



About the NYYC Invitational Cup

On August 25, 2008, New York Yacht Club Commodore Charles H. Townsend announced the inaugural New York Yacht Club Invitational Cup, an invitational fleet-racing regatta, scheduled to take place September 15-19, 2009. Its essence is to bring together amateur yacht club teams to compete against teams from around the world.

The sailing will be tough and demanding, allowing each club to demonstrate the skills of its top sailors. Commodore Townsend remarked, “This event will once again bring the Corinthian spirit to the forefront of the sport and enable us to share the excitement of sailing on the waters of Rhode Island Sound.”

Invitations were sent to many of the world’s most prominent yacht clubs to compete in this first biennial event, to be held at Harbour Court, the NYYC’s on-the-water clubhouse in Newport, R.I.

The NYYC Invitational Cup is for Corinthian (amateur) sailors representing their yacht clubs and their nations. Said Commodore David K. Elwell Jr., “This is a unique opportunity for team development around the world, and we anticipate seeing many leading young sailors competing for this magnificent trophy and enjoying the chance to race at one of the pre-eminent yacht clubs.”

Racing on Rhode Island Sound will utilize the newly developed NYYC Swan 42 fleet – the eighth one design class created by the NYYC since 1905 – and it is anticipated that many teams will bring their own boats in which to compete. Other teams will charter boats through the NYYC.

Prizes will be awarded to the top-three teams, and the winning yacht club’s name will be engraved on the NYYC Invitational Cup, donated by former-Commodore Robert L. James and former NYYC Trustee Charles A. Robertson, that will be permanently on display at New York Yacht Club’s 44th Street Clubhouse in Manhattan.



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The Swan 42 Class – the Official Class Organization

The Swan 42 Class is the Official Class Organization of the NYYC Invitational Cup. The 15 founding members of the class met in 2005 and selected a new one-design yacht designed by German Frers Jr and built by Nautor's Swan. The result was the NYYC Swan 42, the eighth one-design class created by the NYYC since 1905. The mission of the Swan 42 Class is to foster high level competition between amateur yachtsmen and their predominately amateur crews. Class rules are designed to protect the value of existing boats, reduce the cost of ownership to the lowest reasonable level and avoid unnecessary expense whenever possible.

www.swan42class.org



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS*

Sunday, September 13

- 1500-1700 Registration – Station 10
- 1600- 2000 Hospitality Center - Lower Lawn
- 1700 1900 Swan 42 Performance Symposium – Arcadia Room
(Mandatory for charter helmsmen, tacticians and mainsail trimmers)

Monday, September 14

- 0900-1100 Registration – Station 10
- 1300-1500 Practice Starts and Racing
- 1600-2000 Hospitality Center - Lower Lawn
- 1630-1730 Panel Discussion: Review Day's Sailing – Arcadia Room
- 1800 Sailor Classification Protest Time limit

Tuesday, September 15

- 0900-1100 Registration – Station 10
- 1100 -1300 Practice Starts and Racing
- 1600-1800 Hospitality Center - Lower Lawn
- 1600 Captains' Meeting – Arcadia Room
- 1630-1730 Racing and Local Knowledge Seminar – Arcadia Room
- 1800-2030 Opening Reception hosted by Nautor's Swan and the New York Yacht Club, in the Marquee
- 1830 Opening Ceremony

Wednesday, September 16

- 1100 Race Day 1 - First Warning Signal
- Post-race RYS/RORC/RTYC Reception, Hospitality Center
- 1600-2000 Hospitality Center - Lower Lawn
- 1800 Daily Awards at Hospitality Center

Thursday, September 17

- 1100 Race Day 2 - First Warning Signal
- 1600-2000 Hospitality Center - Lower Lawn
- 1800 Daily Awards at Hospitality Center

Friday, September 18

- 1100 Race Day 3 - First Warning Signal
- 1600-2000 Hospitality Center - Lower Lawn
- 1800-2030 Traditional Steamed Lobster Dinner & Daily Awards, hosted by Sperry Top-Sider, in the Marquee

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (continued)

Saturday, September 19

0900	Parade of Nations, Newport Harbor
1100	Race Day 4 - First Warning Signal
1600-1800	Hospitality Center - Lower Lawn
1830-2230	Awards Dinner hosted by Rolex and the New York Yacht Club, in the Marquee

****Subject to change.** Admission to all social events is by ticket or invitation. Throughout the week, the Sperry Top-Sider Beach Cottage and Team One Newport Clothing and footwear store will be open. The main bar and wireless computer access are available in the Hospitality Center.*

