

# ASML SAILING CLUB NEWSLETTER – JULY 2018



## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Ahoy Sailors!

Welcome to the next newsletter of the ASML Sailing Club (ASCN)! The holiday has started, time to look back on the nice events that were held during the last half year. In this newsletter you read about the past and about future events. If you want to know more, please have a look at the [ASML Sailing Club website](#) or reach out to us.

Best regards,

The ASCN board members,

*Jannes de Vries, Ben Rademakers, Stan Mertens, Denis Coustets, Alexander le Febre, Sjoerd Gombert, Neil Stenson*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The sailing season is half-way and we we had a lot of sailing events as you can read below. To join the future events, find the dates below, check the latest details on our website and watch your inbox for the announcements to register!

Event	Start Date	End Date	Where
<a href="#">North Sea Jazz trip</a>	13-7-2018	15-7-2018	Rotterdam, NL
<a href="#">Oosterschelde Mosselrace</a>	11-8-2018	11-8-2018	Yerseke, NL
<a href="#">Regatta Vlissingen-Blankenberghe</a>	15-9-2018	15-9-2018	Blankenberghe, BE
<a href="#">Regatta Maasplassen</a>	28-9-2018	28-9-2018	Kinrooij, BE
<a href="#">End of year drink</a>	21-11-2018	21-11-2018	St Joris, Veldhoven, NL
De acht uren van de Oosterschelde: projectleiders gezocht	8-9-2018	8-9-2018	Oosterschelde
Waddenweek(end) (exacte data kunnen nog iets schuiven)	21-9-2018	24-9-2018	Waddenzee
Eindeseizoensactiviteit	6-10-2018	7-10-2018	To Be Determined

## **SAILING TRIP TO CROATIA: REPORT FROM THE ASCN MEDITERRANEAN EVENT IN MAY 2018**

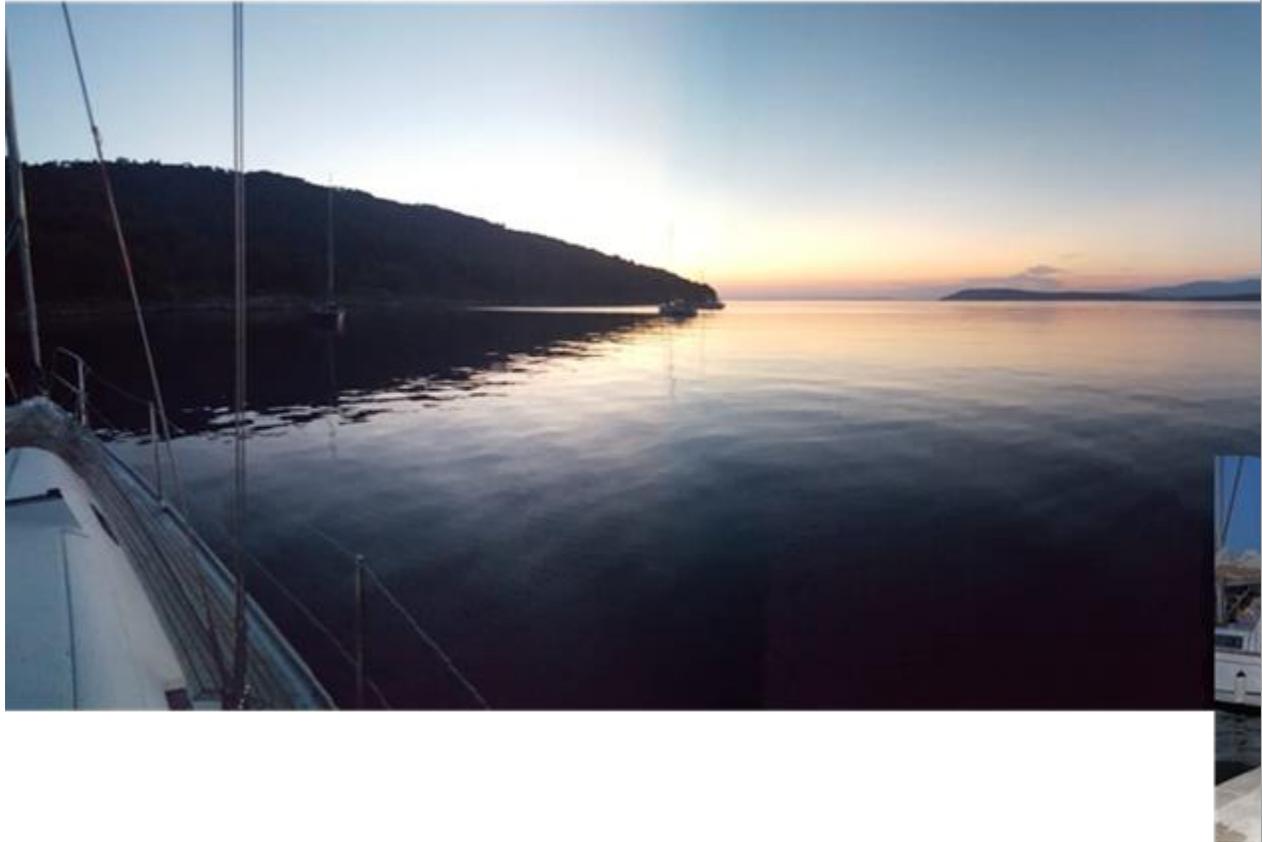
Mid-may, 19 ASCN sailing members travelled to Split in Croatia for a one week sailing on the Adriatic. The group departed from Amsterdam and Rotterdam airport and arrived all on Saturday May 12 in Split. Nearby Trogir was the base of the four rented 39-foot ships. The catering was done in the city Trogir and the ships were loaded with food and enough drinks. The fun could start.

