

SAILING IN GENOVA

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YACHT CLUB ITALIANO



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Among the experiences a sailor should not miss is racing in Genova, and especially at Yacht Club Italiano, a club that has shaped the history of international sailing.

Genova's central position in the Mediterranean, its efficient motorway network, and the presence of several nearby international airports make it an ideal venue for a major sailing event. Its proximity to the French border further encourages strong participation from across Western Europe, supporting the return of many sailors to one of the most successful one-design classes ever.

The city's commercial port, connected worldwide, also facilitates logistics for overseas teams. By scheduling the event in October, crews can refine their preparation throughout the regular racing season, making the World Championship the pinnacle of the year's competitive activity.

Genova offers an appealing destination not only for competitors but also for their families, who can enjoy history, tradition, and a cuisine that has won global acclaim. Setting a course for Genova is the only imperative, the promise of an unforgettable experience is guaranteed.

EASY TO REACH

GROUND

Accessible via highways and railways from multiple directions.

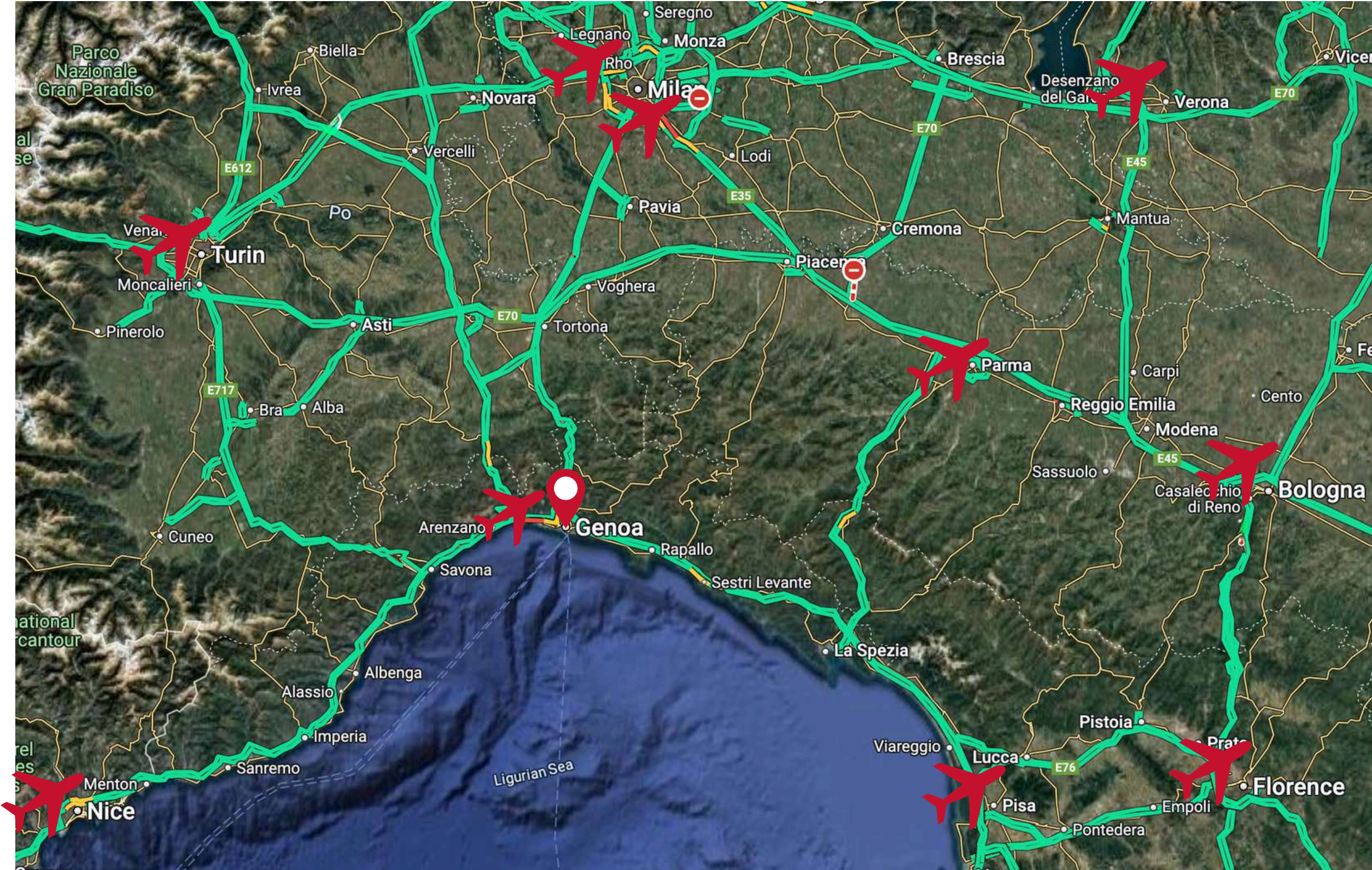
AIR

Several airports within 2 hours by car

SEA

Terminal port connecting with global destinations.

AIRPORT	KM TO YCI
GENOVA	9 km
MILANO LINATE	157 km
PISA	157 km
BERGAMO	203 km
NICE - FRANCE	203 km
MILANO MALPENSA	204 km
PARMA	207 km
TORINO	208 km
FIRENZE	221 km
VERONA	283 km
BOLOGNA	289 km





GENOVA

Genova is a city with a deep maritime soul, shaped by centuries of history dating back to the 5th century BC, when it emerged as a powerful Maritime Republic. Today, it is one of Italy's main ports and an increasingly popular tourist destination, welcoming over two million overnight stays each year.

Its unique charm lies in the close relationship between the city and the sea: panoramic terraces, historic buildings, seaside villages, dramatic cliffs, and the lively Porto Antico create ever-changing views, while hidden passages in the historic center lead to unexpected glimpses of the coastline and quiet corners of beauty just minutes away.

Covering 113 hectares, Genova's historic center, one of the largest medieval old towns in Europe and a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, is a fascinating maze of narrow caruggi that open onto small squares once dominated by noble palaces and churches. Here, cultures, traditions, scents, and flavors have blended for centuries, preserving the authentic and vibrant spirit of the city.

