

Club History

The RCYC was founded in 1850, as the Toronto Boat Club. A couple years later the name was changed to Toronto Yacht Club due to the fact the club was being associated with a variety of different boats, from sail boats to canoes. After being granted a royal warrant in 1854, the club finally found its official name, Royal Canadian Yacht Club. With a clubhouse in the heart of Toronto and another on the Toronto Islands, the club has been a leader nationally and internationally in the sailing world since 1852. The club has hosted numerous prestigious regattas including the 2015 Pan American Games, 2016 Eight Metre World Cup, and the 2016 & 2021 Canada's Cup.

Rolex Invitational Cup History

This will be RCYC's seventh New York Yacht Club Invitational Cup. RCYC finished second in the inaugural edition in 2009 and won the trophy in both 2011 and 2013. The RCYC is one of two clubs to have won the trophy more than once. The 2023 team selection was based off sailing resumes. Throughout the summer the RCYC team has sailed in three IC37 regattas in Newport in preparation for the Invitational Cup.

Crew

This year's crew will once again be led by Terry McLaughlin. A legendary sailor, McLaughlin has been sailing for over 53 years and collected some of the greatest sailing awards in the world. A Toronto local, in 2001 and 2003, McLaughlin was the Sail Canada's Rolex Sailor of the Year as he was the winning skipper of the Canada's Cup both years, as well as in 2021 and 2022. In 1977 and 1979, McLaughlin was recognized as an All-American Intercollegiate Sailor, he won the silver medal in the 1984 Olympic Games and the 2015 Pan Am Games. McLaughlin is the champion of the Invitational Cup in 2011 and 2013. Lance Fraser will accompany McLaughlin as the RCYC team tactician. Fraser has spent the last 14 years racing in challenging, high-intensity sailing events. Throughout his career, Fraser has been named the Bermuda Teen Athlete of the Year in 2011, qualified for and competed in six World Match Racing Tour Grade 1 Events, and can proudly say that he is the youngest skipper to ever qualify and compete in a WMRT event, doing so at age 17. At the helm, Fraser won the 2010 Bermuda J/24 National Championship and the RCYC York Cup in 2016, 2018 and 2019. Additionally, he placed 14th overall but first as a junior in the 2008 North American Snipe Championships, and reached a high of 34th (first in Canada and Bermuda and seventh in North America) on the World Sailing Match Racing Ranking.



RCYC CREW

Helmsperson - Terry McLaughlin (Toronto, CAN)
Co-Helmsperson/Tactician - Lance Fraser (Toronto, CAN)
John Millen (Toronto, CAN)
Andrew McTavish (Oakville, CAN)
Scott Collinson (Toronto, CAN)
Chantal Hearst (Toronto, CAN)
Ingrid Merry (Toronto, CAN)
Sandy Andrews (Etobicoke, CAN)



Club History

Southern Yacht Club traces its history back to the club's founding in the Gulf Coast resort town of Pass Christian, Mississippi in 1849. Only the venerable New York Yacht Club can document an earlier founding date among American Yacht Clubs. Over the years, Southern Yacht Club sailors have won four Olympic medals and numerous national and international championships. Through more than 160 years of prosperity and adversity, the Southern Yacht Club has maintained a tradition of keen competition, sportsmanship and eponymous hospitality.

Rolex Invitational Cup History

This year will be SYC's fourth Rolex New York Yacht Club Invitational Cup. SYC made its debut in the IC in 2017 and in the same year took home the first place title. The 2021 crew won for a second time after a sixth place finish in 2019. This year's crew will have some returning members from the 2021 team and a couple of members who came up from the club's junior team.

Crew

John Lovell is back to defend his trophy in 2023. Lovell is from New Orleans and this year he will lead his team as the helmsman after winning in 2017 as the teams tactician and in 2021 as the skipper. Lovell is a 4-time Olympian (1996-2008) with a Silver Medal in 2004, 4-time collegiate All-American and an 11-time U.S. Tornado Champion. Calling tactics for SYC will be John Alden Meade. A New Orleans local, Meade placed first in the College Team Racing Championship, first in the US Youth Champs, and first in the Sears Cup. Meade is a 2-time All-American from Stanford University.

SYC CREW

Helmsperson - John Lovell (New Orleans, LA)

Tactician - John Alden Meade (New Orleans, LA)

Andrew Eagan (Metairie, LA)

Russ Silvestri (Stinson Beach, CA)

Sarah Taylor (Bay St. Louis, MS)

Edward Levert (New Orleans, LA)

Mia Newman (Biloxi, MS)

Christian Gambel (Metairie, LA)

Emory Friend (New Orleans, LA)

