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CLUB RACING 2026

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First race of the new season will be on Wednesday 1st April.

The Club Racing Programme, Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions can be found at <https://rtyc.org/club-racing-2026/> and the Duty Rota will be published later this week. If you have any dates you would like to sign up for, please email events@rtyc.org



TORBAY DINGHY REGATTA 2026
11TH - 12TH JULY
rtyc.org

Great excitement and interest at the RYA Dinghy Show this last weekend with the Melges 15 launching their first UK Nationals as part of our Dinghy Regatta. Melges 15 Charter boats are available for the event, with discounts for club members, to find out more visit <https://melges15.com/pages/about-the-melges-15> or email Liam Pardy liam@melges.uk.

A number of other classes have now expressed interest, and the event will be part of the Sailjuice Summer Series with more details to follow. In the meantime please help to spread the word and share with your sailing friends both locally and around the country.

The Notice of Race for the Torbay Dinghy Regatta is now published and Entry is open at <https://rtyc.org/event/torbay-dinghy-regatta-2026/> fute



The Torbay Royal Regatta is shaping up to be a great event this year with two separate race areas and multiple classes choosing Torquay for their championships. We are delighted to be hosting the IRC South West Championship and Impala Nationals. The J/24's are returning, this time for the UK Nationals and for the first time in Torquay we are looking forward to welcoming the RS21 National Championships. We are expecting a strong Sportsboat entry especially from the SB20 class with their World Championships coming to Torquay in 2027.

The Notice of Race will be published shortly, watch this space and the club WhatsApp groups.

CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026 & REFRESHER TRAINING FOR RACE TEAMS

Thank you to the many members who have already volunteered to help. We are planning a number of refresher training/briefing sessions both on and off the water. These sessions will be 2.5 to 3 hrs and are intended for both new and experienced volunteers. They will cover a range of topics from Registration to Welcome, Beachmaster to Race Committee Boat, Safety and Mark laying. All aimed at developing and learning new skills, and building confidence and teamwork. Each session will be tailored to those attending.

The first dates and times are Tuesday 10th & 17th March at 18.30, Saturday 14th March at 9.30 and Thursday 19th March at 18.30. These sessions will be held in the Billiard Room or Training Room and FREE Teas and Coffee will be available.

Further dates including those for on water sessions will follow next week.

To sign up please email events@rtyc.org

The club has a really busy sailing season coming up with a programme of high profile and prestigious events, and sailors from around the world competing here in Torquay. There are many different roles that need to be filled, both on and off the water. If you would like to know more, get involved with club racing and especially if you are able to offer help at a specific championship or event, please do get in touch with Bob Penfold events@rtyc.org Mobile 07970353660

Details and date of all events are on the club website <https://rtyc.org/championships-2026/>

CLUB TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Getting ready for the coming season and looking to learn new skills or update and refresh your current skills. Take a look at these courses and see how they can help build confidence and keep you safe on the water.

RYA First Aid – March 20th <https://rtyc.org/event/rya-first-aid-20th-march/>

RYA Powerboat Level 2 - March 18th/19th and June 2nd/3rd

<https://rtyc.org/event/rya-powerboat-level-2-11/>

RYA Safety Boat Course - March 25th – 26th <https://rtyc.org/event/safety-boat/>

All are great opportunities to gain experience and share time on the water with fellow members.

Book now to avoid disappointment.



ROLEX MIDDLE SEA RACE

A member's colleague has signed up to race on Green Dragon, a VO70, in the Rolex Middle Sea Race, starting from Valletta, Malta, in October 2026.

He is a Clipper Round the World Yacht Race 2023/24 sailor (single leg). The team includes a couple of ex-Clipper 68 RTW skippers and is ideally suited to experienced offshore sailors. There are still a few crew places available, subject to the entry being fully confirmed.

If you would like to know more, please contact Michael Wheeldon mcw2009@live.co.uk

Further race details and information.

<https://sailracecrew.wetravel.com/i/691b52eb5300e9849917a778>