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THE FUTURE OF GENOVA

Waterfront di Levante is a visionary project inspired by renowned Italian architect Renzo Piano and designed by Renzo Piano Building Workshop (RPBW) together with OBR. It extends Genova's urban fabric toward the sea, transforming a former industrial and fairground area into a vibrant waterfront district. Built on eco-conscious principles, it redefines contemporary residential living through sustainable design, innovative architecture, green spaces, and a seamless connection between city and water.

Common areas, including a gym, meeting rooms, coworking spaces, and panoramic belvedere decks, are integral parts of the development. Public promenades, new canals, landscaped gardens, and mixed-use spaces enhance both private and collective experiences, making it a truly unique destination for residents and visitors alike.

Waterfront di Levante also includes "Casa Vela," a new hub dedicated to sailing activities in the city. Managed by the Federazione Italiana Vela, it serves as the Stadium of Sailing, where regattas take place directly in front of the city. Casa Vela is conceived as an open and inclusive space where people gather to experience sailing, meet, and share values connected to the sea and maritime culture.





GENOVA SURROUNDINGS

There are many things to see and experience in the neighborhoods of Genova: medieval villages, historic parks, and scenic mountain trekking routes overlooking the sea. Just a short distance away, you can discover stunning coastal destinations such as Santa Margherita Ligure, Camogli, and the breathtaking Cinque Terre.

In Portofino you will find the YCI Summer Club House, set in a privileged location with sweeping views over the iconic fishing village and its picturesque harbor.

From the many small ports along the coast, you can set sail toward the Pelagos Sanctuary, a protected marine area where whales and dolphins live freely. Here, these magnificent sea mammals are safeguarded and respected within their natural habitat, offering a truly unforgettable experience at sea.



YACHT CLUB ITALIANO THE VENUE

Yacht Club Italiano, founded in Genova in 1879, is the oldest sailing club in Italy and one of the oldest in the Mediterranean. Since its first regatta on 8 August 1880 (with 177 yachts racing in the Gulf of La Spezia) the Club has promoted sailing through major national and international events and by training younger generations.

