

ASML Sailing Club Newsletter – November 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Ahoy Sailors!

Welcome to the next newsletter of the ASML Sailing Club (ASCN)! The sailing season is now really over (aawww).



We can look back at all the great activities we had! In this newsletter you read about the past events of the last 2 months. 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 over, and we had a lot of sailing events as you can read in the stories below. We still have a few events to go, find the dates below, check the latest details on our website and to register! On the “End Of Year” party on 7 November we will present the program of the coming year, so don’t miss it!

Event	Start Date	End Date	Where	Contact	Registration
End of year party	7-11-2018	7-11-2018	St Joris, Veldhoven, NL	Denis Coustets	Outlook invite
Cursus en examen Short Range Certificate (zeemarfonie)	17-11-2018	17-11-2018	Afferden	PZV	PZV events page
Excursie Molens hebben ook zeilen	17-11-2018	17-11-2018	Stramproy	PZV	PZV events page

END OF YEAR PARTY – 7 NOVEMBER 2018



As tradition, we will conclude the year together with a party in Café Zaal Sint Joris in Veldhoven. You are cordially invited, by the ASCN club, for the “End Of Year” party to enjoy some free drinks & snacks while remembering and narrate this 2018 epic year of sailing. We hope to see you at this event to share our sailing passion.

The party will take place in Café Zaal Sint Joris, Heuvel 7, Veldhoven.
Date: November 7th (Wednesday) at 16:00

Please register by accepting the invitation in your email inbox so that we can take into account how many people are joining.

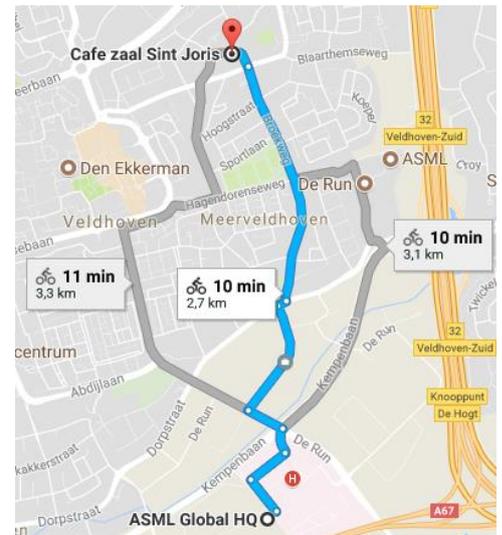
Here is the program, this year we will have a Spanish atmosphere:

- Drinks / food
- Presentation of the coming year program (by Jannes de Vries)
- Presentation of the 2019 Mediterranean trip (by Natalie Hultgren and Denis Coustets)
- More drinks / food

Free of charge catering and drinks for all members!

Catering: tapas cold & warm; warm chicken, wraps, meat balls tomato, serrano, bruschetta, Spanish sausage, fried shrimps en fried lumpia's

Drinks: tap beer, special beer, wine, and soda



RACE REPORT: 41ST VLISSINGEN-BLANKENBERGE REGATTA – 15 SEPTEMBER 2018

ASML Sailing Club Netherlands participated in the yearly sailing regatta from Vlissingen to Blankenberge
Report by Tommaso Orzali



This year ASCN participated to the 41st Vlissingen-Blankenberge Regatta with two sailing boats out of a total of 34 boats: Flow, skippered by Ben Rademakers and Vita, skippered by Jannes de Vries; both vessels had 3 crew on board in addition to their skippers.

Saturday morning at 7:30 am a race debrief was held by the race committee: due to the forecast of light 10 to 15 kn westerly winds, the short track was assigned to the slow fleet, and the mid track to the fast fleet.

The fleet left Vlissingen for the sea locks at 8:15 to allow enough time to reach the start-line. A strong 2 knots ebb current made it tricky to avoid a false start; however, no committee boat was in sight to control, and surely enough a number of boats accidentally crossed before the start.

The strong current against the westerlies made the sea rough and choppy, and the ride upwind quite bumpy. Vita made good progress from the very beginning positioning herself amongst the leading vessels. However, she couldn't keep the position also due to the numerous attempts of the Zeebrugge traffic control trying to tell the fleet to stay clear of the shipping lane. It turned out that the race committee didn't bother communicating the Belgian authorities about the race, and Vita accidentally became the only point of contact for the whole fleet, being the first boat responding to their calls while the committee boat remained surprisingly silent.

The race went on for another few hours; similar to the start, no committee boat was in sight during the arrival, likely because her crew was too busy preparing the boozy reception after having participated to the race themselves (it turned out they arrived 2nd...). Vita crossed the line at 15:06, arriving in 6th place, and finally entered the Blankenberge marina, hidden behind the impressive wall of 20 story apartment buildings.

