Club History

The Yacht Club Costa Smeralda was founded in 1967 by H.H. the Aga Khan, Andrè Ardoin, Giuseppe Kerry Mentasti and Luigi Vietti as a non-profit sporting association for fellow sailing enthusiasts and with a view to promoting related activities. The sporting events organized by the club and the victories won by members flying the club's burgee have helped to establish the YCCS' position at the forefront of international yachting. Today the YCCS enjoys reciprocal agreements with the Yacht Club di Monaco, the New York Yacht Club, Royal Yacht Squadron and Norddeutscher Regatta Verein. The YCCS is represented by the Board of Directors headed by its President, Princess Zahra Aga Khan. The Commodore, Secretary General and Sports Director also manage the Club's social and sporting activities.



YCCS returns to Newport to compete in the Rolex New York Yacht Club Invitational Cup for the fourth time. YCCS competed in the inaugural competition in 2009, then took a 10-year break from the event until their second appearance in 2019 where they placed 11th. In the latest edition of the Invitational Cup, YCCS placed seventh. The 2023 IC team will be the same as the 2021 Invitational Cup team.

Crew

YCCS's helmsman is Antonio Sodo from Rome, Italy. Sodo comes with a slew of sailing highlights including seven world and 12 European titles across multiple classes including Farr 40, IMS, IOR, Mumm 30, J24 Star and Finn. YCCS tactician is Edoardo Mancinelli, a champion 420 and team-race sailor.

YCCS CREW

Helmsperson - Antonio Sodo Migliori (Rome, ITA)
Co-Helmsperson - Filippo Maria Molinari (Rome, ITA)
Tactician - Edoardo Mancinelli Scotti (Rome, ITA)
Andrea Cinerari (Trieste, ITA)
Giulia Fava (Civitavecchia, ITA)
Giulia Zappacosta (Rome, ITA)
Andrea Straniero (Trieste, ITA)
Alberto Corneli (Sanremo, ITA)
Pascal Feryn (Saint Gregoire, FRA)





