

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)

