



Youth pathway on keelboats

Young people are the future of our clubs.
Let's give them a reason to stay in the club
or even better to be active in a certain role.



Present situation



- The SSLA has **held 5 workshops across Switzerland** with several sailing clubs to discuss about junior development on keelboats.
- There is **often no structured offer for young people** who do not choose the performance path on the Ilca, 29er, 240er or Nacra.
- Almost all participating clubs were interested in **expanding their offer** for juniors on keelboats and also in **cooperating with other clubs**.



Benefits of youth on keelboats



- ✓ **Encourages young sailors to take on new responsibilities**
building confidence and leadership skills.
- ✓ **Strengthens teamwork and communication**
as keelboat sailing requires coordination in a larger crew.
- ✓ **Opens the door to diverse sailing experiences**
lake sailing (D-license), offshore sailing (B-license) and regatta competition.
- ✓ **Fosters intergenerational exchange**
helping young sailors connect with experienced members in the club.
- ✓ **Increases the probability of a long-term commitment**
as participants may take on roles such as sailing instructors, board members, or boat keepers.



Options on keelboats



→ in the sailing club

- Basic trainings to get the sailing license
- Advanced trainings to get regatta skills
- Using owner boats (generation exchange)
- Cooperating with other clubs
- Joining regattas either together with boat owners or as youth team only.

→ in the swiss sailing league

- Two youth camps of 5 days each
- Youth Cup (open to any club)
- Option to qualify for the Youth Champions League
- 2026 youth teams will be included in the Promotion League (for league clubs only)

Youth Cup 2025



5 - 7 September in Kreuzlingen, Lake Constance

- 5 September Training races
- 6 - 7 September Umpired Fleet Racing
→ the J/70s are provided

Requirements

- ✓ Crew size 4 - 5 persons
- ✓ Age 14 - 23 years
- ✓ Teams can be made up of members from different clubs
- ✓ 1 team member needs a sailing licence



SSLA Youth Program – Dates 2025



07 -11 June	Youth Camp I, Rolle
14 -18 June	Youth Camp II, Spiez
05 Sept.	Training Day, Kreuzlingen
06 - 07 Sept.	Youth Cup, Kreuzlingen
06 - 09 Nov.	Youth SCL, Altea (ESP)

More Information

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Thank you