

35th America's Cup: The oldest trophy in international sport

Since 1851, the best sailors in the world, competing on the fastest boats, have contested the America's Cup. Apart from the United States only three nations, Australia, New Zealand and Switzerland, have claimed yachting's most prestigious trophy, affectionately known as the "Auld Mug"

1851

AMERICA RULES THE WAVES
Venue: Isle of Wight
 Open race for **100 Guinea Cup**. **America** – most advanced yacht of her time, later giving name to trophy – shatters British morale. **New York Yacht Club** (NYCC) announces it will accept challenge from yacht club of any foreign nation

America
 Length at water line: 27.39m
 NYCC

1870-87

EARLY DEFENCES
New York
 NYCC sees off variety of mainly British challengers during evolutionary phase in which size and type of boat varies greatly

1893-1903

90-FOOTERS
New York
 Largest and most impressive of all early America's Cup yachts. U.S. totally dominant, winning every race in five contests



▲ **America's Cup**
 First awarded by Royal Yacht Squadron in 1851

1920-37

J-CLASS BOATS *New York, Newport*
 Racing resumes after Great War under **Universal Rule** – boats to conform to formula involving sail length, area and displacement to reduce size and costs

1958

12-METRE ERA
 To revive Cup after World War II, NYCC allows smaller, less expensive boats to compete

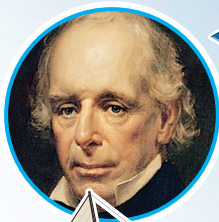
Columbia
 13.95m, NYCC
 1958 winner

1983

ACHILLES KEEL *Newport*
 After 132 years, longest winning streak in sporting history ends when **Alan Bond's Australia II** wins sudden-death 7th race

Louis Vuitton Cup – preliminary competition to weed out multiple challengers – established

John Cox Stevens
 Commodore of New York Yacht Club



Stars & Stripes
 13.96m, San Diego YC

1988

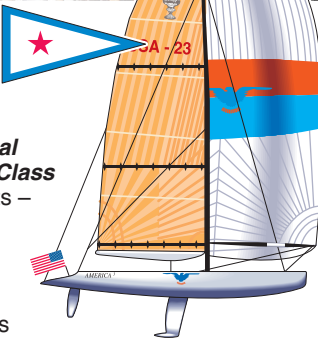
TO COURT *San Diego*
 Maverick challenge by vast monohull **New Zealand** beaten at sea by Conner's smaller, faster catamaran – and in law by New York Supreme Court, which rules mismatch is not illegal

New Zealand
 27.43m, Mercury Bay BC

Stars & Stripes
 16.76m, San Diego YC

1992

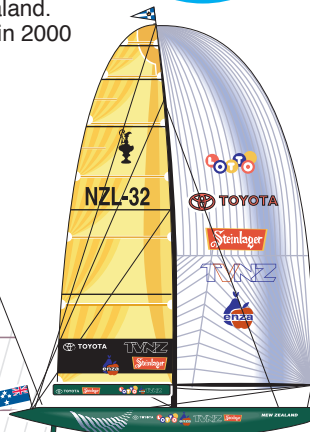
CLASS OF '92 *San Diego*
 New **International America's Cup Class** of ultralight yachts – established to define valid challenge in law – contest Cup. **America³** defeats Italian challenger **Il Moro di Venezia**



America³
 18.31m, San Diego YC

1995-2000

KIWIS SHINE *San Diego*
 Team led by **Peter Blake** demolishes Conner's **Young America** 5-0 in first victory for New Zealand. Team defends title in 2000



Black Magic
 18.04m, Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron

Australia II
 13.10m, Royal Perth YC
 Revolutionary winged keel helps win victory



1987

CONNOR'S REVENGE
Fremantle

Dennis Conner, first U.S. skipper to lose Cup, in 1983, atones by winning it back from Australia at first attempt



2003

SWISS GLORY *Auckland*
Alinghi team of **Ernesto Bertarelli** (above), and former New Zealand skipper **Russell Coutts**, is first challenger to win trophy on initial attempt



Alinghi Challenge
 18.00m, Société Nautique de Genève

2007-10

SPANISH ARMADA *Valencia*
 Spain hosts Cup on behalf of landlocked Switzerland – **Alinghi** retains title in 2007 before **BMW Oracle Racing** reclaims trophy for U.S. in 2010



Alinghi SUI-100
 25.00m, Société Nautique de Genève



Oracle USA-17
 27.00m, Golden Gate Yacht Club

2017

ORACLE MARK-3
Bermuda

Team Oracle, again skippered by **James Spithill**, aiming for third win in row



2013

FLYING BOATS *San Francisco*
Oracle defends title in astonishing comeback from 8-1 down to seal 9-8 victory over **Emirates Team New Zealand** in closest match in America's Cup history