

REALE YACHT CLUB CANOTTIERI SAVOIA

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Brief profile

Reale Yacht Club Canottieri Savoia is one of Italy's oldest yacht clubs. Founded in Naples on July 15, 1893 as Circolo Canottieri Sebezia, it took the Savoia name on November 10, 1895, with the authorization of the Royal House and the title Reale. Its headquarters are at Banchina Santa Lucia 13, in Borgo Marinari, a few steps from Castel dell'Ovo.

The Club promotes sailing, rowing, windsurfing and wingfoil, with youth, competitive and organizational activities. Its history brings together sporting achievements, the city's social life and international relations, from its role as the operational center for the 1960 Olympic sailing events to the awards bestowed by the Italian National Olympic Committee (CONI), through to the outlook connected with the 38th America's Cup in Naples in 2027. The Club's track record also includes Olympic medals in sailing and rowing.

Boilerplate

Founded in Naples in 1893 as Circolo Canottieri Sebezia and renamed Circolo Canottieri Savoia in 1895 with the authorization of the Royal House, Reale Yacht Club Canottieri Savoia ASD is a historic Italian yacht club based at Banchina Santa Lucia 13, in Borgo Marinari. The Club promotes sailing, rowing, windsurfing and wingfoil, with youth and competitive sports activities, national and international events and an established role in the sporting and social life of Naples. The Club received CONI's Gold Star for Sporting Merit in 1969 and the Gold Collar for Sporting Merit in 2002, becoming the first Italian sailing club to obtain the highest honor reserved for centenary sports clubs.

Quick facts

Official name	Reale Yacht Club Canottieri Savoia ASD
Commonly used name	RYCC Savoia; Circolo Savoia
Founded	July 15, 1893, as Circolo Canottieri Sebezia; Savoia name authorized by the Royal House on November 10, 1895
Headquarters	Banchina Santa Lucia 13, 80132 Naples, Borgo Marinari
President	Fabrizio Cattaneo della Volta
Disciplines	Sailing, rowing, windsurfing, wingfoil, youth activities and sports training
Awards	CONI Gold Star for Sporting Merit, 1969; Gold Collar for Sporting Merit, 2002
Website	www.ryccsavoia.it

History

The history of Savoia begins on July 15, 1893, when eleven young rowers left Circolo Canottieri Italia to form a competitive alternative. Having received the four-oared yole Nautilus as a gift, they founded Circolo Canottieri Sebezia in the nautical garages of Banchina Santa Lucia 13, adopting the colors white and blue. Two years later, during a rowing raid from Punta Campanella to Naples, the Nautilus capsized and sank in a storm: three of the four rowers died, while Luigi De Monte survived. The tragedy led the Club to adopt the black-and-white rowing vest and to turn to the reigning Royal House to avert the risk of dissolution.

The support of King Umberto I and of the Prince of Naples, Vittorio Emanuele, enabled the association to regain momentum. In gratitude, the members asked the Royal House for permission to take the name Circolo Canottieri Savoia: authorization arrived on November 10, 1895, together with the title Reale and the

choice of Savoia blue with the Savoy coat of arms as an identifying reference. From that moment, the Club's sporting and social life developed continuously, with Italian, European and world titles in sailing and rowing.

In 1960 Savoia was chosen as the operational center for the Olympic sailing events in Naples, an event that helped relaunch the city on the international stage. On May 7, 1969, CONI awarded the Club the Gold Star for Sporting Merit. In 1997 the Members' Assembly decided to restore the title Reale, which had disappeared after the institutional referendum of 1946. On January 23, 2002, CONI awarded Circolo Savoia the Gold Collar for Sporting Merit, the highest honor reserved for centenary sports clubs. In 2003 and 2007, the RYCC Savoia burgee accompanied the America's Cup challenges of Mascalzone Latino, Vincenzo Onorato's team, bringing Naples into the international circuit of top-level sailing.

Today, the Club is strengthening its international outlook through its twinning with the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, the America's Cup defender club with Team New Zealand, and through its role as Host Venue Yacht Club Partner on the path to the 38th America's Cup in Naples in 2027. Athletes linked to the Club include Ernesto De Amicis, a wingfoil world champion who developed as an athlete at RYCC Savoia.

