



YACHT CLUB ITALIANO

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REGIO YACHT CLUB ITALIANO



THE CLUB

History

Yacht Club Italiano is the oldest sailing club in Italy and one of the oldest in the Mediterranean. Founded in Genoa in 1879, it has around 1,050 members.

The Club's history began in late 19th-century Genoa, when Vittorio Augusto Vecchi (known as Jack la Bolina) and a group of sailing enthusiasts founded the Regio Yacht Club Italiano with the support of King Umberto I. From the first inaugural regatta on August 8, 1880, which opened the Club's sporting activity with 177 boats racing in the Gulf of La Spezia, Yacht Club Italiano has consistently promoted yachting, organized national and international regattas, and supported the training of young sailors. In the early 1930s, it also initiated the association of other Italian clubs (Naples, Palermo, Trieste and Venice), a process that led, after World War II, to the creation of the Italian Sailing Federation.

Since the early 1900s, the history of the Yacht Club Italiano has been marked by significant achievements: the 1902 Coupe de France victory (10-ton class) of Artica, owned by H.R.H. the Duke of Abruzzi, which marked the Club's entry into international competition; the gold medal won by the 8 Metre S.I. Italia at the 11th Olympic Games in Kiel in 1936; the experiments conducted by Guglielmo Marconi aboard Elettra, moored in the Duca degli Abruzzi Marina, including the remote lighting of Sydney's Town Hall; and participation in the 1987 America's Cup with another yacht named Italia.

Prominent figures in the Club's history include Luigi Durand de La Penne, recipient of the Gold Medal of Military Valor, and Beppe Croce, President for 28 years and the only non-Anglo-Saxon to lead the International Sailing Federation (IYRU) for 17 years. More recent athletes have further enriched the Club's record, including Luca Devoti, Alessandra Sensini and Maggie Pescetto, a competitor at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Over the years, the promotion of yachting as a means of youth development has led to the creation of numerous initiatives, including the founding of STA-I in 1996, in collaboration with the Italian Navy, offering young people the opportunity to embark as trainees on both civilian and military vessels. In partnership with the Italian Navy, in 2007 the Yacht Club Italiano also established the Tender to Nave Italia Foundation, which promotes projects aimed at rehabilitation, support and improving the quality of life of people facing hardship or disability aboard the 61-metre brigantine Nave Italia.

In 2000, the Beppe Croce Sea School was established, offering a wide educational program with courses open to both members and non-members, ranging from introductory and advanced sailing to offshore navigation and preparation for obtaining a boating license. In 2020, the Club also launched the restoration of Elo II, a 43-foot racing prototype representing an important project dedicated to training young sailors in offshore racing, under the guidance of internationally renowned skippers such as Mauro Pelaschier, Tommaso Chieffi and Pietro D'Alì.

A long history that continues to the present day. In December 2023, at the end of Gerolamo Bianchi's term, the Genoese Carlo Cameli was elected President, supported by Vice Presidents Nicolò Caffarena and Gregorio Gavarone, with Raffaello Corradi serving as Secretary General. Once again, this marks a transition and renewal in the Club's leadership, with a General Management strongly committed to advancing processes of innovation, preservation and the promotion of the core values of sailing and the sea.

The country's most historic sailing club continues to demonstrate its ability to keep pace with the times, successfully organizing major sailing and social events such as the Loro Piana Giraglia, the Regate di Primavera in Portofino, the Genova Sailing Week, the SIAD Bombola d'Oro Trophy - Coppa Roberto Sestini, and the Millevale IREN. In recent years, it has also hosted and organized events of international significance, including the Melges European Championship in 2022 and the 8 Metre S.I. World Championship in 2023.

Renewed focus has also been placed on Olympic classes, long part of the Club's DNA, with the organization of the Italian Olympic Classes Championship in 2018, followed by the 2019 World Cup Series, which brought the city to the forefront of international Olympic sailing. As for youth development, the Beppe Croce Sea School and the racing team increasingly represent a training ground for young sailors, guiding them from the Optimist class through to offshore racing aboard Club yachts.

