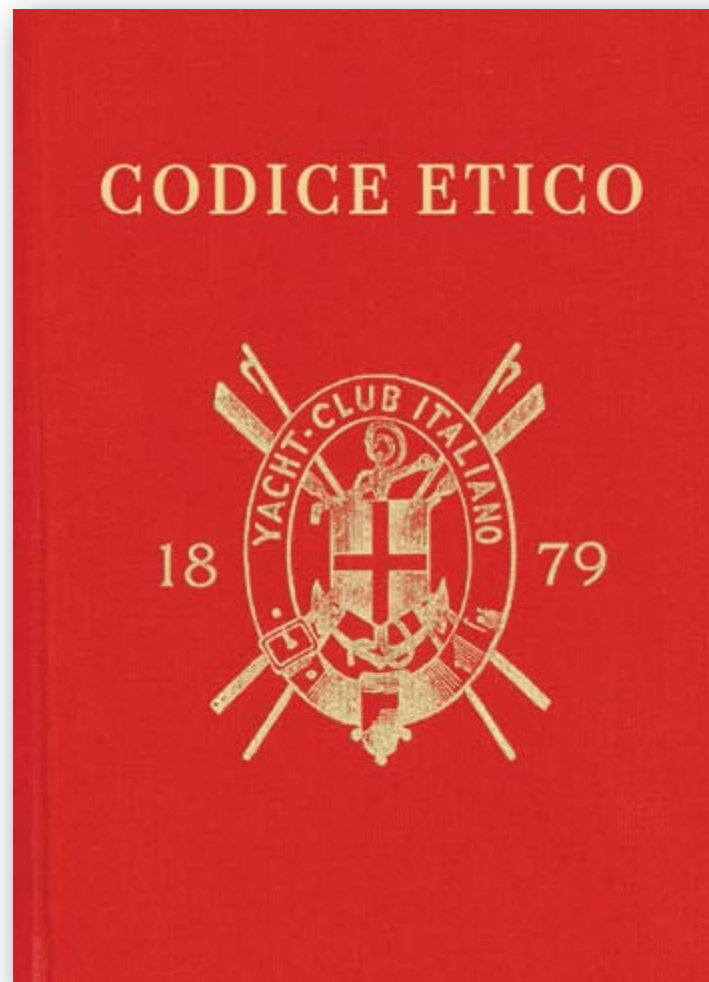
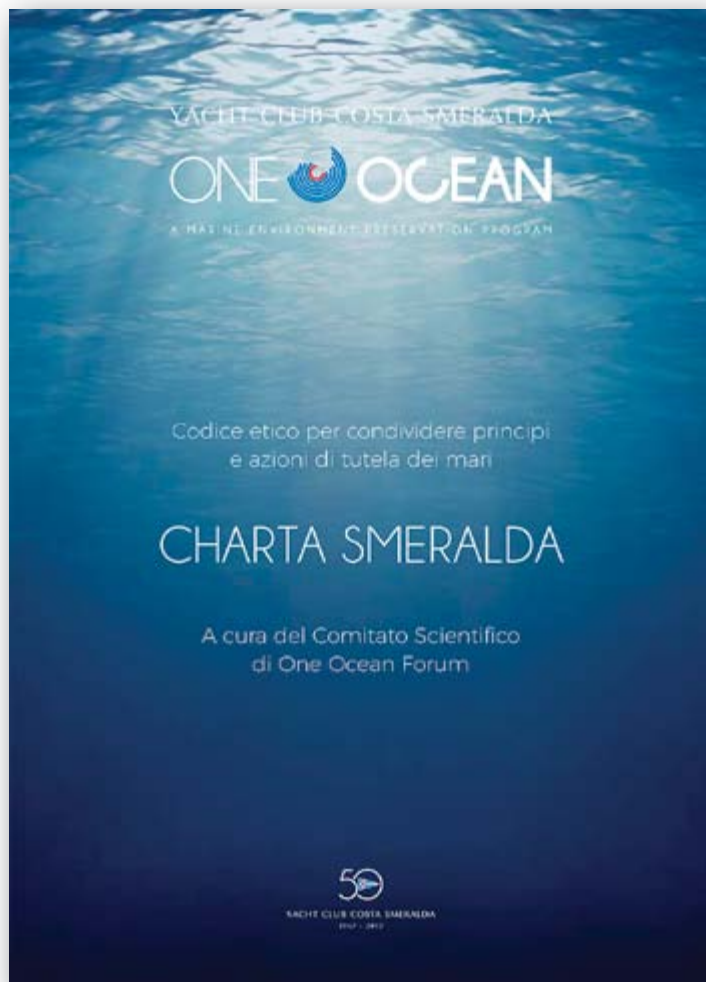