Its historic headquarters at the Duca degli Abruzzi Marina were designed by Marquis Giuseppe Crosa di Vergagni and inaugurated on 17 February 1929, marking the Club's 50th anniversary in the presence of the Princes of Piedmont. Partially destroyed during World War II, the building was rebuilt between 1948 and 1949 and reinaugurated on 8 March 1953.





RACING AT YACHT CLUB ITALIANO

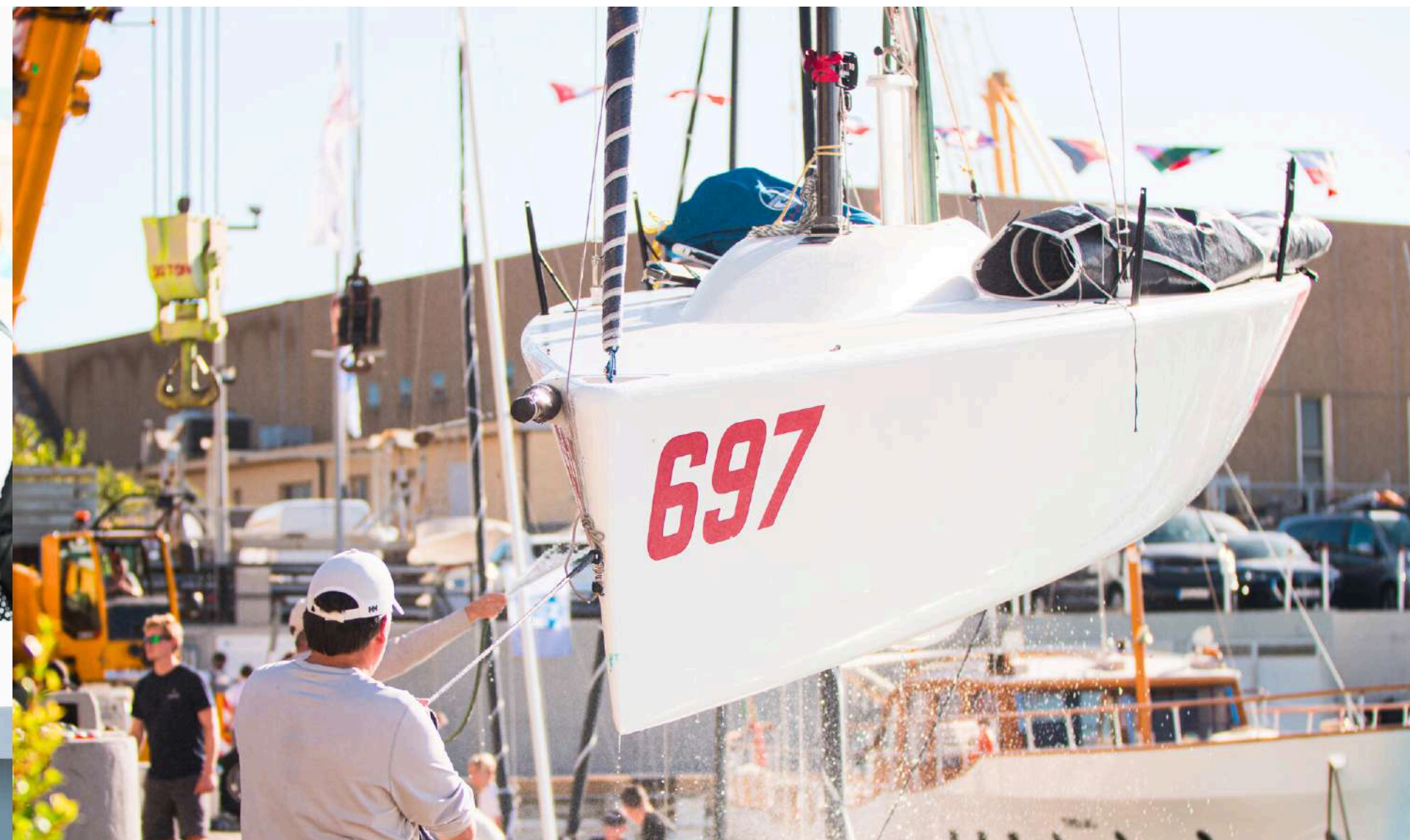
The annual calendar of Yacht Club Italiano features a dense program of national and international regattas, included in the official events of the Federazione Italiana Vela (FIV). Each year, it typically brings together over **1,200 boats** and more than **5,000 participants**, ranging from Olympic classes to Maxi Yachts.