The Mid-Dalmatia Adriatic has a lot of islands with wide east-west straits. The rough landscape of the coast and islands have an unique view, a variety of beautiful bays and scenic harbours. The water was very clear and had already a comfortable temperature.

The presence of ASCN expert- and intermediate sailors, a variety of nationalities, wind, gusts, waves, no wind, sun and rain were a guarantee for a week of challenging sailing and as usually room for adventures like mooring in heavy winds along rocks, uncontrolled drifting anchors during a storm, looking for new anchoring places in the pitch dark, some match racing, dancing mermaids, dolphin spotting, too high restaurant bills, tipsy sailors on the footboard, etc .....

Every day a distance of about 30 miles was sailed. Several islands like Solta, Brac, Hvar, Vis and Bisevo were visited. On the last evening a great "goodbye" dinner was held in Milna on the island Brac with all participants. Denis Coustets was honoured for his excellent arrangements in preparing this trip and we are looking forward for the 2019 destination

In 2017 the ASCN Mediterranean sailing destination was Sicily, in 2018 it was Croatia. Are you also curious about the destination in 2019?



## **WE MADE IT AGAIN: SUCCESSFUL CHANNEL CROSSING TO WOOLVERSTONE IN JUNE 2018**

The first weekend of June 2018, 20 ASCN members sailed to Woolverstone, UK. 4 skippers made their boat available and a 5th one was rented to ensure all registered members could participate. 4 boats met up at the Roompot sea lock before making the crossing on the 1st of June. The 5th boat, sailed by Geert Nijholt, decided to initiate the crossing already on Thursday and sailed ahead of the ASCN armada.

On Friday the wind predictions made us decide to take the south route, where we would first sail along the Belgian coast before adjusting the course towards Woolverstone. Initially the wind was weak and the progress was slow, luckily during the evening the wind picked up again. During the night, we encountered thick mist accompanied by heavy rain that stayed with us till we approached the Sunk roundabout near Harwich. Sailing up the river Orwell went smooth and all ships arrived shortly after another in the sunny Woolverstone.

After a refreshing shower and a powernap, it was time to walk along a beautiful pathway along the Orwell riverside to the famous Butt & Oysters at Pin Mill. Here we

had our well-deserved pints of beer and good pub food. After returning to the harbor, we quickly prepared the boat for the morning and turned in early.

On Sunday 4AM, at sunrise the alarm clock rang. It was time to sail back to the Netherlands. Sailing down the Orwell in the early morning light gave us on a stunning view on the unique British landscape. It quickly became obvious that the mist didn't disappear the previous day. As soon as we left the Skunk roundabout we entered the fog once again. Although we could hardly see each other, the boats of Ben Rademakers, Jannes de Vries and Hans Bakker sailed closely together the entire way back. The mist stayed with us till the harbor. Since buoys were hardly visible, we blindly navigated the last miles on the AIS and compass. Around Monday night 2AM, we received the first confirmations that the boats made it home safely.