On these foundations, the Club looks to the future, ready to take on new and exciting challenges. Today, 309 yachts sail under the Club's burgee.

Yacht Club Italiano also benefits from the support of Rolex as Official Timepiece, Institutional Sponsors SIAD and Banca Passadore, Technical Partners Navico Group, North Sails and Veneziani Yachting and Title Partners Loro Piana, IREN and Lowrance.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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Carlo Cameli



Vice President
Nicolò Caffarena



Vice President
Gregorio Gavarone



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Raffaello Corradi



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Sports Director
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Club House Director
Luigi Strata



Sailing School Director
Gian Maria Celle



Racing Team Director
Pietro Seghezza



International Relations Director
Andrea Bianchedi



Culture and Library Director
Francesco Foppiano



Youth Activities Director
Michele Remagnino



Member of the Board
Riccardo Casale



Member of the Board
Andrea Ghisalberti

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

The Club has over 1,050 members. Membership is subject to strict admission criteria, regulated by the Statute, exclusively through nomination by existing members, following a suitability assessment by the General Management and approval by the Members' Assembly through a vote.

STAFF

The organizational structure of the Yacht Club Italiano consists of the General Management, which defines the Club's strategic guidelines, and a professional staff coordinated by the Club Manager and the Sport and Nautical Manager, who oversee the day-to-day activities across the various operational areas:

secretariat and administration

- clubhouse
- regatta organization
- marina
- sailing school



Club Manager
Angiola Ferro



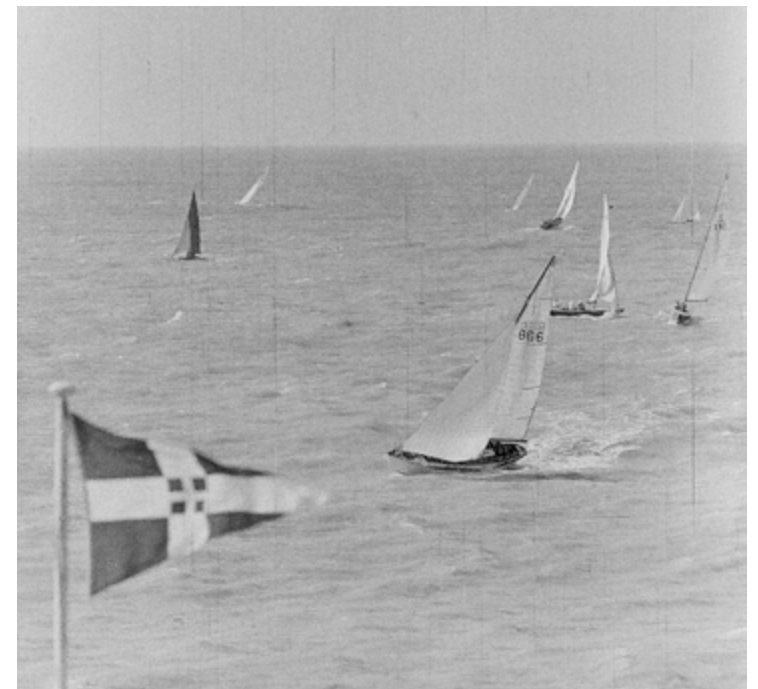
Sport & Nautical Manager
Matteo Capurro



CLUBHOUSE

Genova - Porticciolo Duca degli Abruzzi

The headquarters of Yacht Club Italiano overlooks the Porticciolo Duca degli Abruzzi, in the heart of Genoa. Designed by architect Giuseppe Crosa di Vergagni and inaugurated in 1929, it was severely damaged during the Second World War and rebuilt between 1948 and 1949. Today it is spread over three floors: on the ground floor are the entrance hall, changing rooms, and the Sala Trossi, a space dedicated to the activities of the Club's younger members; on the first floor are the Presidency, Secretariat, and Library. The second floor is the social heart of the Club, featuring a bar, lounge, and restaurant, where half-hulls of boats tell over a century of sailing history. The facilities are completed by the "Sala Durand de la Penne", dedicated to Admiral Luigi Durand de la Penne, recipient of the Gold Medal for Military Valor. In these rooms, members and their guests gather for social occasions in an exclusive environment reserved for them.



