

# 36th America's Cup

OLDEST TROPHY IN INTERNATIONAL SPORT



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AUCKLAND

Since 1851, the world's best sailors, competing on the fastest boats, have contested the America's Cup. Only four nations, the United States, Australia, New Zealand and Switzerland, have ever claimed the prestigious trophy affectionately known as the "Auld Mug"

1851

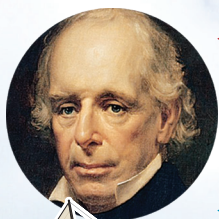
## AMERICA RULES THE WAVES

Venue: Isle of Wight

Open race for 100 Guinea Cup.

**America** – most advanced yacht of her time, after which trophy is named – shatters British morale.

**New York Yacht Club** (NYCC) announces it will accept challenge from yacht club of any foreign nation



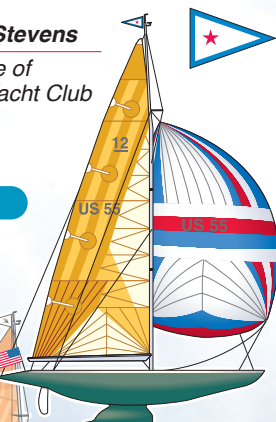
**John Cox Stevens**

Commodore of New York Yacht Club



**America**

Length at water line: 27.39m, NYCC



1887

## CONNER'S REVENGE

Fremantle

**Dennis Conner**, beaten in 1983 and first U.S. skipper to lose Cup, wins it back from Australia at first attempt

**Stars & Stripes 87**

13.96m, San Diego YC



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 SUI-64 Challenge**

18.00m, Société Nautique de Genève



2007

## SPANISH ARMADA

Valencia

Spain hosts Cup on behalf of landlocked Switzerland – **Alinghi** retains title

**Alinghi SUI-100**

25.00m, Société Nautique de Genève



1870-87

## EARLY DEFENCES

New York

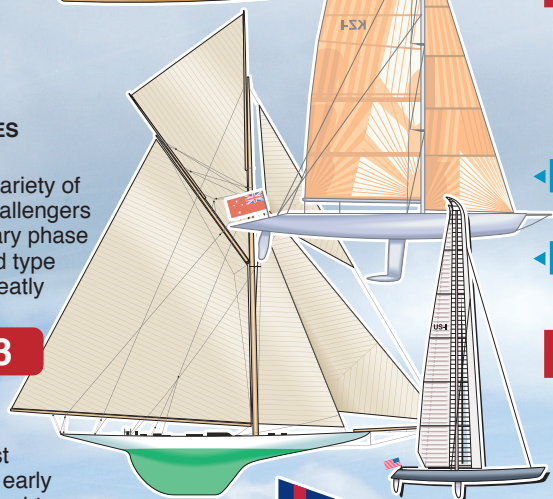
NYCC sees off variety of mainly British challengers during evolutionary phase in which size and type of boat varies greatly

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



**Reliance**

27.32m, NYCC.

Largest sloop ever built, designed by **Captain Herreshoff**, wins in 1903

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 KZ-1**

27.43m, Mercury Bay BC

**Stars & Stripes**

16.76m, San Diego YC



1992

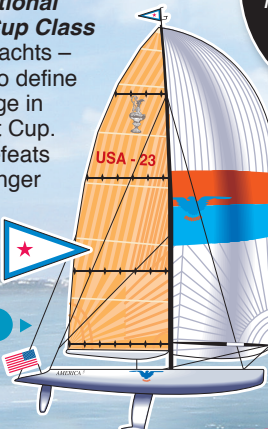
## CLASS OF '92

San Diego

New **International America's Cup Class** of ultralight yachts – established to define valid challenge in law – contest Cup. **America<sup>3</sup>** defeats Italian challenger **Il Moro di Venezia**

**America<sup>3</sup>**

18.31m, San Diego YC



**Emirates AC75**

20.70m, Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron

**2021**  
**Emirates Team New Zealand** takes on **Luna Rossa of Italy** in AC75 class – capable of speeds of over 50 knots (90km/h)



1920-37

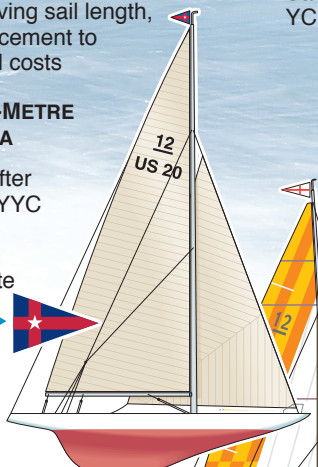
**J-CLASS BOATS** New York, Newport  
Racing resumes after Great War under **Universal Rule** – boats to conform to formula involving sail length, area and displacement to reduce size and costs

1958

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

**Columbia**

13.95m, NYCC  
1958 winner



1983

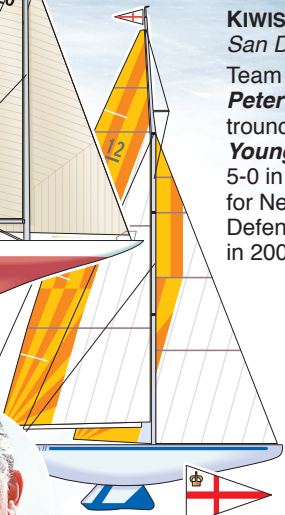
## ACHILLES KEEL

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



**Australia II**

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



1995-2000

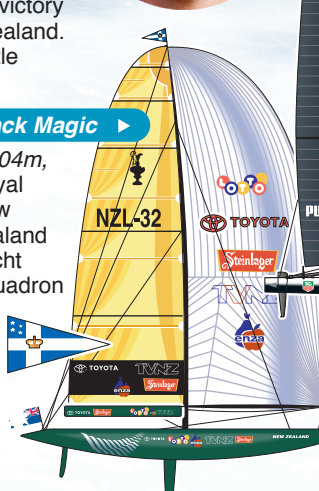
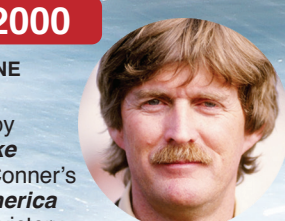
## KIWIS SHINE

San Diego

Team led by **Peter Blake** trounces Conner's **Young America** 5-0 in first victory for New Zealand. Defends title in 2000

**Black Magic**

18.04m, Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron



2010-13

## ORACLE RISES

**BMW Oracle Racing** reclaims trophy for U.S. in 2010, then 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

**Oracle AC72**

22.00m, Golden Gate Yacht Club



2017

## KIWIS' REVENGE

Bermuda  
New Zealand – led by Olympic gold medalist **Peter Burling** – vanquishes pain of 2013 to claim third title with emphatic 7-1 victory over Oracle

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

**Louis Vuitton Cup** competition set up to select challenger. Renamed **Prada Cup** in 2018