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Welcome to the Royal Torbay Yacht Club Yearbook

This publication is for our members, prospective members, class associations, event planners and visitors to our historic club. You will find details of our Clubhouse, our excellent facilities and the wide range of activities on offer.

Our clubhouse offers panoramic views of the bay that you can fully appreciate while indulging in our bar and catering services. Information on the full range of sailing, motor boating and social activities can also be found here; these include everything from Junior Sailing to Motorboat and Cruising, Racing, RYA training and our ability to host memorable events from a World Sailing Championship or a Birthday party. There is an abundance of information in this book, however if you can't find what you are looking for, please call in to the office or email one of the club officers listed on Page 5 who will be be happy to assist you.

Founded in 1863 we a have a history to be proud of and a responsibility maintain and protect it. The Royal Torbay Yacht Club is always moving forward to keep the club up to date and relevant. As with all clubs the more our members get involved the more successful and rewarding the membership is. We are lucky to have a wealth of experienced and willing volunteers who augment and work with our paid hospitality team and staff in the office. We are always on the lookout for the volunteers of the future to enable us to continue this work. We value our relationships with the harbour and surrounding clubs which enable us run everything from club racing to International level sailing events.

I hope you find this handbook informative and helpful and I look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful club.



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160YEARS

of yachting & sailing in Torbay

The first record of yacht racing in Torbay appeared in the Exeter Flying Post detailing a race to be sailed on Monday 11th September 1811.

Some years later, on 19th August 1863, a meeting of 23 gentlemen under the chairmanship of Sir Laurence Palk resolved to find premises and founded a club known as "The Torbay and South Devon Club Company Limited". They purchased premises on Beacon Terrace, and it is from this beginning that the present Royal Torbay Yacht Club can trace its origin.

In 1875, the Torquay Yacht Club was formed, and the new Club was granted an Admiralty Warrant to fly the defaced Blue Ensign. Later in the year a Royal Warrant was granted, with the Club's name changing to the Royal Torquay Yacht Club.

In 1885 the Royal Torquay Yacht Club merged with the Torbay and South Devon Club and changed its name to the Royal Torbay Yacht Club. The Club was connected to the telephone exchange and in the following year, the freehold of the land on which the Club premises stood was purchased for £650.

In 1886, the Club held its first Regatta where the prize money ranged from £4 to £25 and within two years the prize money had increased substantially to between £40 and £60. The Club was the recipient of the last 'Queen's Cup,' given by Her Late Majesty in



1900, which was won at the Club regatta in August 1900, by Colonel Bagot's cutter Creole.

A milestone in the Club's history was reached in 1932 when ladies were admitted to conditional membership with limited access to certain of the Club rooms.

Arrangements were made to hold the America Cup trials in Tor Bay in 1934 and in 1935, six J class yachts were racing in Torbay but with the death of HM King George V in 1936, J class racing came virtually to an end.

In 1937, an International Coronation Regatta was held with an entry list of 292 yachts including six 12 metres, eight 6 metres and 15 yachts over 75 tons.

During the Second World War, the Club suffered many difficulties including bomb damage. Urgent repairs had to be carried out in 1944 on the billiard room ceiling which had become dangerous. More seriously, because of the war, in 1945 and 1946 whisky was rationed in the Club with members being restricted to two single or one double per day with no whisky being served on Tuesdays or Fridays!!

In 1948, the XIV Olympiad Sailing Races were held in Torbay, the Club subscribing £256 to the expense account and also giving a cocktail party for participants and Committee.