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NYYC Invitational Cup - Boat Assignments

Bow #	Boat Name	Yacht Club	Tracking	Country
01	The Cat Came Back	Royal Ocean Racing Club	01-RORC	UK
02	Mutiny	Yacht Club Italiano	02-YCI	Italy
03	Bandit	Royal St. George Yacht Club	03-RStG	Ireland
04	Downhill Express	Japan Sailing Federation	04-JSF	Japan
05	Orbit	Norddeutscher Regatta Verein	05-NRV	Germany
06	Mustang	Royal Thames Yacht Club	06-RTYC	UK
07	Celeritas	Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron	07-RNZYS	New Zealand
08	Blazer	Royal Cork Yacht Club	08-RCork	Ireland
09	Hoss	Yacht Club de France	09-YCF	France
10	Apparition	Royal Yacht Squadron	10-RYS	UK
11	Better Than...	Nylandska Jaktklubben	11-NJK	Finland
12	Conspiracy	Royal Danish Yacht Club	12-RDYC	Denmark
13	Barleycorn	Yacht Club Costa Smeralda	13-YCCS	Italy
14	Impetuous	Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club	14-RHKYC	China
15	Quintessence	Real Club Nautico de Barcelona	15-RCNB	Spain
16	Tiburón	Royal Bermuda Yacht Club	16-RBYC	Bermuda
17	Daring	Royal Canadian Yacht Club	17-RCYC	Canada
18	Interlodge	St. Francis Yacht Club	18-StFYC	USA
19	Arethusa	New York Yacht Club	19-NYYC	USA



About the New York Yacht Club – Host of the Invitational Cup

The Isle of Wight in the Solent has long been the epicenter of yachting in England. In 1851, a schooner freshly painted black arrived there looking to win races. This was America, owned by John Cox Stevens, the first commodore of the New York Yacht Club (NYYC), and other club members. America crossed the Atlantic on her own bottom and challenged all English yachts to a match race. No yacht was willing to race her, however.

Finally, America joined a free-for-all on Friday, August 22, around the Isle of Wight, hosted by the Royal Yacht Squadron – an entry in the NYYC Invitational Cup 158 years later. Watching the race, which included 15 English yachts and America, was Queen Victoria, who supposedly inquired, "Which is first?" Told it was America, she asked, "Which is second?" "Ah, Your Majesty, there is no second," was the reply. Or so the story goes. America won the Royal Yacht Squadron's "Hundred Guinea Cup."

The NYYC was started seven years before, on July 30, 1844, when John Cox Stevens invited eight friends to his yacht Gimcrack, anchored in New York Harbor. The nine who met 165 years ago resolved to form the NYYC and named Stevens commodore. The theme of the club was, in those days, to race sailing yachts. Three days later, the new commodore announced, members would be departing on a yacht-club cruise to Newport, RI. Thus, began the connection between the NYYC and Newport. The 2009 Annual Cruise was the club's 153rd.

The NYYC's first clubhouse was built in 1845 on land donated by Commodore Stevens, at the family estate at Elysian Fields in Hoboken, NJ, overlooking the Hudson River. (The estate is now the site of the Stevens Institute of Technology, endowed by Edwin Stevens, John's brother, and the fourth commodore of this club.) The clubhouse, a small Gothic-revival building, officially opened on July 15, 1846. This was followed the next day by the first club regatta, billed as a "trial of speed." This became the Annual Regatta. This summer (2009), the NYYC hosted its 155th Annual Regatta presented by Rolex.

On July 12, 1857, surviving members of the America syndicate donated the silver trophy they won in England, the "Hundred Guinea Cup," to the NYYC. They called it the America's Cup, in honor of the yacht that won it. They invited yacht clubs from around the world to compete and promised, "friendly competition" between nations. This was nearly 40 years before the first Modern Olympics; four years before America's Civil War.

Finishing first in the America's Cup, NYYC boats did with stunning regularity. Yachts flying the club flag held onto that trophy for 132 years, or until 1983. During that stewardship, NYYC boats won 81 of 93 races. Journalists have described that as the "longest winning streak in sports." The first transatlantic race was held in the winter of 1866. James Gordon Bennett Jr., the young publisher of the New York Herald and soon to be

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commodore of the NYYC, was the only owner to go on the race from Sandy Hook, NJ to the Lizard in England that started on December 11. On Christmas day, his Henrietta finished first in a three-boat race. Newspapers dubbed it, "the Great Ocean Race."