Key timeline

Period	Milestone
15 July 1893	Circolo Canottieri Sebezia is founded by eleven young rowers from Circolo Canottieri Italia.
1895	The four-oared yole Nautilus sinks during a rowing raid from Punta Campanella to Naples; the tragedy marks the Club's history and leads to the adoption of the black-and-white rowing vest.
10 Nov. 1895	The Royal House authorizes the name Circolo Canottieri Savoia and the title Reale; the Club's color becomes Savoia blue.
1960	Savoia is the operational center for the Olympic sailing events in Naples; in the same year the Club's Dragon Venilia (I-19) wins Olympic bronze with Nino Cosentino, Antonio Ciciliano and Giulio Di Stefano.
7 May 1969	CONI awards the Club the Gold Star for Sporting Merit.
1997	The Members' Assembly resolves to restore the title Reale.
23 Jan. 2002	CONI awards the Club the Gold Collar for Sporting Merit.
2003 and 2007	RYCC Savoia takes part in the two America's Cup challenges with Mascalzone Latino, Vincenzo Onorato's team.
2016 and 2021	In rowing, Matteo Castaldo wins two Olympic bronze medals, at Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2021.
2025-2027	The Club strengthens its international outlook through the twinning with the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron and its role connected with the 38th America's Cup in Naples.

Headquarters and clubhouse

RYCC Savoia is based at Banchina Santa Lucia 13, in Borgo Marinari, overlooking the small harbor of Santa Lucia and the Gulf of Naples. The clubhouse has been the Club's home since its foundation and includes representative rooms, social rooms, a dining room, bar, gym, terrace, boats and areas dedicated to teaching and sports activities. Its position between Santa Lucia and Castel dell'Ovo makes the Club one of the city's most recognizable nautical landmarks.

Sports activities

Sailing	Sailing school, youth, pre-competitive and competitive activities; participation in zonal, national and international regattas.
Rowing	Introductory courses, competitive activities, masters and coastal rowing, with training at sea, in the gym and according to dedicated technical programs.
Windsurfing	Training activities and competitive team, with programs at sea and in the gym in the relevant classes.
Wingfoil	A growing discipline in the Club's sports program, also thanks to the path of athletes trained at Savoia such as Ernesto De Amicis.

Olympic medals. In sailing, Circolo Savoia includes the bronze medal won at the Rome 1960 Games by the Dragon Venilia (I-19), with Nino Cosentino, Antonio Ciciliano and Giulio Di Stefano. In rowing, Matteo Castaldo won two Olympic bronze medals, at Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2021. The Club's sports sections have also recorded numerous successes at national and international regattas.

Events and sports calendar

RYCC Savoia organizes and hosts events that combine sport, nautical tradition and promotion of the local area. The Club's calendar includes events dedicated to youth sailing, vintage boats, match racing, wingfoil and initiatives that preserve the memory of the 1960 Olympic sailing events in Naples.

Trofeo Marcello Campobasso	International youth regatta for the Optimist class, one of the historic events in the Club's calendar.
Le Vele d'Epoca a Napoli	Event dedicated to classic yachts and the maritime tradition of the Mediterranean.
European Match Race Tour	Match racing event included in the Club's sports programming.
Wingfoil	Championships and international events dedicated to a fast-growing discipline in the waters of the Gulf.
Napoli Olimpica	Cultural and sporting project that preserves the memory of the 1960 Olympic sailing events.

America's Cup and international outlook

Savoia is one of Naples' key references on the path to the 38th America's Cup, scheduled to be held in Naples in 2027. The Club is twinned with the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, the America's Cup defender with Team New Zealand, and serves as Host Venue Yacht Club Partner. This chapter links the Club's sailing history, already central to the 1960 Olympic sailing events, with the new international season for the Gulf of Naples. The current outlook builds on a history already marked by the two America's Cup campaigns in 2003 and 2007 with Mascalzone Latino, Vincenzo Onorato's team, which brought the RYCC Savoia name into the international competition.

In 2027, the Star Class, the "queen" of the Olympics, will return, with the World Championship scheduled in the Gulf of Naples and organized by Circolo Savoia.

Governance

Fabrizio Cattaneo della Volta is president of Reale Yacht Club Canottieri Savoia for the 2026-2028 term. The Board of Directors is composed of vice presidents Franco D'Acunto and Enrico Milano and board members Ernesto Ciaramella, Claudio Labruna, Fausto Lanzillo, Biagio La Pignola, Fabrizio Mautone, Francesco Musella, Nello Oliviero and Giancarlo Pica. Alberto Lezzi is president of the Assembly.

Official channels

Official website	www.ryccsavoia.it
Instagram	@ryccsavoia
Facebook	RYCC Savoia / CircoloSavoia
YouTube	@RYCCSavoia
Sailing team Instagram	@savoiasailingteam

Media assets

Upon request, the Club can provide official high-resolution visual materials, including images of the clubhouse and quay, regatta photographs, institutional portraits, video content and graphic materials. Images and videos intended for editorial use are accompanied by credits, captions and usage terms.

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