During the 1950s a bar was built (members

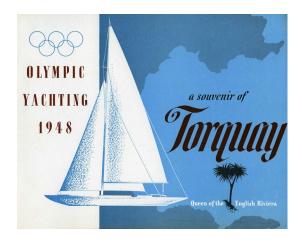


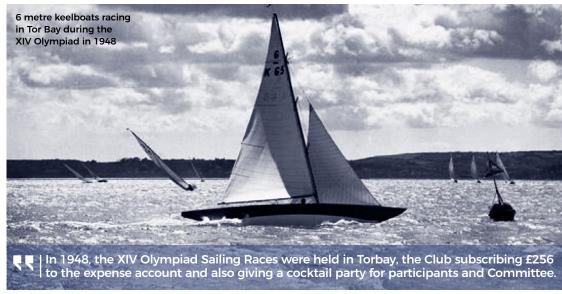


previously being served by staff in Club rooms), the Festival of Britain Regatta was held, the Club provided a room as an office for the GATT conference and the Duke of Edinburgh Cup races were sailed in Torbay.

In 1961, the Torquay Corinthian Yacht Club merged with the Royal Torbay Yacht Club and the combined unit continued to operate under the latter name. This brought with it an increased membership and an additional Flag Officer, a second Rear-Commodore.

When the Royal Torbay Yacht Club celebrated its centenary in 1963, indicator trials were held during the regatta, resulting in the selection of club crew





Martin Parry, Peter Reade and Colin Harris, who subsequently finished fourth in the International Dragon class at the Tokyo Olympic games in 1964.

In 1993, it was agreed that the members of Torquay Rowing Club who had been neighbours in the harbourside premises, should also become members of the Club.

In 2013 the Club was honoured with the presentation of a Blue Plaque by the Torbay Civic Society to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Royal Torbay Yacht Club and the 200th Anniversary of the Torbay Royal Regatta. In 2019 the club won the prestigious RYA Yachts and Yachting Club of the Year.











The comfortable Members' Bar with its stunning view across Tor Bay provides a welcoming environment for a quiet drink in a wonderfully relaxed environment for all to enjoy. From our traditional wooden, curved bar we serve a wide selection of beers, ciders, wines and spirits.



CLUBHOUSE & FACILITIES











The splendid Corinthian Room with modern décor, its own bar, and easy access to our terraced garden serves as function room for both club and private events. The flexible space offered by the Corinthian Room is available for private parties, corporate events, training sessions, seminars, wedding receptions and formal dinners.

Meeting and training rooms all with accessible presentation screens allow for a wide range of different activities to take place at the same time. Details and images of the individual rooms can be seen on following pages.

There are changing facilities providing hot showers, and secure storage available for your valuable items during sailing events.

Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the building and terrace.

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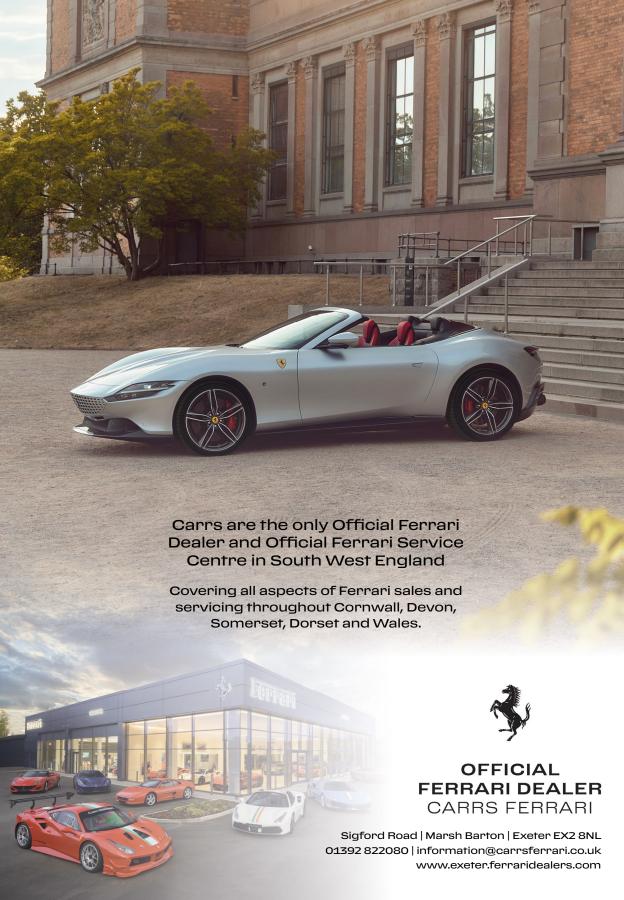
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CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Whatever your interest in the sea, sailing or motorboating you will not be disappointed if you join the Royal Torbay Yacht Club. Wonderful facilities, bar and catering, and a real opportunity to make new acquaintances and friends.