History, prestige, technical expertise, dedicated facilities, and extensive experience in organizing major events make Yacht Club Italiano a true landmark in the international sailing world.

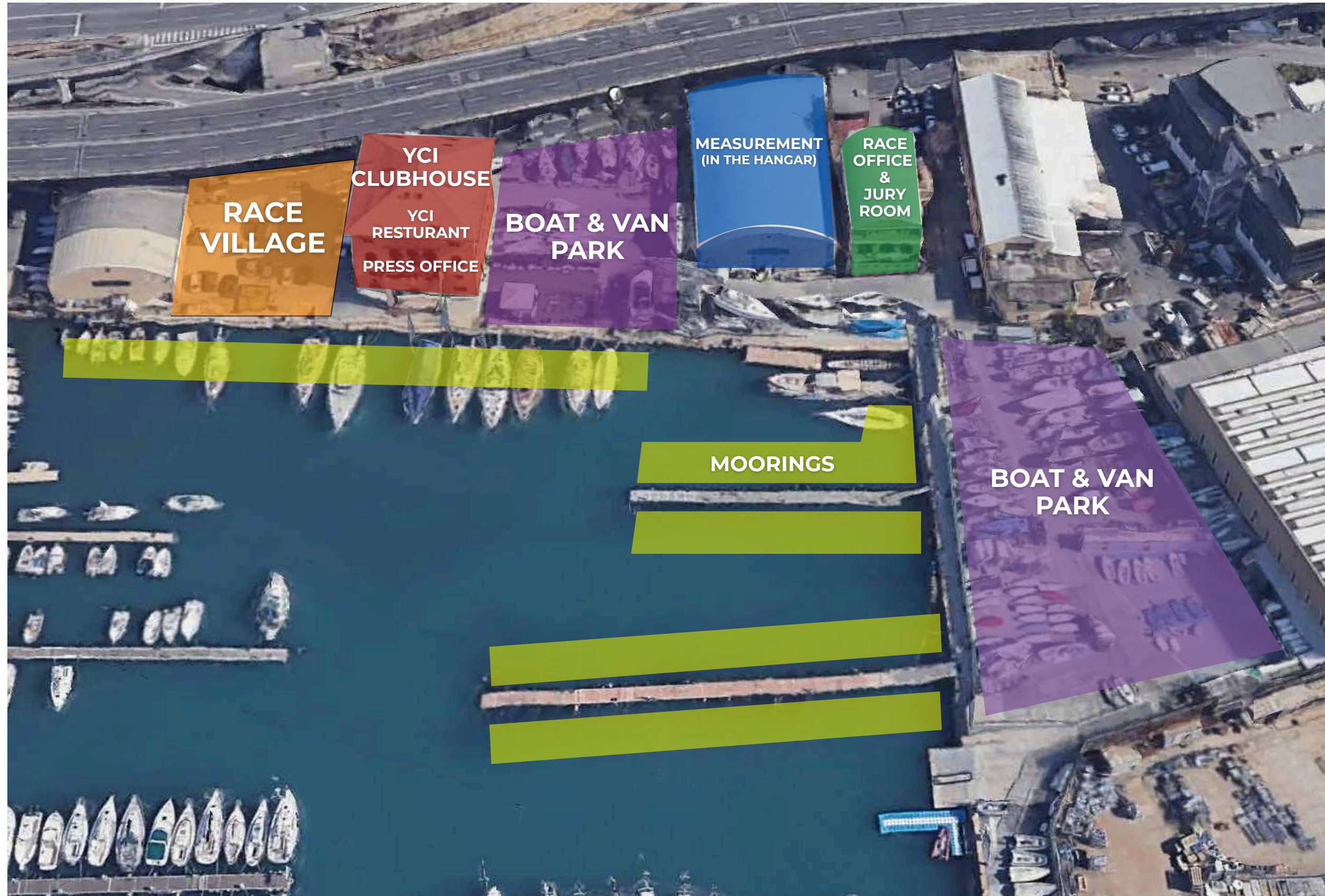


YCI LOGISTICS

- Large spaces for cars and trailers
- Indoor areas for boats, sails and equipment measurement controls
- Floating docks dedicated to boats and coach ribs
- Race offices close to the moorings
- Dedicated areas for special events
- Full race secretariat assistance