## **SAILING FUN IN LOOSDRECHT: REPORT FROM LOOSDRECHTSE PLASSEN REGATTA - 25 JUNE**

The ASCN and IT department members got together in Loosdrecht for the yearly open keelboat event. Organized by the devoted Erik Mijnsbergen and his associates he organized the perfect sailing day.

18 sailors joined the 8 Valk 16m2 keel boats in Loosdrecht, located between Utrecht and

Amsterdam, on an hour drive from Veldhoven. We met in Rosmalen for distributing the victuals and storing them in cooling boxes. At 10 o'clock we started lowered the masts, to pass the low bridge from the east side of Old-Loosdrecht to the other side. All got ultimately to host their sails and optimize the twist during our way. The initial weather conditions were cloudy with a breeze. During the day the sun cleared the sky completely and a good steady sailing wind pushed us all at nice speeds.

At the Meent island a BBQ was prepared, good meat, sausages, salades, drinks were to be shared. We all had a great time during the lunch as well.

In the afternoon the wind was perfect, and UV protection became essential to avoid returning at work as tomatoes.

We all met in the afternoon around 18:00 to clean our boats and enjoy a drink.

All happy faces for this event, Erik did a final speech and got a big applause from the participants for him organizing the event again this year.



**UPCOMING EVENT: MOSSEL RACE ON THE OOSTERSCHELDE - AUGUST 11**

You are cordially invited to join the Mosselrace in Yerseke on the Oosterschelde on August 11. This yearly event is celebrating the season start of the fabulous Yerseke mussel culture. Over 100 yachts in various categories start in different classes IRC 1-2, or according the SW (Dutch handicap) system with or without spinnaker. The race starts around 10:00 and ends around 15:00. In the evening mussel and drinks are provided in the party tent in the harbor.

The race is open to all ASCN and PZV members and/or yacht owners.

For more information see the [Mosselrace website](#).

To confirm the ASCN of your participation and organize transportation use the ASCN [registration form](#).

Program:

Friday 10th august:

- Report to race organisation 20:00 – 22:30: pick-up yacht id's, party tent entrance tickets, free tickets for drinks and meal, promotion material

Location: Clubgebouw Watersportvereniging Yerseke

Saturday 11th august

- Start different classification from 10:00 – 11:00
- Race ends 17:00
- Distribution of the prizes – mossel diner – party evening from 19.00-24.00 uur.

You will be assigned a position in a crew depending on the number of yachts participating and your experience, in order of registration.

Mosselrace registration fee is € 40,- for each enrolled yacht, includes admittance to the party, includes meals and initial drinks for the complete crew. ASCN will arrange transportation and share the cost among the participants.

Yerseke is found on a 1.5. hours drive west from Eindhoven. Sailing is done on the Oosterschelde. The latter also being famous for the large number of seals living there and porpoises (sort dolphin)

You can [subscribe](#) via [this link](#) or via the website.

**Registration closing date is July 31st.**



## SPECIAL ASCN SAILING TRAININGS

For our members that would like to learn to sail, improve their current knowledge or formalize their experience with a license, ASCN is offering a selection of interesting trainings to realize this goal.

Together with our partners Vaarschool Nova and Sailing Center Limburg we setup a wide arrange of courses. A few examples:

- Start to Sail with Sailing Center Limburg
- Boat license I & II (vaarbewijs) or VHF license (marifoon) with Vaarschool Nova
- CWO license I, II & III with Sailing Center Limburg
- And many other courses.

Visit the [Training section](#) on our ASCN website for more information and registration.

## MORE INTERESTED PEOPLE CAN JOIN ASML SAILING CLUB

The ASML Sailing Club organizes a wide scale of events, that contain all aspects of sailing with the technical insights as common grounds with ASML. The events contain practical (CWO training) and theoretical (auditorium lectures), in-shore sailing (Loosdrechte plassen, Maasplassen) and off-shore sailing (Dutch, Belgium and British coast),

exhibitions visits (BOOT Dusseldorf) and regattas (Vlissingen-Blankenberge). For detailed information see the [ASCN website](#).

ASCN is for people working at ASML who already love sailing or will love it soon! Feel free to forward this email to anyone interested to join the club. No specific sailing background is required: non-experienced persons are welcome. Subscriptions by clicking the button below.



On behalf of the ASCN organizing committees we hope to welcome more sailors on board soon!

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