After the last boat tied up her mooring lines, the most important part of the event took place, in line with its non-official name of alcohol race: a car with two beer kegs in its trunk was parked alongside the marina quay and connected to a kegerator to reward the tired sailors of their efforts. The bunch of thirsty sailors eventually moved to the well-known nearby bar 't Kapiteintje, for an entertaining prize giving ceremony and another few rounds of drinks. After a repairing Shawarma, the ASCN members gathered in Flow lounge saloon for some whisky tasting and a goodnight chat.

ANOTHER FUN ACTIVITY: MAASPlassen REGATTA – 28 SEPTEMBER 2018

Our yearly “Maasplassen Regatta”, a social race with open keelboats

Report by Philip Drew



On a fresh and breezy Friday afternoon, ASCN headed down to Maasplassen in Flemish Limburg (Belgium) for a day of fun and racing out on the water. It was my first ASCN event, having heard about the club via the TV screens. I had done a little sailing before coming to the Netherlands, and naturally I wanted to see what the Dutch have to offer when it comes to watersports!

After a short drive we arrived at Sailcenter Limburg, where we were greeted by *vlaai*, coffee and our racing instructions for the day. There were four teams in attendance with some clear rivalries between certain competitors, providing healthy competition. We headed out to the water and made ourselves familiar with the boats and the wind. Then the race! After a couple of laps of the larger lake, and one entertaining grounding, the leaders ended the race neck and neck. Ultimately though, as in any duel, there can only be one winner with Martijn Verbunt, Thijs Vervoort and Mark Kelder taking the trophy home after a hard and fast sail.

As anyone who's been sailing can attest to, it's a good way to build up an appetite! Fortunately, someone had thought about this in advance and there was a BBQ in attendance. After some excellent food, a few drinks and a short prize + glory giving ceremony, another successful Maasplassen regatta was successfully concluded. Hope to see you at the next!

MEET OUR FELLOW ORGANIZATION PZV ZEEZEILVERENIGING

PZV, our partner association in Eindhoven

Story from Annemieke Stallaert, Commodore of PZV Zeezeilvereniging



A sea sailing association in Eindhoven? You must be joking....

That, at least, is what I thought when I first heard about PZV Zeezeilen, 12 years ago. I'd always thought fellow sailors were more likely to be found near the waterside than amidst forests and heather. Boy was I wrong. And what's even more strange, Eindhoven's got two sea bound sailing clubs.

Whether its something tot do with the an interest in physics and technical skills required as a sailor I don't know. I don't think its a coincidence that both sailing clubs originated from highly innovative companies. We've got more in common than a yearning to set sail. Our club members are all eager to learn, generous in giving advice and (last but not least) we share a down-to-earth and 'gezellige' mindset. It would be such a shame not to make use of this resemblance, and the proximity to each other's events. Besides the fact that we can learn from each other, there's strength in numbers.

Sailing is an ageing hobby, or so we are told. I tend to disagree. I find that many young, working people are very much attracted by this fascinating way of life. At PZV as well as ASCN there's a steady flow of new enthusiasts eager for sailing adventures inshore and offshore.

The only shortage I can relate to, is a shortage of opportunities to crew, and a shortage of volunteers to organize sailing events. Boat-owning is a time and money-consuming business. And we all have so many other ways to spend our precious free time and savings. By joining forces, PZV and ASCN can create a bigger scale for their events, and (while keeping our separate identities) create an even more attractive program for our members.

In the years since I became a PZV member, I've learnt a lot about sailing and boats. As a crew member I've been able to build up experience on a variety of boats, in various waters, and learned a lot from all kinds of skippers. Admitted, some (boats, waters and skippers) have been more to my taste than others, but I appreciated every new encounter. Over the years I've not only become more confident as a sailor, I've come to know my own preferences as well. Whereas I was eager to find out and experience everything when I first joined PZV, I tend to cherry-pick nowadays. Even though it's nice to have a wide variety of options to choose from, it's bliss to concentrate on the activities that suit you best.

That's exactly what I'd wish for in the cooperation between PZV and ASCN. Let's try, let's have lots of fun in getting to know each other, and let's find out what suits us. It doesn't have to work on all fronts, and we'd both be sorry to lose our own, defining identity. But I'm confident that there's lots of common ground (or water, for that matter). I look forward to exploring new horizons with you. On a fresh and breezy Friday afternoon, ASCN headed down to Maasplaan for a day of fun and racing out on the water. It was my first ASCN event, having heard about the club via the TV screens. I had done a little sailing before coming to the Netherlands, and naturally I wanted to see what the Dutch have to offer when it comes to watersports!

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, Sailing Center Limburg and PZV 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
- Short Range Certificate (zeemarifonie)
- 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 (Loosdrechtse 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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