The NYYC started another famous transatlantic race in 1905, from New York to the Lizard in England. The race was won by the famous Atlantic, a NYYC vessel. Her time of 12 days, four hours and one minute lasted for 100 years or until 2005 as the NYYC Transatlantic Race Record for monohull yachts. Since 1866, there have been 25 transatlantic races -- 11 of which were hosted or co-hosted by the NYYC. A 1997 transatlantic race – the Atlantic

Challenge Cup – organized by the NYYC with Rolex was reprised in May, 2005, as the Rolex Transatlantic Challenge with the support of the Royal Yacht Squadron. Here Atlantic's then-100-year-old record was eclipsed by Robert Miller's Mari-Cha IV. In 1898, the NYYC was billeted on the second floor of a house on Madison Avenue in New York. It was chockablock with "models, members and memorabilia," wrote the New York Daily Tribune. It was then that

Commodore J. Pierpont Morgan surprised fellow members by announcing he would donate three lots on West 44th Street to build a new clubhouse. The building, designed in the beaux-arts style by Whitney Warren, opened in 1901. It is known for its Model Room and Library. The clubhouse is 108 years old. "Except for the absence of motion, one might fancy oneself at sea," is how the New York Times described it in 1906. In 1983, the NYYC finished "second" in the America's Cup. A significant piece of the club was gone. Four years later, the club purchased Harbour Court, in Newport, R.I., the former summer home of NYYC Commodore John Nicholas Brown. When the club's Newport clubhouse opened in 1988, 1,500 NYYC members and guests attended. It was described by NYYC Commodore Frank Snyder as the club's "Window on the water."

Harbour Court created a new energy and focus at the NYYC. In 1994, it hosted its Sesquicentennial Celebration for members and friends. In 1998, the NYYC hosted Race Week at Newport, presented by Rolex, the Disabled World Sailing Championship and the ILC Maxi World Championship. In 2000, as part of Race Week, the NYYC hosted the Rolex IMS Offshore World Championship. In 2005, it hosted the Rolex Swan American Regatta, the 12-Metre Worlds and the ISAF Team Racing Worlds. In 2006, the NYYC hosted the Rolex Farr 40 Worlds and the IFDS Blind Sailing Worlds. The seventh edition of the biennial Race Week at Newport, presented by Rolex, will be in 2010.

Youth, too, is being served at one of the oldest yacht clubs in America. Harbour Court has twice hosted the Optimist Dinghy Association US Championship and the IYRU O'Neill World Youth Sailing Championship. In 2000, Harbour Court hosted the U.S. Junior Championships for Sears, Bemis and Smythe Trophies. In 2002, the NYYC hosted the ICSA Sloop National Championship with Brown University. In 2008, the club hosted the Intercollegiate Sailing Association (ICSA) National Championships.

The NYYC has been extremely active in Team Racing beginning in 1984. In 2000 the NYYC purchased 13 Sonars that are dedicated to that activity. A team representing the NYYC has won consecutive ISAF Team Racing World Championships, in 2007 in Spain and 2009 in Western Australia.



About Newport, R.I. excerpted from the Newport Historical Society

Since its establishment by English colonists in 1639, the city of Newport has bustled with diversity. Its founders established a policy of liberty of conscience and religion that became a beacon to many in the Atlantic world. Settlers with wide-ranging religious beliefs co-existed in the rapidly growing settlement, unaware that their town's religious diversity was a prototype for the America to come. Newport became one of the first secular democracies in the world and set a course that would influence much of its later history. During the 17th century, the cornerstones of Newport's architectural heritage were laid. Buildings surviving from this period include the Old Stone Mill, the Wanton-Lyman-Hazard House, the White Horse Tavern, and the Great Friends Meeting House. Facing a world of intolerance and persecution, members of the Jewish faith and the Religious Society of Friends ("Quakers") found haven in Newport starting in the 1650s.

By the 1760s, Newport had emerged as one of the five leading ports in colonial North America, along with Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and Charleston. A building boom resulting from Newport's mid-18th-century prosperity included hundreds of houses and many internationally important landmarks that survive today, including Trinity Church, the Newport Colony House, Redwood Library, Touro Synagogue, and the Brick Market (now home to the Museum of Newport History).

Newport helped lead the way toward American independence. Because the city was a well-known hotbed of revolutionary fervor, the British occupied Newport from 1776 to 1779, and over half of the town's population fled. Patriot forces, joined for the first time by their new French allies, unsuccessfully attempted to drive out the British, but the British eventually did withdraw. Later the French, under the leadership of General Rochambeau, began a sojourn in Newport that lasted until 1783, when they left Newport on their historic march to Yorktown to assist George Washington in the decisive victory there.