LIBRARY

The Library of the Yacht Club Italiano preserves a unique heritage: over 2,000 books and more than 15,000 nautical magazines of national and international significance, the result of subscriptions active since the early 1900s and valuable donations, including the significant contribution of Bruno Veronese. Despite the losses suffered during the Second World War, the Library expanded over time, up to the 1993 renovation that defined its current layout. Since 2015, the Library has also hosted the “Centro Studi Belloni”, created from the archive of nautical journalist Franco Belloni: an extraordinary collection of photographs and documents that tell over a century of sailing history. Over time, it has been further enriched with the archives of photographer Beppe Leoni, sailor Max Boris, and historian Luigi Lang. The A.I.V.E. archive is also available for consultation at the Club Library. Members may request books on loan, while the entire archive is available, upon request, to scholars and researchers interested in the history of yachting in Italy.



PORTOFINO CLUBHOUSE

The Portofino clubhouse, together with the terrace above it immersed in greenery, enjoys a privileged location. Originally it was a storage facility used by fishermen from Portofino, which over time fell into disuse. Member Francesco Berlingieri, then Secretary General, oversaw the acquisition of what, after extensive restoration, expansion, and modernization works, became the Club's Summer Headquarters, inaugurated on 1 June 1965. Subsequently, the two adjacent strips of land were purchased, where today members, from late May to late September, can enjoy bar and restaurant services with a truly unique view over the village. It is also the operational centre of major regattas such as the Siad Bombola d'Oro Trophy – Roberto Sestini Cup, reserved for Dinghies, and the Regate di Primavera Portofino, as well as the venue for numerous prestigious social and representative events.

THE MARINA

44° 40' 00" N | 08° 93' 20" E

The nautical base of the Yacht Club Italiano, overlooking the historic Porticciolo Duca degli Abruzzi, has approximately 200 berths and offers a wide range of services exclusively dedicated to members.

Characteristics

- Moorings: on 6 floating pontoons and alongside the quay for over 200 boats
- Draft: from 2 m to 12 m
- Length: from 5 m to 24 m
- Fixed slipway for dinghies
- 2 storage sheds for boat storage
- Drinking water and electricity connections at each berth
- 1 fixed electric quay crane (30 t)
- 1 self-propelled crane (15 t)
- Motorized boat trolley (20 t)
- Forklift up to 35 quintals
- Nautical support vessels: 3 launch boats and 2 RIBs
- 75 small storage lockers for equipment

FLEET

Yacht Club Italiano owns two splendid yachts and a fleet of sailing boats that are used for participation in regattas, cruising, offshore sailing courses, and on the occasion of important events, as representative vessels for the press and guests.



ELO II
Proto 43'



J70 FLEET
One Design of 6,90 m



GRAMPUS
C&C 61'



Reale Circolo Canottieri
Tevere Remo



Yacht Club
de Monaco



Reale Società
Canottieri Cerea



Yacht Club
de France



Compagnia della Vela



Yacht Club Adriatico



Societe Nautique de Geneve



Circolo del Remo
e della Vela Italia



Yacht Club of Greece



Circolo della Vela Sicilia



Real Club Nautico
de Barcelona



Societe Nautique
de Saint-Tropez

TWINNED CLUBS

Over the years, the Yacht Club Italiano has strengthened close twinning and reciprocal relationships with the world's most prestigious yacht clubs. Club twinning agreements allow members not only to access the same services reserved for their own Club when travelling, but also to benefit from a highly valuable cultural and sporting exchange.

These agreements include: the development of sporting events between clubs, with all members entitled to participate freely under the same conditions; admission of members to the partner Club's premises, including restaurant, lounge, and other facilities upon presentation of their membership card; access to the partner Club's boutique; exchanges between sailing schools, including shared coaching resources and the organization of competitions.

