

ROYAL THAMES YACHT CLUB

LONDON, ENGLAND

The Royal Thames Yacht Club is the world's oldest, continuously operated yacht club. It was established in 1775 when the Duke of Cumberland, brother of George III, put up a silver cup for a race on the River Thames and formed the Cumberland Fleet, which remains the alternative name of the club. The members originally met in coffee houses. From 1857, the club owned various properties in London, moving to 60 Knightsbridge, overlooking Hyde Park, in 1923.

The present clubhouse is the result of a development of the site in 1961. Yachting originally took place on the Thames, but the Solent became increasingly important in the 1850s, as the steam train made for easy access to England's South Coast. The club has had many distinguished flag officers; traditionally the commodore has been a member of the royal family. The current commodore is HRH Prince Andrew, the Duke of York. RTYC was the first non-Northern American team to place first at the Invitational Cup in 2015. The club won the inaugural Global Team Race in 2018 and placed second in the 2019 Global Team Race.

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