Yacht Club Porto Rotondo	Royal Canadian Yacht Club
Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club	Yacht Club Argentino
Yachting Club San Marino	Circolo Canottieri Aniene
Segelsallskapet Yacht Club Swan	Royal Perth Yacht Club
Republic Of Singapore Yacht Club	Sandringham Yacht Club
Real Club Marittimo del Abra Y Real Sporting Club	Société Nautique de Marseille
Royal Thames Yacht Club	Circolo della Vela di Bari
Bruxelles Royal Yacht Club	Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club Inc.
Norddeutscher Regatta Verein	Chhatrapati Royal Bombay Yacht Club
Yacht Club Punta del Este	Royal Irish Yacht Club
Casa De Campo Yacht Club	Reale Yacht Club Canottieri Savoia A.S.D.
Circolo Nautico dei Dipendenti della Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri	Long Beach Yacht Club
Club Nautico Rimini	Società Velica di Barcola e Grignano
St. Francis Yacht Club	Seattle Yacht Club
Royal Cork Yacht Club	Subic Bay Yacht Club
Circolo Nautico e della Vela Argentario	The Royal Bahamas Yacht Squadron
Helsingfors Segelklubb Ry.	Gstaad Yacht Club
	Royal Malta Yacht Club

RECIPROCAL CLUBS

In addition to twinning agreements, the Yacht Club Italiano also has reciprocal arrangements with 35 international Clubs located all around the world.

Under such arrangements, YCI Members will receive a warm welcome at these Reciprocal Clubs.



CODE OF CONDUCT

The Code of Conduct of the amateur sports association Yacht Club Italiano of Genoa has been developed to assist Members to understand the standards of conduct that are expected of them in their dealings with each other and with external stakeholders.

The association recognizes the fundamental social, educational and cultural values that are inherent in sport. It follows that the Club always abides by the principles of fair play and provides a safe, friendly and respectful environment for Members to gather in the spirit of cooperation, good will, fun and friendly competition.

The association rejects all forms of discrimination, violence, corruption, use of performance enhancing drugs and any other conduct that is detrimental to the sport. The Code of Conduct is the main means used by the association to provide practical guidance on ethical behaviour in sport. It lays down a set of rules of conduct designed to ensure fulfilment of the Club's educational goals as well as an environment based on integrity, respect, and sportsmanship.

These rules must be observed by anyone acting in the name and on behalf of the YCI, notably its Members, who shall always act ethically, fairly and honestly and help to enhance the image of our association as represented by our Club colours, embodying our principles and values during sports events.



CSR

Corporate Social Responsibility

Definition: policies, practices and behaviors adopted by a company in favor of the community in which it operates as well as the company itself. It constitutes a form of voluntary responsibility that companies tend to assume towards their main social interlocutors, the so-called “stakeholders”: partners, customers, employees, suppliers, sponsors, the community with which the organization interacts.

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) translates into the adoption of a company policy that knows how to harmonize its objectives with the social and environmental ones of the reference territory, with a view to sustainability, or with the intention of preserving the environmental, social and human heritage for current and future generations.

The social responsibilities of the Italian Yacht Club, in concrete terms, concern in particular activities aimed at supporting and promoting:

- Ethics and social responsibility
- The protection of the sea and the environment
- The education of young people in the values of sport
- Charitable initiatives



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Main Partner & Official Timekeeper