The British occupation did irreparable damage to Newport's economy. Its landscape became frozen in time as industrialization bypassed the city. This became an asset as the town transformed itself into a summer resort and its picturesque qualities attracted summer visitors. In the years before the Civil War, Newport became host to a growing summer 'colony' of influential artists, writers, scientists, educators, architects, theologians, architects, and landscape designers. Newport summer residents such as Julia Ward Howe, William Ellery Channing, and William and Henry James reshaped the cultural underpinnings of American life and helped draw more attention to Newport.

During the Gilded Age, Newport became the Queen of the Resorts, attracting summer residents including elite families from South Carolina, the King and Griswold families from New York, and, later, the Vanderbilts. These families employed Richard Morris Hunt, McKim Mead & White, and other leading American architects to build Newport's famed mansions.

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Ever since the colonial period, when the city's harbor teemed with trading ships, Newport's history has been tied to the sea. The fishing industry remains a vital part of Newport's economy. With the arrival of the summer 'colony' and the New York Yacht Club, Newport became a yachting capital as well. In the 1930s, the Yacht Club brought the famed America's Cup to Newport, where it stayed until lost to the Australians in 1983.

The United States Navy, which first arrived in Newport during the Civil War and operated a torpedo station on Newport's Goat Island until the end of World War II, maintains its presence through the Naval War College and the Naval Undersea Warfare Center. After World War II, one of the most successful historic preservation movements in the country saved hundreds of buildings throughout Newport County. With the success of the preservation movement, Newport began to emerge as a popular tourist destination. Visitors now come to learn about the area's remarkable history as well as to enjoy the beauty and the hospitality of the city by the sea.

In addition to its stunning seaside mansions, Newport offers beautifully restored colonial landmarks and many fine small museums such as the Museum of Newport History, which offers an overview of the city's history. Fort Adams, the Newport Art Museum, the Newport Artillery Company, the Museum of Yachting, Redwood Library, the Tennis Hall of Fame, Touro Synagogue, Trinity Church, and more offer visitors an unrivalled opportunity to explore many aspects of America's history. Music festivals, such as the Jazz and Folk Festivals and the Newport Music Festival, draw thousands to Newport every summer. The popular image of Newport as a Gilded Age playground for the wealthy contrasts with local reality.

While the city continues to host summer residents of dazzling wealth, and while some former summer residents now make Newport their year-round home, most Newporters are middle and working class.

Newport's diversity continues to grow. Immigration in the 19th and 20th centuries brought Irish, Greeks, Italians, Portuguese, Filipinos, Cambodians, and Hispanics, who joined longtime Newporters including Jews, African Americans, and Native Americans to enrich the ethnic diversity of the town.

Newport's history is remarkable in many ways, but perhaps most notable is Newport's extraordinarily well-preserved architecture that has survived to give evidence for over three centuries of history.



About the NYYC Swan 42 – the official sailing yacht

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In 2005 the NYYC joined with Nautor's Swan and yacht designers German and "Mani" Frers, to produce the NYYC Swan 42 – the 8th one-design class created by the NYYC since 1905. Initially, 25 NYYC Swan 42s were sold to NYYC members and since then more than 40 have been built. The first NYYC 42 Conspiracy went to the Cahoots Syndicate, a longtime partnership of NYYC Commodore David K. Elwell Jr., past Commodore George R. Hinman Jr., Richard Werdiger and Donald Elliman. The Invitational Cup would not have been possible without the support of the Swan 42 Class, and its owners, who made their yachts available for charter. The Invitational Cup reflects perfectly the philosophy of the class: the NYYC Swan 42 is intended for racing by predominantly amateur (Corinthian) crews in local, regional, and international events. The purpose of the class is to foster high level sailing competition between predominantly amateur yachtsmen. The rules are designed to protect the value of existing boats, reduce the cost of ownership to the lowest reasonable level and avoid unnecessary expense whenever possible.

Nautor Group Marketing Director Enrico Chieffi commented. "For us at Nautor's Swan it is a great honor to build the Swan 42 as the NYYC One Design of the 21st Century. The Invitational Cup enhances the spirit of the partnership between NYYC and Nautor's Swan. To have the most prestigious yacht clubs in the world competing aboard Swan 42s reflects the Corinthian spirit of both the Swan 42 Class and the event, as well as Nautor's Swan philosophy of sailing and racing."

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