
Snapshot, 1962: The Kennedys in shades at the America's Cup

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At the 1962 America's Cup, an Australian yacht, 'Gretel', was entered for the first time. Looking on from their own yacht are President Kennedy and his wife – and most notable are the First Lady's sensational 60s sunglasses...

For an East Coast president from a first-class family such as John F. Kennedy, sailing *isde rigueur*. So, it's hardly surprising that the presidential couple are among the spectators at the 1962 America's Cup, watching the grand regatta with great interest. Earlier that week, John F. had given a legendary speech at a gala dinner, in which he had highlighted the relationship between humans and the ocean, and welcomed the first challenger from the Southern Hemisphere to the race. Today is a more casual affair, however: JFK wears a navy blue sweater with the obligatory American Optical Saratogas, while Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy is dressed entirely in white, from the sandals to the sun protection. Ultimately, *Gretel* was beaten by *Weatherly* from the renowned New York Yacht Club.

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