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Institutional Partners



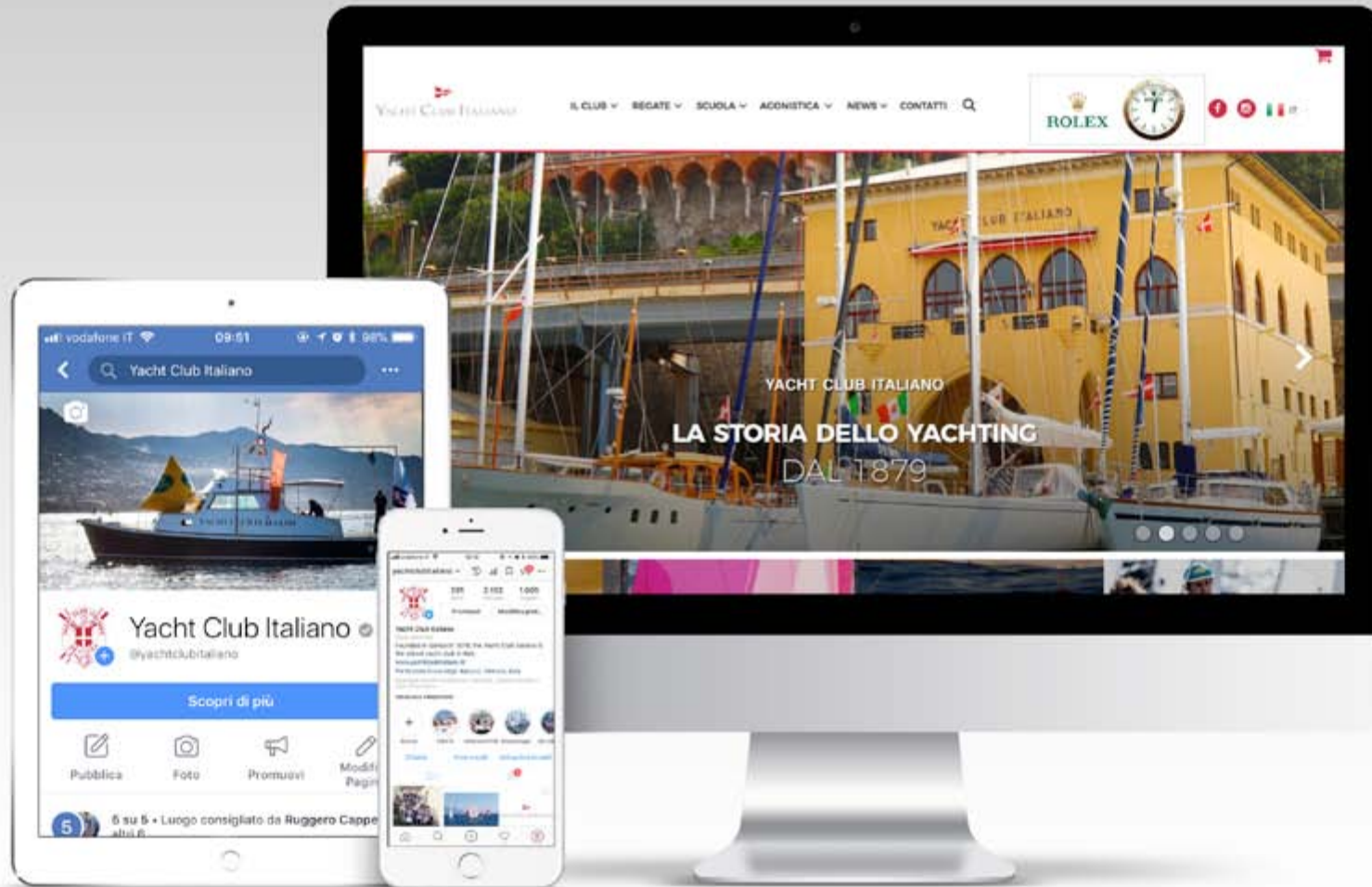
Technical Partners



PARTNERSHIP

For many years, Yacht Club Italiano has had close and consolidated relationships with its Institutional and Technical Partners or simply participating to events that traditionally are part of the Club's activities, all representing excellence in their sectors of activity.

The same objectives are shared with them through a constructive dialogue based on the recognition of their respective 'excellences' and on the sharing of common values of exclusivity, tradition and vision of the future.



COMMUNICATION

Communication with Members and with the outside world is of paramount importance for the efficiency of management and for the enhancement of the YCI Brand; therefore great attention is, therefore, paid to this activity.

Inside the Board of Director, the Member in charge of this important function, employs professional staff to manage media relations.

A modern and attractive website, social channels (Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn pages), regular newsletters, reports of sporting events, press releases, are the media daily used for a prompt and direct information, while more structured publications, such as the “Magazine” and the “Club Yearbook” are published once a year.



SOCIAL MEDIA

Data referring to 31.12.2022



FOLLOWERS **9,215**

POSTS **2 per Week**

Minimum

PEOPLE **304,945**

Reached last 12 months

BEST POST **265 like**

Giraglia2022 - HL day 2 Video **21,645 reach**



FOLLOWERS **9,618**

POSTS **1,301**

PEOPLE **535,608**

Reached last 12 months

BEST POST **360 like**

Reel Giraglia 70 **5,160 reach**

YCI WEBSITE

Data referring to year 2022



yachtclubitaliano.it

UNIQUE VISITORS

90,889

NUMBER OF VISITS

148,403

PAGES

1,820,602

ACCESS

6,231,985

PRESS RELEASE

Data for the year 2022



Source: Eco della Stampa

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

OVER 2,500





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UNA VITA PER LA VELA
TOMMASO CHIEFFI