The doors are always open with a friendly welcome to new and prospective members. Our club officers and staff will be only too pleased to tell you more about the club, explain the membership application process and suggest the most appropriate package for you. If you would like to call in, we will be pleased to show you round our club facilities.

Benefits of membership include:

- Club racing for IRC Yachts, Cruisers,
 Sportsboats and PY Dinghies
- Coastal and Offshore racing
- Junior sailing training and racing
- Active Motorboat and Cruising group
- RYA recognised training centre offering a range of courses, with discounted rates for club members.
- Access to our superb facilities, with the ability to bring your own guests.
- Member's bar and terraced gardens with panoramic views over Tor Bay are there for all to enjoy.
- Stylish and popular restaurant
- A varied and lively social programme which includes winter quiz nights, dinners, comedy nights, regular music nights, evening talks and themed parties.
- Public car park opposite the club.
- Low-cost access to a fleet of dinghies (suitable for both adults and juniors).
- Opportunities to learn new skills and get involved in club events and major sailing championships.
- Function and meeting rooms available to members.

Find out more...

Call in to the club or visit our website rtyc.org/joinus/ where you can find information on membership fees and download an application form.







Competitive and fun club racing takes place on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. Wednesday Evening is for all Classes. Saturday afternoon - PY Dinghies and Junior Classes. Sundays IRC Yachts, Cruisers and Sportsboats. After sailing the crews head to the Yacht Club for food and drink with opportunities to discuss the day's successes and disappointments.

Club Racing runs from April to New Year's Day and full details can be found on the club website



There are always opportunities to be part of club racing even you don't own a boat with new crew members always in demand. To find out more and get involved sign up on the sailing WhatsApp Group, details of which can be found on the sailing notice board outside the Corinthian Room in the club. Our fleet captains, all experienced sailors, will be pleased to help and able to guide you should you want to find out more. To make contact call into the club after racing or email sailing@rtyc.org

IRC and Cruiser (RYA YTC)

Wednesday evenings and Sunday Racing.
Wednesday racing is every popular and a superb
way to enjoy the long evenings from April till mid
September. New this year on Sundays will be a
3 race day once a month - making it a full day's
racing in beautiful Tor Bay - a perfect way to blow
the cobwebs away and have some great racing.

Sportsboats

Racing takes place for all Sportsboats on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. The club boasts a strong fleet of SB20s and regularly hosts both SB20 and other sportsboat National Championships.

PY Dinghies

Saturday afternoons & Wednesday evenings. Dinghy sailors can look forward to competitive racing with new boats joining the fleet with the energy and enthusiasm of the growing numbers of Laser Radials and our Youth sailors.

Junior Classes

Racing takes place on Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons for all Junior Classes. We look forward to seeing increasing participation during the year as our young sailors gain both experience and confidence.



Wednesday Evening Series

The ever-popular evening racing for all classes with 22 races over 3 series and a Crew's Race. Sailing suppers in the club are available after racing.

Offshore Week

Includes the St Peter Port Channel Race runs from June 28th to July 7th and is a popular and sociable sailing week for both IRC and Cruiser classes. The fleet is joined by boats from other local clubs and racing takes place around Channel Islands and the ports of Brittany and Normandy. Lay days are included in the programme to enable participants to relax and enjoy the beautiful ports and scenery.

Coastal Races including the Torbay and Dart Combined Coastal Series (TADCCS) take place on selected day/weekends during the season. Full details are included in the Notice of Race and the club racing programme.