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Yacht Club Porto Rotondo
Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club
Yachting Club San Marino
Segelsallskapet Yacht Club Swan
Republic Of Singapore Yacht Club
Real Club Marittimo del Abra Y Real Sporting Club
Royal Thames Yacht Club
Bruxelles Royal Yacht Club
Norddeutscher Regatta Verein
Yacht Club Punta del Este
Casa De Campo Yacht Club
Circolo Nautico dei Dipendenti della Presidenza
del Consiglio dei Ministri
Club Nautico Rimini
St. Francis Yacht Club
Royal Cork Yacht Club
Circolo Nautico e della Vela Argentario
Helsingfors Segelklubb Ry.
Royal Canadian Yacht Club
Yacht Club Argentino
Circolo Canottieri Aniene

Royal Perth Yacht Club
Sandringham Yacht Club
Société Nautique de Marseille
Circolo della Vela di Bari
Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club Inc.
Chhatrapati Royal Bombay Yacht Club
Royal Irish Yacht Club
Reale Yacht Club Canottieri Savoia A.S.D.
Long Beach Yacht Club
Società Velica di Barcola e Grignano
Seattle Yacht Club
Subic Bay Yacht Club
The Royal Bahamas Yacht Squadron
Gstaad Yacht Club
Royal Malta Yacht Club
Cruising Yacht Club of Australia
Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron
Royal Cape Yacht Club
Yacht Club La Maddalena
Jeddah Yacht Club

RECIPROCAL CLUBS

In parallel with its twinning agreements, Yacht Club Italiano also benefits from privileged reciprocal relationships with forty clubs worldwide. These reciprocity agreements allow Yacht Club Italiano members to visit these clubs, with free access to their clubhouses upon presentation of their membership card, accompanied by a letter of introduction issued by the Club.

ICOYC

The Club is also an active member of the **ICOYC (International Council of Yacht Clubs)**, a non-profit association that brings together numerous yacht clubs around the world. The Council's mission is to establish international relationships among yacht clubs in order to share yachting experiences and provide better services to their members.



CODICE ETICO



CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT

The Code of Ethical Conduct of the Yacht Club Italiano sets out the guidelines of behaviour that must inspire the conduct of all those who attend the Club, both in internal relations and in dealings with external stakeholders. The Club recognises sport as a social, educational, and cultural tool and adheres to the principles of fair play, promoting and ensuring a sporting environment based on loyalty, fairness, friendship, and respect for others.

The Club rejects all forms of discrimination and violence, corruption, doping, and anything that may harm sport. The Code of Ethics represents the main means of promoting an ethical and sporting culture within the Club and aims to define a set of rules of conduct that support the achievement of the educational objectives to which the Yacht Club Italiano is inspired, as well as respect for people, rules, and the promotion of sporting values.

These rules must be respected by all those who, in the exercise of their role, act in the name and on behalf of the Club, first and foremost the members, who, through their civil and correct behaviour, contribute to spreading a positive image of the Club, representing its principles and values during sporting events.



Sustainability: Restoration of Posidonia oceanica seagrass meadows



Charity Initiatives: Gaslini Onlus



Sustainability: Matteo Iachino. Un solo mare per tutti, the windsurf crossing



Charity Initiatives: YCI 4 Ukraine

CSR

Corporate Social Responsibility

The social responsibility of the Yacht Club Italiano consists of adopting practices and behaviours consistent with the social and environmental objectives of its surrounding context. It is a form of responsibility aimed at preserving environmental, social, and human heritage for current and future generations, and it is expressed through various activities.

From 2018 to the present, the Club has been committed to concrete initiatives aimed at collective well-being, developed across different areas.

- Ethics and social responsibility
- Environmental sustainability
- Charitable initiatives
- Youth education

COMUNICATION

Communication, both with members and with the external world, is of fundamental importance for efficient management and for enhancing the YCI brand. A website, social media channels (Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn pages), regular newsletters, reports on sporting events, and press releases are the daily media used to ensure timely and direct information, while more structured publications, such as the Yearbook, are published once a year.