YCI LOGISTICS



RACE VILLAGE

300 m²

Food & Beverage Lounge
Location for all ceremonies

CLUB HOUSE

YCI Offices
Press Office
Bar & Restaurant
Restrooms

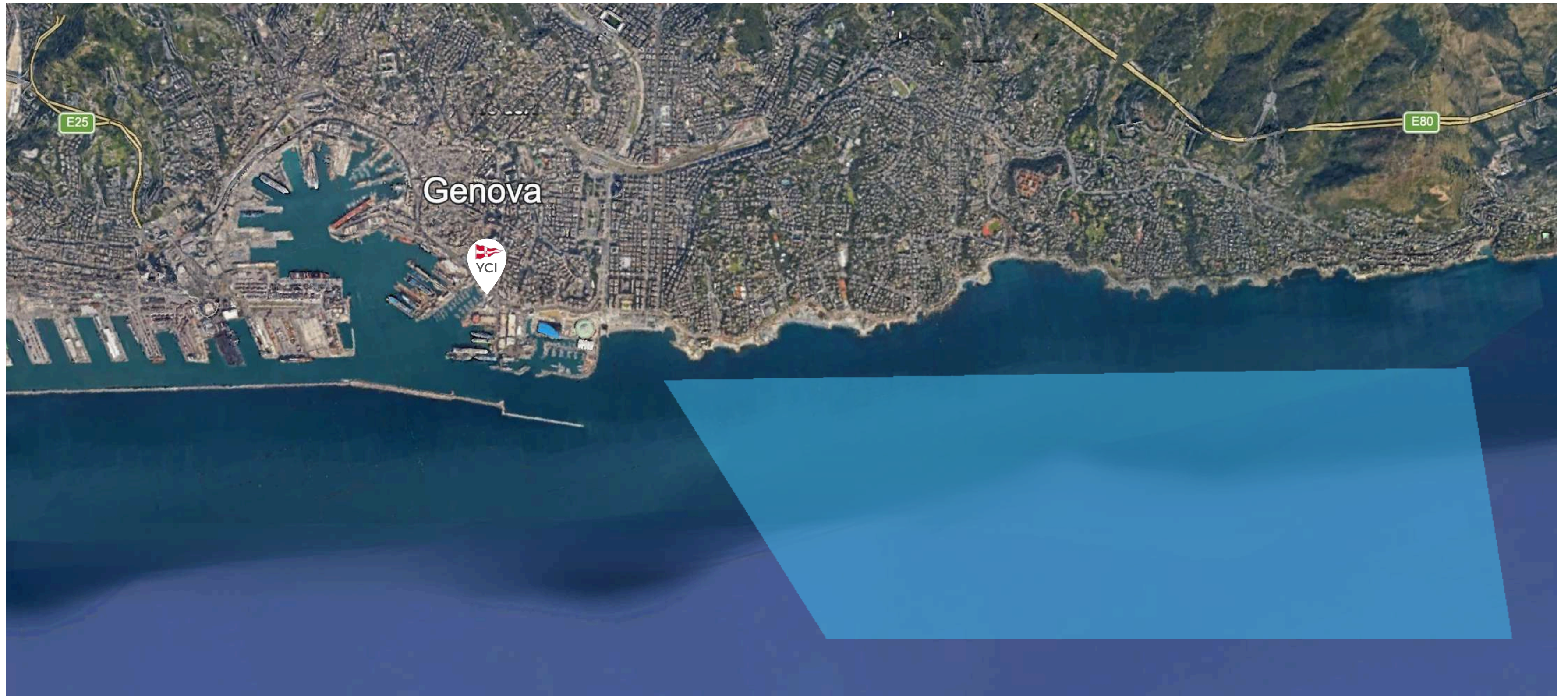
BOAT PARK

Trailers of all participants' boats
3 cranes for launch
4 cranes for hauling

MEASUREMENTS

Shed indoor for all measurements

RACING AREA



YCI SPECIAL LAYOUTS





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