



OYS Second Newsletter



Boat Decision

After intensive conversations and controversial discussions we can proudly announce the final boat decision. In the final elimination stage, the Wilderness 1340 was facing the Arrow 1360. The Arrow was to make the race almost unanimously.

For both models the Australian shipyard Schionning provides extensive blueprint, detailed building instruction and building kits. As a further development of the Wilderness, the cutting-edge Arrow disposes of a complete flat panel design. The construction technique in complete flat panel design enables a construction time decrease of over 1000 hours.

Even before we have made our final decision, Schionning ensured us their full support. Fascinated by the Ocean Youth Sailing they committed to selling the blueprints considerably cheaper.

Therefore we will buy the engineering drawings for 5.500 AUD at preferred conditions and start the concrete planning of the building phase together with Schionning.



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Visiting Fossailing

The Ocean Youth Sailing went for a visit to Fossailing.org in Basel. Motivated youths had built two offshore catamarans in 2000-2002 at the Freie Schule MuttENZ (FOS). After 12 years and 40.000nm each, both catamarans came back to Basel for a general overhaul. We had the chance to visit the construction site, the shipyard tent and inspect their construction management and were very impressed. Even though the work is done under aggravating winterly conditions, the construction manager impressed us with their great quality. Additionally we could gain valuable practical know-how for our own construction and its location.



Construction Site

Clarifications to a possible transport to Basel have shown that not only is it possible to build the boat directly in the region of RheinfeldEN close to the Rhein but also in the whole region of Thurgau. Ideally, the at least measuring 12x15m construction site is either concreted or filled with gravel and provides a connection to water and electricity.

The construction will start as scheduled in the beginning of 2016 and should be finished by the end of 2017.

For any tips concerning a possible site we are very thankful!

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Material Sponsorship

In a workshop the budget for the complete construction of the catamaran including the equipment was made. The estimate of costs by the designer Schionning has shown to be extremely precise. On our webpage all the elements are listed which will be needed for the upcoming steps. This gives everyone the possibility to support us with a special part needed for the catamaran.



Start of the skippers training

Parts of the team have started the training for the Royal Yacht Master in the Dutch town of Lemmer in the beginning of March. Under the skilled instructions of Gisbert Straden many port and man over board maneuvers could be done. In the next two years we will at least cover 2500nm in British tidal waters to gain as much offshore experience as possible to bring into the Ocean Youth Sailing. In a second phase, the knowledge of the more experienced sailors will be passed on within our project to and with the youths. A great thank you goes to Gisbert Straden for giving us this possibility.



Theoretical off-shore license fall of 2015

Jürg Hochstrasser and Damian Ruppen will offer a preparation course for the Swiss off-shore license (B-license). These instructions together with the following exam should provide the youth with first experiences of what it is like to sail outside of our inland waters.

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Charity Projects: Youth, Environment and Ocean

After building, equipping and testing our boat, we want to go on a great journey with our youths. Besides the nautical instructions we want to encourage their sense of responsibility, cooperativeness and sensitize their awareness of environmental pollution. Therefore we have been looking for projects of public utility.

At the moment we are pursuing the following projects:

Beach cleaning: During our trips we want to organize beach- and harbor cleaning events, to have a positive effect on the environment. We already started this on the 02.21.2015 by participating at the yearly cleaning day at Lake Constance.

Mobile workshop: During the construction of the boat and in the apprenticeship and studies, our youth and young adults get a ton of knowledge on different topics and work tasks. So why don't we take our tools with us on board to help international organizations at their projects all around the world. We even plan on having extra space on board to lead the tools and equipment needed.

Research platform: As a swimming island with educated youth and young adults, we can provide an attractive platform for different research projects of universities, technical colleges and other institutions. Currently we are in contact with a project, that measures the global marine pollution.



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