Torbay Dinghy Regatta

This annual weekend event for PY Dinghy and Junior Classes draws participants from clubs around the Bay and far beyond. Class Associations are encouraged to bring their National, Regional or Area Championships to be part of the event. Now held in the early summer It is growing in popularity and attracts visitors from club and classes around the country. See Page 18 for further details.

Torbay Royal Regatta

One of the premier sailing events in the South with a reputation for fun and competitive racing and great après sail socials. Participants from outside the Bay join us in IRC, Cruiser and Sportsboats racing. See Page 19 for further details.





Motor Boat & Cruising Group

An opportunity to cruise in company. A very convivial way to see different ports up and down the coast, with a host of activities taking place, see Pages 23 & 25 for further details.

RYA Training

We run a wide range of RYA courses throughout the year from First Aid, VHF, Power Boat Level 1 & 2, Navigation, RYA sailing levels 1, 2, 3 & 4 and many more - see page 30 for further details.

The clubs in the bay work closely together to encourage participation in racing, coastal racing and other local regattas including: POSH single handed dinghy event held at Paignton, English Riviera Dinghy Regatta, Brixham Yacht Regatta, Babbacombe Regatta and our own Torbay Dinghy and Torbay Royal Regattas.

Our Annual Club Prizegiving is held towards the end of November; this is always a special evening with a display of the club's impressive silverware. There are prizes for all classes and the presentation of the much coveted Champion of Champions Trophy, plus Volunteer Awards.

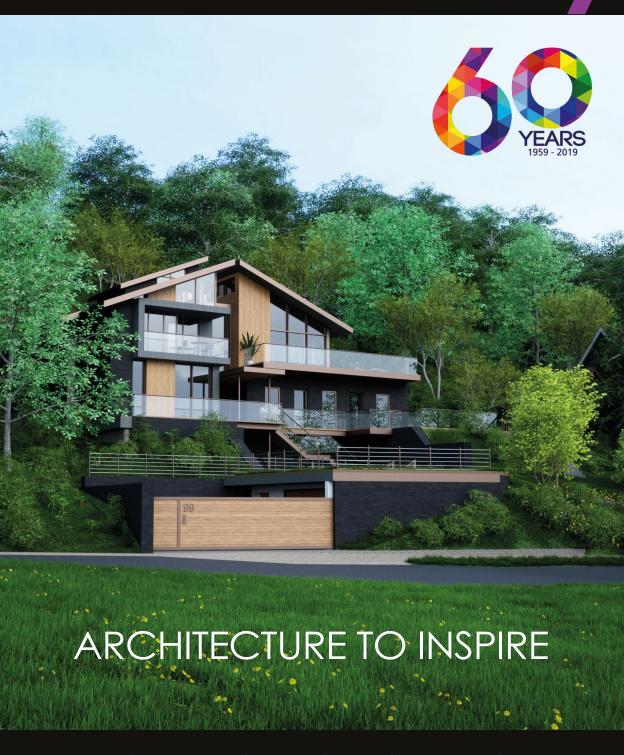
Junior Prizegiving, also held towards the end of November, is a fun social occasion for Junior sailors, their parents and families. The prizegiving recognises the endeavours and achievements of our Junior sailors and prizes are presented for the Junior racing series.

Find out more...

Club racing information including the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and Club Racing programme can be found on the club website (a) rtyc.org.

For all enquiries email (a) sailing@rtyc.org

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Racing at one of the UK's top sailing venues

The club hosts two regattas annually. Torquay is a spectacular venue and The English Riviera is just a great place to be during the summer months. Competitors and their families can be sure of a very warm welcome and will enjoy a friendly atmosphere, cordial hospitality and great shoreside entertainment.









Every August

One of the premier sailing regattas in the South West, taking place over three days with racing for IRC Yachts, Cruisers and Sportsboats. There will be a Gala prizegiving on the Monday evening with prizes for all classes and featuring the presentation of the prestigious Addison Gold Cup. Prizes will be awarded to encourage diversity and participation. Regatta time has been a highlight of the summer

season in Torquay for over 200 years and was the first yachting regatta in the country to be granted royal patronage. The Torbay Royal Regatta is a real family occasion with racing for all ages offering free berthing and boat parking, with quick and easy access to some of the finest sailing waters in the world. It is a great value regatta.