YCI WEBSITE

2025



yachtclubitaliano.it

VIEWS **820.570**

ACCESS **14.620.555**

PRESS RELEASE

2025



Source: Eco della Stampa

ARTICLES **OVER 2.500**

SOCIAL MEDIA

Data to 10.05.2026



FOLLOWERS **12,654**

PEOPLE **533,332**

Reached last 12 months

BEST POST **4,177 like**
279,147 reach



FOLLOWERS **18,507**

PEOPLE **2,384,600**

Reached last 12 months

BEST POST **5,642 like**
291,343 reach



Loro Piana | Silvio Borlenghi

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UN SOGNO CHIAMATO WALLY

Luca Bassani Antivari presenterà il suo libro: "Un Sogno Chiamato Wally", uscito nel dicembre 2024.

Quella di Wally è una storia di passione, di creatività e visione. In questo racconto si alternano vittorie e sconfitte, intuizioni ed errori, amicizia e rivalità. Il tutto in una costante ricerca di nuove e inesplorate modalità di progettazione e di produzione: «Mi sento sempre quel bimbo di nove anni che passava ore a divorare libri sui velieri del passato. Sono un uomo di mare che ha realizzato il proprio sogno. Un sogno chiamato Wally».

E voglio continuare a proporre nuove imbarcazioni ai confini dell'innovazione e dell'avanguardia».

Giovedì, 20 marzo 2025 - Ore 18.30
Porticciolo Duca Degli Abruzzi, 16128 Genova

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FERRARI FILM - PRIMA VISIONE

Nel Salone del nostro Club ci sarà una proiezione in anteprima di Ferrari: Fury & The Monster, un documentario che si concentra sulla storia della fabbrica di Maranello e alcuni dei suoi maggiori protagonisti, tra cui ovviamente il leggendario fondatore Enzo Ferrari. Seguirà un talk show.

Giovedì, 22 maggio 2025 - Ore 19.00
Porticciolo Duca Degli Abruzzi, 16128 Genova

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**VENTO DI STORIE AL CLUB
ROBERTO LACORTE**

Il nostro Socio Roberto Lacorte, imprenditore, armatore di FlyingNikka e pilota di auto da corsa, sarà al Club lunedì 26 gennaio. Un incontro dedicato al mare, alla passione sportiva e all'innovazione nella vela. Roberto condividerà la sua visione e le esperienze che hanno segnato il suo percorso, rispondendo alle domande dei Soci.

La serata sarà condotta dal giornalista Guido Meda.

Seguirà cena su prenotazione

Lunedì 26 gennaio 2026
Ore 19.00 - Incontro con Roberto Lacorte
Ore 20.30 - Cena su prenotazione

Lunedì, 26 gennaio 2026 - Ore 19.00
Porticciolo Duca Degli Abruzzi, 16128 Genova

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CLUB EVENTS

Great attention is devoted by the Club to its social life and to moments of gathering among its members. At the Clubhouse, themed events of a cultural, sporting, historical, or current affairs nature are regularly organized; these gatherings always attract great interest and strong participation. Unmissable events, now part of the Club's tradition, are the Summer BBQ and the Christmas Party, attended by hundreds of members and guests who come together for these "memorable" occasions.



SPORTS EVENTS

Yacht Club Italiano has been an organization that, since its foundation, has hosted regattas of all types and importance: national and international events, small dinghies, Olympic classes, classic yachts, as well as modern maxis. Genoa is a perfect race course and a welcoming city rich in history, art, culture, hospitality facilities, and enchanting views, making it an ideal location for hosting major events. Yacht Club Italiano positions itself as an organizer of international-level events, able to offer:

- prestige
- expertise
- professionalism
- proven experience
- in-house organization
- appropriate resources
- adequate facilities



BOATS
OVER 1.200



PARTICIPANTS
OVER 5.000



SAILING SCHOOL

Scuola di Mare Beppe Croce

The Beppe Croce Sailing School is the facility through which the Yacht Club Italiano, as a CONI-FIV recognised Sport Introduction Centre, organizes sailing courses for children from the age of 6, teenagers, and adults.

