



## YACHT CLUB COSTA SMERALDA

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**Founded:** established in 1967 by His Highness the Aga Khan and a small group of founding members with the aim of bringing together nautical sports enthusiasts and sea lovers, and promoting artistic, cultural and scientific initiatives. In 2017 the Club celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its foundation.

**Clubhouse at YCCS Porto Cervo:** located in the enchanting village of Porto Cervo, on the north-east coast of Sardinia in the Mediterranean Sea. Overlooking Piazza Azzurra and dominating the New Marina, the Clubhouse provides breathtaking views of the harbour and dramatic sunsets over the Mediterranean.

It is considered one of the most beautiful and functional structures of its kind in the world. Amenities include 24 guest suites, a lounge, bar and a restaurant on the panoramic poolside terrace. In 2016 a new Presidential Suite, boasting 700 m<sup>2</sup> of internal and external spaces, was inaugurated. The Blu Mediterraneo Spa and wellness centre by Acqua di Parma, the YCCS sailing school and the shops, bars and restaurants of the marina's Piazza Azzurra are open to the public.

**Collections:** presented by His Highness the Aga Khan, the YCCS houses collections composed of precious antique nautical maps, intricate ivory models and contemporary nautical oil paintings featuring America's Cup regattas. The fourth collection was added during a recent restructuring of the restaurant and is made up of rare fossils including ammonites, pectens slabs and a sea lily dating back 180 million years.

**YCCS - Virgin Gorda:** the Club opened its new winter base in Virgin Gorda, BVI in January 2012. The new Clubhouse and Marina offer a range of services designed to meet guests' every need including a panoramic terrace with an infinity pool, Azzurra Restaurant and Bar at the Clubhouse, Aqua Bar at the Marina, a gym and concierge and provisioning services. The Marina, situated below the Clubhouse, offers 38 berths for boats of up to 91 metres with a maximum draft of 9 metres and is an ideal base from which to explore the Leeward Islands of the Caribbean Sea. Staff are on hand to provide personalized concierge services.

**Members:** Currently approximately 600, representing 23 nationalities and consisting of top international yachtsmen and women and key names from the business world, as well as those who simply love the sea.

**Related Clubs:** full reciprocal agreements exist with four of the world's most prestigious associations: the New York Yacht Club, the Yacht Club de Monaco, the Royal Yacht Squadron of Cowes and the Norddeutscher Regatta Verein (Hamburg).

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