The social programme includes a Commodore's Welcome Party in the Corinthian Room at the Royal Torbay Yacht Club. Saturday Night in the club is not to be missed where you will be able to enjoy the renowned regatta hospitality; you can be assured of a great party atmosphere with music, entertainment and good company.





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TORBAY REGATTAS







Early Summer

The dates vary each year but now established as an early summer event the Torbay Dinghy Regatta welcomes Asymmetric, Non-Asymmetric and Junior Classes, to enjoy fun and competitive racing with a great social atmosphere, bar, food and entertainment.

Over many years, the Royal Torbay Yacht Club has established a well deserved reputation in hosting dinghy regattas and championships, and in recent years have hosted the RS Summer Regatta, Fireballs, 4000s, 2000s, Albacores, Lasers, Aeros, Fevas 420s, 29ers and many more.

We look forward to welcoming you to this regatta where you will enjoy racing on some of the finest sailing water in the world. We will be pulling out all the stops to make this another great Torbay event.

Regatta Features:

- Up to six races over two days.
- Quick and easy access to the racing areas from the sheltered harbour
- The club, town, hotels and car park are all within easy walking distance of the harbour
- Active Motorboat and Cruising group
- Free dinghy and trailer parking

Race with us...

We always welcome enquiries from classes who are interested in staging their Regional or National Championships as part of the Torbay Dinghy Regatta and the Torbay Royal Regatta.

We look forward to welcoming competitors from near and far at both of these events.

Find out more...

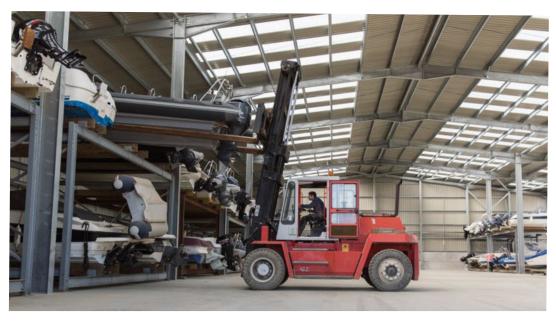
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LEISURE CRUISING Opportunities

The Royal Torbay Yacht Club offers a warm welcome to members who enjoy leisure cruising and exploring the attractive coastline of Torbay and beyond. Many members actively cruise their boats, whether near or far, from day sailing to channel crossing.

Setting off from Torquay, members are ideally placed to cruise the scenic Jurassic coast eastwards to Lyme Regis or south towards Dartmouth and Salcombe. Some prefer to cruise on their own, whilst others meet up with like-minded club members at their destination. Or maybe to simply have a day sail for lunch in Brixham to explore this quintessential English harbour town, berthing on the Town Quay.

If you seek solitude then you can follow in the footsteps of those happiest lying at anchor or on a mooring buoy in one of the many nearby sheltered coves such as Fishcombe, Babbacombe and Ansteys.

The River Dart, Teign and Exe are all within a couple of hours of sail with a range of visitor mooring buoys for the would-be cruiser to pick up.





Our club house is an excellent base for engaging with owners of both motorboats and yachts to share and hear the latest cruising stories. As a member you have access to our Cruising Captain and other cruising yachtsmen who have a wealth of experience to offer you guidance on local pilotage and berthing opportunities should you be planning to visit a new port of call.

For those seeking to socialise overnight at an agreed port of call our club website is regularly updated as new cruising dates are confirmed throughout the summer season.



Find out more...

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Our Motorboat & Cruising Group

The Royal Torbay Yacht Club Cruising Group exists for those who enjoy sailing's more relaxing and sociable side, along with the pleasures of exploring different destinations along the dramatic coastline that can be experienced from our base in Torquay.

An open invitation is made to Skippers and Crew of both yachts and motorboats to participate in the fun activities and company of like-minded sailors.