Giovedì, 3 Marzo 2022 - Ore 19.00
PORTICELLO DOCA DEGLI ARBIZZI, 16138 GENOVA

B&G

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CON LA FORZA DEL RESPIRO
UMBERTO PELIZZARI

Giovedì, 17 Marzo 2022 - Ore 19.00
PORTICELLO DOCA DEGLI ARBIZZI, 16138 GENOVA

LOWRANCE

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GALA IN MASCHERA

Sabato, 25 Febbraio 2023 - ore 20.00

Salotto Club Arsenale, Porticello Doce degli Arbizzi, Genova

ROLEX

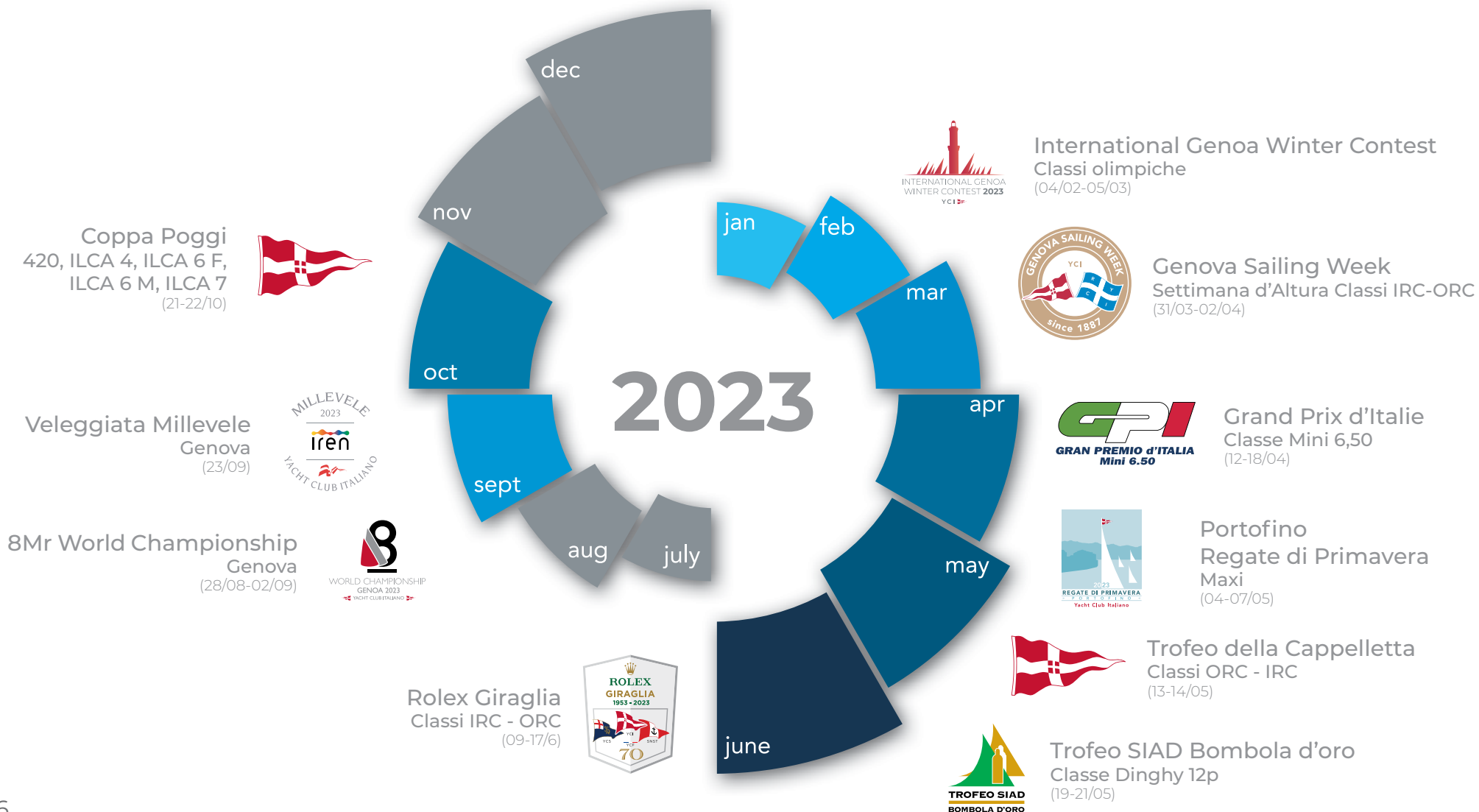
CLUB EVENTS

The Club takes great care for social life and promotes moments of aggregation among its Members.

