

ROYAL CORK YACHT CLUB



CORK, IRELAND

By 1806, the Water Club of the Harbour of Cork had started to refer to itself as the Cork Harbour Water Club. During the 1820s, following the fashion of the few other clubs that had emerged by then, it changed its name to include the word “Yacht” and dropped the word “Water” and became known as the Cork Harbour Yacht Club. Later in that decade, it dropped “Harbour” and became the Cork Yacht Club.



In 1831, King William IV granted the club the privilege of using the prefix “Royal” and it became known as the Royal Cork Yacht Club. By the 1960s changing economic and social patterns made Cobh less and less attractive as a base for the club. In 1966 the Royal Cork and the Royal Munster Yacht Clubs agreed to merge. The Royal Cork moved to its present premises in Crosshaven assuming the title “The Royal Cork Yacht Club, incorporating the Royal Munster Yacht Club”. The Royal Cork Yacht Club today encompasses a wide variety of sailing activities from young kids in their Optimist dinghies sailing right through the winter months to the not-so-young kids racing National 18s and 1720s during the remaining nine months. There is also enthusiastic sailing in Toppers, Lasers, RS Fevas and other dinghies.

The club placed 5th in the 2019 Global Team race and 10th in the inaugural Global Team Race in 2018.

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