

Club History

The Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron is New Zealand's most decorated yacht club, and aspires to be the leading local and international yacht club. The Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron traces its origin back to the 1871 incarnation of the Auckland Yacht Club, with 30 yachts and 120 members on its register. With this Royal recognition, membership numbers almost doubled from 157 in 1901 to 300 in 1903. RNZYS acquired its current premises at Westhaven, first as a lease and subsequently as a purchase. The RNZYS became the only yacht club in the world to challenge and win the America's Cup twice when Emirates Team New Zealand scored a 7-1 victory over Oracle Team USA in Bermuda in 2017.



Rolex Invitational Cup History

This will be the Squadron's third Rolex New York Yacht Club Invitational Cup. RNZYS competed in the inaugural Rolex NYYC Invitational Cup in 2009, placing ninth and then again nearly a decade later in 2019 placing 12th. The 2023 IC cup team for RNZYS are all graduates of the Youth Training program and sailed Elliot 7s together. In preparation for the 2023 IC, the team will be sailing in various RNZYS regattas.

Crew

The helmsman for this year's team will be Jordan Stevenson. Stevenson has 11 years of racing in his career, he has raced in a variety of different classes, most recently racing in match racing out of the RNZYS. He placed first at the Governor's Cup as helmsman, first at the US Grand Slam in 2019, and first at the Musto Youth International. Doing the tactics for RNZYS will be Josh Salthouse from Auckland, New Zealand. With 25 years of racing experience, he is a two-time National Match Champion in 2015 and 2016, competed in two Rolex Sydney to Hobart races, six World Match Race Tour events, and the 2017 Red Bull Young America's Cup. In 2020, Salthouse earned the prestigious title of Verndansk Cup Champion. Salthouse was also on the winning IC37 at the New York Yacht Club's 169th Annual Regatta.

RNZYS CREW

- Helmsperson - Jordan Stevenson (Auckland, NZL)
- Tactician - Josh Salthouse (Auckland, NZL)
- Byronvan Vugt (Auckland, NZL)
- William Reid (Auckland, NZL)
- Anna Merchant (Auckland, NZL)
- Harrison Hull (Auckland, NZL)
- Matthew Huges (Auckland, NZL)
- Rebekka (Bex) Costello (Auckland, NZL)
- Andrew Clarke (Auckland, NZL)