As a matter of fact, events are regularly organised at the clubhouse: cultural, sporting, historical, or simple gatherings that never fail to attract a large number of enthusiastic attendees .

Unmissable events, and now part of the Club tradition, are the Summer BBQ and the Christmas Party where hundreds of Members and their guests gather in “memorable” moments of meeting and participation.

2023 CALENDAR



SPORT EVENTS

Sailing in Genoa - Racing at YCI

Yacht Club Italiano is a reality that, since its beginnings, has organized regattas of all kinds and importance; national and international, small dinghies, Olympic class, classic boats and state-of-the-art Maxis.

Genoa is a near-perfect race course and a welcoming city rich in history, art, culture, accommodation facilities and enchanting views, that make it an ideal place in organizing important sailing events. Yacht Club Italiano presents itself as the ultimate organizer of international events well-known for:

- status and prestige
- competence
- professionalism
- consolidated experience
- internal organization
- appropriate assets
- adequate facilities

Yacht Club Italiano's dense year-round calendar, of national and international regattas, recognised by The Italian Sailing Federation events, normally attracts:



BOATS

OVER 1,200



PARTICIPANTS

OVER 5,000









SAIL ACADEMY

Scuola di Mare Beppe Croce

The Scuola di Mare Beppe Croce organises sailing courses for children aged 7 and above, or 6 in Summertime courses, racing preparation and competitive yachting as well as dinghy and offshore sailing courses for teens and adults. The sailing school also teaches about mooring techniques, safety at sea and galley work as well as preparation for nautical licence test and other topics.

The academy's main mission is to promote sailing and inspire a sense of responsibility for safety, individual and collective, as well as preservation of the marine environment.

The school's premises cover an area of over 500 sqm between classrooms and well-equipped residential facilities for students' live-in accommodation. The Scuola di Mare Beppe Croce has a fleet of 52 boats including the 18.79 m sailing yacht Grampus.



COURSES

Offshore Sailing



Yachting Licence
Offshore Navigation
Level-1, Level-2, Level-3
Mooring
Meteorology
Level-1, Level-2
Mast Climb - Certification
Safety - World Sailing O.S.R.
Cruise
Master/Captain Formation

Dinghy Sailing & WindSurfing



Optimist Class
Windsurf Class
Individual

TEAM BUILDING & SAILING EXPERIENCES



Whom for

For companies in every sector, public and private Bodies, profit and non-profit Associations, who wish to transform their team into a high-performance, motivated and goal-oriented team.

Why Sailing

- Respect for the rules
- The search for strategies
- Rostering planning
- Teamwork
- Decision - making speed and reaction
- Unexpected variables

These factors reflect everyday's life on a boat and dealing with them in the right way is a "must" to successfully complete navigation.

In a company, as on a boat, a good understanding between the Captain and his team, can only bring success!

Work topics

- Team-Building
- Leadership Development
- Problem-Solving
- Ability to Identify and Achieve Goals
- Stress-Management

With Whom

Alongside our instructors and skippers, a group of professional trainers will analyse your specific needs and recommend the more suitable courses.

Boats

Based on the number of participants, sailing boats from 7 to 20 meters will be used or smaller, such as dinghies, when required.

Informations

The training program may be such as to require several days of work; since it is a customizable program, it will be agreed in advance with the staff.

The training teams may find hospitality and comfort at the guesthouse annexed to the Scuola di Mare Beppe Croce. A residential structure with bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen and IT-supported classrooms facilitate better results through our "Full-Immersion" formula.



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RACING TEAMS

Throughout the year, the sport division of the Yacht Club Italiano, trains young athletes, aged 6 and above, as part of federal educational programs, and promotes the participation of its teams in the in the more relevant events on a national and international scale up to Olympic campaigns.

Classes, physical preparation and training sessions are held throughout the year by YCI qualified instructors, to prepare athletes for the challenging competitions. The constant staff commitment, however, is not limited to the achievement of victories on the race course. The focus is mainly on teaching the fundamental values of sport such as commitment, respect for competitors and the continuous desire to improve as athletes and individuals.



RACERS

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CLASSES

Optimist, 420, ILCA 4-6-7, 49er,
Windsurf, Kite Foil, J70



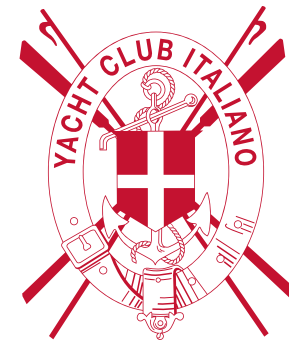
COACHES

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