



### Club History

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 on 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 and 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 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.

### Rolex Invitational Cup History

RCYC stands out as one of the two yacht clubs to compete in every edition of the Rolex New York Yacht Club Invitational Cup since the competition first began in 2009. In 2019, RCYC placed third its best finish since 2009 and in the latest edition of the Invitational Cup the club placed fourth.

### Crew

The RCYC’s crew consists of a group of competitive racers. Helmsman for the crew will once again be Cork local Anthony O’Leary. O’Leary holds national titles in the Cadet, J/24, National 18 and 1720 sportsboat classes. He led his crew to an impressive fourth-place finish in the 2021 Invitational Cup. He also proudly captained the victorious Irish Teams at Rolex Commodores Cup in 2010 and 2014. Joining him will be tactician Ben Field from London, England. Field has been racing for around 30 years. He placed first in the J/80 Worlds, J/111 Worlds and World Sailing Team Racing Worlds. He has multiple national and European titles in J/80 and 1720 classes.

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## RCYC CREW

- Helmsperson - Anthony O'Leary (Cork, IRL)
- Tactician - Ben Field (London, GBR)
- Sally O Flynn (Cork, IRL)
- Robert O'Leary (Baltimore/Cork, IRL)
- Harry Durcan (Cork, IRL)
- Tom Murphy (Cork, IRL)
- Mark Hassett (Skibbereen, IRL)
- Clíodhna Connolly (Bern, SUI)
- Shawn Bennett (Belvedere, CA)