Each cruise is led by our Cruising Captain who works out suitable dates for the season to give everyone an idea of when and where we may go.

In the summer months our organised cruises can vary from a short-day sail for a beach BBQ, or a weekend away with an overnight stay onboard in a port of call followed by a leisurely cruise back the following day. This often includes drinks onboard a host yacht that helps everyone get to know each other before arrangements are made for eating ashore.





In recent years we have visited Dartmouth, Lyme Bay, Teignmouth and Weymouth, often with designated reserved berthing. These popular destinations have a wide appeal to sailors of yachts and motorboats alike. Further afield destinations to the South-West and even the Channel Islands are always a possibility.

You might welcome a helping hand to find your feet if cruising is new to you, or the idea of joining an experienced cruising group is daunting. If the case then the Motorboat & Cruising Group is the perfect way to develop your cruising confidence with plenty of guidance to call upon.

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Places available for children aged 6 to 10 for entry in January, April, or September 2024

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Squadron 13, our Junior and Youth sailing group is always pleased to welcome new members, and prides itself on delivering an exciting and safe introduction to the world of sailing. Inclusive for members of all abilities, the fun-packed Saturday morning sessions allow children and parents to experience some of the best sailing in the UK on the fine sailing waters of Tor Bay. Juniors will be introduced to the RYA national syllabus with options to sign up for a range of courses to gain RYA qualifications; see pages 30 -33 for further information.

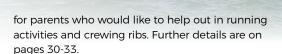
Great opportunities for all in the age group 8-18, offer affordable and easy access to the water with an inclusive family membership of Royal Torbay Yacht Club.

Squadron 13 Features:

- Saturday morning fun and training sessions throughout the year
- Saturday afternoon racing from April to December
- Wednesday evening racing from April to September
- Safe and structured tuition, coaching and training sessions.
- Coaching by qualified RYA Instructors
- Opportunities to sign up for RYA Junior Sailing courses.
- Free use of club boats
- Squadron 13 team hoodie

Our young sailors are encouraged to make good use of the wide variety of club dinghies that we have available; these include a Laser Radial, RS Teras, Qubas, Fevas and Quests. This enables them to develop their skills and competence leading to the opportunity to participate in club racing with confidence.

There are so many opportunities for all both on and off the water and we encourage parents to get involved as part of the family membership and enjoy the lively and friendly social programme that that club has to offer. A range of training is available



Participation in local regattas and joint club events, including our own Torbay Dinghy Regatta is encouraged, and always popular. These are friendly, inclusive and fun events, and another opportunity to gain experience and make new friends.

The Royal Torbay Yacht Club continues to work closely with the RYA in developing the sailing and racing skills of our young sailors. Over the years, many of our Junior members have been part of Regional or National training groups and have competed with success at National and International levels, progressing through to the British Sailing Team.

Safety and safeguarding, as you would expect, are high priorities and the club Safeguarding Officer oversees policies and procedures. Our instructors are highly experienced, and safety boats patrol whenever the Juniors are on the water in organised Club activities.

Find out more...

If you are interested in your children taking part in Squadron 13 or would like more information about junior and youth sailing contact us today.

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to offer your children aged 3 to 18? For an informal chat and to arrange a visit contact Emma Schramm on 01626 354505 or on admissions@stover.co.uk



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Torbay Youth Sailing Trust

The Torbay Youth Sailing Trust (TYST) was founded in 2007 and operates under the umbrella of the Royal Torbay Yacht Club. We aim to provide the young people of Torquay and the surrounding area with opportunities to access sailing activities via affordable training courses and low-cost boat hire.

Our friendly and highly qualified instructors follow the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) syllabus, providing a widely recognised structure to our training courses. The safety of children is paramount, all our instructors are DBS checked and trained in handling emergency situations. We aim to provide a positive learning environment for children and young people of ages 8 to 16. Our low instructor to pupil ratio enables us to encourage learning at a pace appropriate for each individual child.