The main objective is to teach sailing through responsibility towards oneself, others, and the environment, as well as enjoyment. The Sailing School offers beginner and advanced courses throughout the year and provides a complete pathway according to the following ideal programme:

It begins by helping children take their first steps in sailing during the summer courses: Sailing College Courses and Sailing Week Courses, running respectively from Sunday/Monday to Friday, with or without overnight stay. It continues with technical improvement in pre-competitive courses from late September to late May: Weekend Course (Optimist) and individual courses (Laser – ILCA, 420, Wing Foil). It concludes with learning to race successfully in competitive teams (Optimist, Laser – ILCA, 420, Wing Foil), active all year round. Those who wish to progress beyond dinghies can join the crew of the Yacht Club Italiano's 13-metre club yacht "ELO II", which takes part in coastal and offshore regattas, or attend one of the offshore sailing courses.

For older youths and adults, personalised lessons are available on boats with single-handed, double-handed, or crewed formats on J70 one-design yachts. During both summer and winter courses, the School also provides a catering service for lunch, and for overnight stays, breakfast and dinner.

The "Beppe Croce" Sailing School has a fleet of over 40 sailing boats, a team of qualified instructors and coaches, a fleet of 16 support RIBs, 6 minibuses with trailers for travelling race teams, and a facility of over 500 square metres equipped with a gym, classrooms, a dining hall, and accommodation for students staying during courses.



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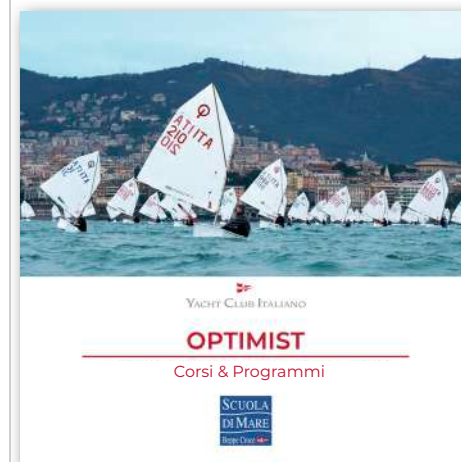
COURSES

Adults



Boat License
Offshore Sailing
Level-1, Level-2, Level-3
Wing Foil
Safety - World Sailing O.S.R.
Medical - First Aid
Mast Climb
Cruising
Short Range Certificate (CSR)

Children and Teenagers



Optimist
Individual
Wing Foil
Sailing Week
Sailing College
Cruise College

TEAM BUILDING & SAILING EXPERIENCE



The programme is aimed at companies, institutions, and associations that wish to transform their teams into high-performance groups that are motivated and strongly results-oriented. Sailing represents a unique training tool, where respect for rules, strategic vision, collaboration, quick decision-making, and the management of changing conditions become essential elements that are fully transferable to the business environment. The course, fully customisable and developed with the support of professional trainers, instructors, and skippers, focuses on team building, leadership development, problem solving, stress management, and the ability to achieve concrete results. Activities take place with the J70 social fleet or with larger yachts and can be structured over multiple days in a full-immersion format, within a fully equipped facility, to ensure an immersive, comprehensive, and highly effective training experience.



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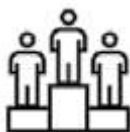
WING FOIL



ILCA

RACING TEAM

The Racing Team of the Yacht Club Italiano brings together young athletes engaged in a structured, continuous sporting pathway aimed at technical and personal development. Active in the Optimist, ILCA, 420, Wing Foil, Kitefoil, and Windsurf classes, it participates throughout the year in major national and international regattas, offering athletes a high-level competitive experience. Over time, this training pathway has led to numerous titles at Italian, European, and World Championships, up to the Olympic Games. Alongside competitive activity, great attention is devoted to transmitting the fundamental values of sport, such as commitment, respect, and team spirit, which are essential for athletes' growth both on the water and in life.



ATHLETES

70 +



COACHES

12 +





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Official Timepiece

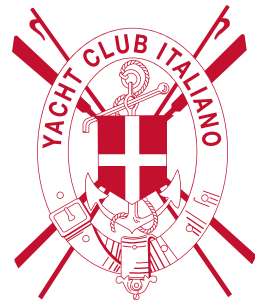


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