



- **Royal Yacht Squadron**
Founded in 1815, the Cowes-based club boasts a truly enviable history. It's the scene of the race that started the America's Cup, and the home of Cowes Week. Better still, the clubhouse is a castle! rys.org.uk

Six of the best

Yacht clubs in the world



- **Yacht Club Costa Smeralda**
Spanning two countries, Italy and the BVI, the YCCS is extremely well located and offers incredible sailing off Sardinia and Virgin Gorda. It attracts top regattas, including two owned by Boat International. yccs.it

- **New York Yacht Club**
Not just one location, but two for this historic club, dating back to 1844: a grand six-storey Beaux-Arts building in Manhattan and a huge pile on the water in Harbour Court, Rhode Island. nyyc.org



- **Yacht Club de Monaco**
This €120 million clubhouse designed by Foster + Partners has a membership process (overseen by Prince Albert II) that makes the Freemasons look positively pedestrian. yacht-club-monaco.mc



- **Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club**
This is the best subscribed club on the list, with some 12,000 members. Founded in 1849, RHKYC has three sites - the one in Causeway Bay, with superb views, stands out. rhkyc.org.hk



- **Gstaad Yacht Club**
We haven't lost our minds - promise. They may be a landlocked clubhouse, but the exclusive membership and yearly Ski Yachting event make this a very cool club. gstaadyachtclub.com