TYST TORBAY YOUTH SAILING TRUST

Courses include a year's Junior membership of the Royal Torbay Yacht Club, allowing children access to the RTYC Junior and Youth Sailing Programme once they have completed their initial training.

All Torbay Youth Sailing Trust courses are taught over two action packed days. The RYA syllabus comprising four "Stages", once completed the Junior sailor should be able to competently sail around a triangular course without assistance

Torbay Youth Sailing Trust maintains a varied fleet of 18 dinghies; this enables us to provide affordable access to children as young as eight years old. Additionally, our roomy RS Quest dinghies enable adults to brush up their skills or experience the thrill of dinghy sailing for the first time. Our Laser Radial dinghy allows the more experienced dinghy sailor to sail solo.

Our mission statement: To encourage the children of Torbay and the surrounding area into sailing

Torbay Youth Sailing Trust is a charity registered with the Charity Commission, registration number 1123442

TRAINING and development

Royal Torbay Yacht Club is a Royal Yachting Association (RYA) recognised training centre offering a comprehensive range of RYA training courses: Powerboat Level 1 and Powerboat Level 2 (PB2), RYA First Aid, RYA Marine Radio, RYA Day Skipper Theory, RYA sailing courses and many more.

Our friendly, fully qualified instructors are passionate about sailing and have a wealth of



















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All our currently scheduled courses are available for secure online booking from this page. If you have any questions, would like more information or the course you are currently looking for is not scheduled please feel free to get in touch.

Find out more...

Visit (a) rtyc.org/training for the latest course dates and availability



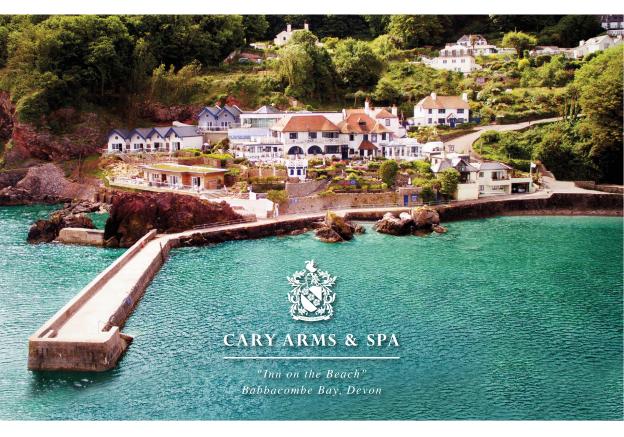
Training courses are subject to last minute cancellation due to weather, low uptake, or unforeseen circumstances. If your course is cancelled, you will be offered an alternative date or full refund. Refunds cannot be issued less than

14 days before the Training. You cannot reschedule a training session less than 14 days before the event.

Links to our Safeguarding, Health & Safety and Diversity policies can be found here: rtyc.org/club-documents



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Why not spend a night or two in one of our luxury sea-facing rooms, chic beach huts and suites or choose the freedom of our two, three or four-bedroom characterful cottages. Dog friendly too.

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However you choose to visit us you're assured a truly memorable experience.











Club Socials

Our club social events play a crucial role in fostering a sense of community, building camaraderie among members, and enhancing the overall club experience. These events provide opportunities for relaxation, networking, and enjoyment off the water. Here are some of our regular club social events:

Club Bar & Garden

Our club bar is a popular focal point for members to meet up and socialise together, with a wide screen TV for national sport events. We have a wide choice of wines, beers and spirits - with a panoramic view of Tor Bay to watch competitive sail racing and beautiful sunsets. Every Friday from 6pm is our Happy Hour with a double member discount on the price of drinks!

During the warmer months, members have the option of sitting in our terraced garden overlooking the English Riviera. Summer BBQs and live musical performances offer a relaxed environment for members to socialise, share food, and enjoy the outdoor setting.







Themed Events

The club has a busy social calendar hosting a wide range of events throughout the year. Live music, Comedy Nights, Jazz performances, Wine Tasting, Formal Dinners, Quiz nights, Mid-Week Suppers for Skippers and Crew, plus much more...... all aimed to encourage participation and interaction among members.

