

A summer of jubilees.

Bright Sunshine for the 10th GYC Rally & Yachting

Starting back in 2006 the Gstaad Yacht Club organises an annual classic car rally, combining a beautiful car drive and remote-controlled model boat sailing. Through the years, we visited a wide range of gorgeous destinations always in combination with a lake like Murten, Thun, Rolle, Lac Retaud and many more. After the success of those one-day events, the GYC announced a two-day event for the 10th anniversary edition. Instead of the normal 120 – 140 km this year's roadbook guided the participants for nearly 400 km.

On Friday evening, all the pilots and co-pilots met at the Gstaad Automobile Club for the traditional get together and registration. Followed by an aperitif the competitors exchanged their experiences and tried to guess where the roadbook will take them.

The next morning, with beautiful sunshine, all the cars were nicely lined up for the start in front of the Le Grand Bellevue - what a great impression.



After some coffee and croissants at the GYC clubhouse, the participants started their engines and headed to their first special stage at the Fondation Hervé in Aigle, a lovely collection of classic cars. Resetting their tachos they followed the route passing through Châtel down to Evian, where a tasty lunch was served and the model boat sailing competition prepared. In

the afternoon, all the cars took off for their way through the Haute-Savoie department in the Rhône-Alpes region - the “green” valley to the final destination Montriond, driving a part of the Tour de France route. In a fabulous reconstructed farm the evening faded with aperitif and dinner party.

One of the highlights awaited all participants on Sunday morning; the participants of this year's GYC Rally & Yachting were one of the first who had the privilege of driving through the car-forbidden, unique mountain resort of Avoriaz before returning via the Col de Corbier and the Forclaz back to Gstaad.

To conclude this exceptional weekend with many impressions, the pilots and co-pilots, together with their friends and families got together for the prize giving BBQ at the GYC Clubhouse.



The Gstaad Yacht Club would like to thank all participants, partners and helpers for their contribution to make the 10th anniversary edition of the Rally & Yachting such a great success and looks forward to welcoming you again next year.

The trio for Rio competing on Olympic conditions – a 7th, a 6th and a Silver medal

While GYC enjoys the summer here in Gstaad its most competitive sport members were fighting in Rio for medals in different sailing categories.

7th and a diploma at the 2016 Olympics was the outcome for the GYC Nacra 17 Suisse team with Matías Bühler at the helm and his crew Nathalie Brugger! What an amazing journey they did for the last four years. Of course, right now they might be a little disappointed as the entire week they felt so close to bring back a medal! But what a week they did: we won two out of the 12 qualification races and they were wearing the yellow jersey after the first day!! Some amazing emotions they will keep forever and the GYC is cheering with them! Above all, they thank all members and all the people that made it possible for their support and for believing in them until the end!



[Matías Bühler](#) : This seventh place is the result of four years of hard work. We are very proud of what we did - we reached a diploma! We now need to take a little break, and we will see what to do. This Olympic campaign has been huge for us. Was a great experience with my two nationalities, I feel like a local now in Switzerland, and I want to say thank you to all the support we had! »

Nathalie Brugger: « We knew we had to do a TOP 3 today in the Medal Race. However, we had a bad start, our direct competitors passed us really soon. Fourth or eighth at the Olympics does not change much, so we took many risks, but it did not pay off. It was an ambitious Olympic campaign: both of us had never sailed a catamaran before, we did not speak our language on board; but we worked with the right persons in the project and learned a lot. It was a great Experience! »



The Rio Olympic games were challenging for the French GYC sport member Billy Besson too – he finished at the 6th place together with his crew Marie Riou. Unfortunately, Billy suffered from a discus hernia that did not allow him to come up to his World Championship level. This test was probably the hardest that the two lived in their journey of the Olympic Dream – now going home with an Olympic Diploma for France.

The most successful year came out for the GYC sport member from Australia Will Ryan and his helmsman Mat Belcher - they just wanted the Olympics to last a little bit longer. After the first medal race day with no wind – they went out there on Friday and brought the Silver medal home for their country Australia.

The GYC Racing team has members from several countries and will now form a new delegation for the next four years.