Guest Speaker Events

Inviting guest speakers, experts, or marine professionals to present on topics of interest offers educational and informative content, stimulating discussions among our members.

All of these social events contribute to the vibrancy of our yacht club, creating a well-rounded experience for members beyond the sailing activities. They strengthen bonds, encourage a sense of belonging, and promote a social hub for on and off-the water members.



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Get Involved!

Volunteers are at the heart of every club's life and activities, and the Royal Torbay Yacht Club is no exception. There are plenty of opportunities both on and off the water and you don't need to be able to sail to get involved.

Volunteering can provide new opportunities and supports people across the community to enjoy the benefits of being on the water. There are many ways you can volunteer and even a small amount of your time can make a big difference. It's a great way of meeting new people and making new friends and helping to create an inclusive and welcoming community.







Volunteer roles include running racing, committee boat's roles (timekeeping, recording and flags) driving and crewing safety boats, coaching, training, mark laying, event registration and results, beachmaster and harbourside team, administration, marketing and promoting the club, maintenance and repairs.

The club has long history of volunteering and recognises the valuable contributions made by members at an annual volunteer's party and with volunteer awards at the club annual prizegiving.



Find out more...

If you have specialist skills and expertise that would be of help to the club, and would like to get involved please do get in touch with one of the club officers listed on Page 5 or email admin@rtyc.org





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Although boats and equipment have changed dramatically during its long history, the aims of the club remain the same: to foster the sport of amateur rowing and to provide amenities for its members. The club has been affiliated to the Royal Torbay Yacht Club since the early 1980s. As a result, all Torquay Rowing Club members are also members of the yacht club and enjoy full use of the facilities it provides.

The club isn't all rowing. Many formal and informal Social events are organised throughout the year from barbecues, rounders and bowling nights to the Crab Supper, Club Supper and the finest Christmas event in Torbay, the Holly Ball. We aim to get members on the water as often as we can. We row both Fine River boats competing for the 'West of England Championships' and Offshore Coastal boats, competing in the 'Coastal Rowing League'. Membership is open to the whole community for fitness, health and wellbeing and for competition racing.



Above is a list of our current training sessions; however members can arrange to use the club outside of these times too.

Training sessions

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Restaurant

Private dining for up to 50 guests

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Catering

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Clubs and Class Associations looking to bring their rally to Tor Bay will be assured of a warm welcome. Rally lunches, suppers and dinners can be arranged to suit the needs of the group.

The town of Torquay is within easy walking distance of the harbour and yacht club, where you will find banks, cash points and other local facilities. Torquay has a lively night life with bars, clubs, award-winning restaurants and cafés surrounding the inner harbour.

Torquay Harbour lies on the north shore of Tor Bay. Haldon Pier to the south and Princess Pier to the west, give shelter to the enclosed harbour facilities. The harbour has large events pontoons and berthing to accommodate visiting boats. Beacon Quay provides access to a modern and user- friendly slipway, accessible at all states of the tide. The quayside businesses include a pub/restaurant, shops, a small chandlery and cafés.

The outer harbour comprises of a 170-berth pontoon facility managed by Tor Bay Harbour Authority where visitor berths are generally available throughout the year. A 440-berth Marina operated and managed by MDL Ltd offers berthing and facilities for visiting yachtsmen

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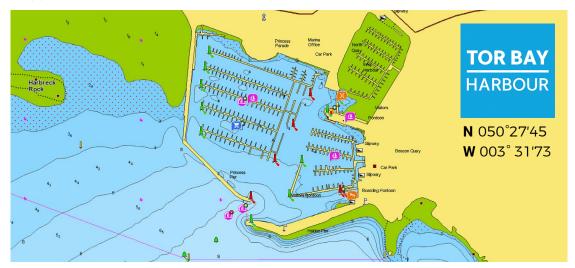
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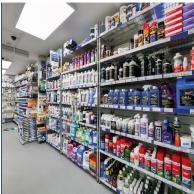












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