

ROYAL TORBAY YACHT CLUB



Beach Master Guidance and Information for Club Racing 2026

1. Collect VHF Radio from Training Room (ground floor Royal Torbay Yacht Club).
Door access **C2863X** and **turn knob to the right**.
2. Collect Beachmaster Box, including First Aid Kit from Harbourside store. **Code 2863**
3. Base yourself at the top of the slipway no less than one hour before race start time.
4. Make personal contact with the Race Officer ashore or call by VHF radio.
5. Check VHF Radio with a test transmission to Mary Gurine (Committee Vessel) on **Channel 72** for club racing or **Channel 77** for Championships.
6. Seek permission to launch from the Race Officer once a fully crewed Safety Boat is underway.
7. Keep a record of number and class of boats launched.
8. Before launching ensure that all dinghy crews are properly dressed, with buoyancy aids fastened correctly and any long hair worn up. These checks are especially important when launching Junior sailors.
9. Ensure the fairway is clear of commercial traffic before permitting launching, and liaise Harbourmaster's team where necessary.
10. Monitor use of slipway by other harbour users and if necessary, delay launching until the slipway is clear.
11. Once all boats have been launched call Race Committee Vessel (usually Mary Gurine) by VHF radio with the number of boats in each class launched.
12. Stay close to slipway during racing and continue to monitor the VHF Radio Ch 72 or the assigned VHF channel with the number of boats in each class launched.
13. Be ready to receive any returning boats.
14. Be ready to receive Safety Boats with an injured or tired sailor.
15. If medical assistance is required call for an Ambulance to come to Beacon Quay Torquay Harbour. **Harbour Post Code TQ1 2BG**
16. Any casualty should be landed at the Ferry Jetty, or if not available Slipway, Beacon Quay.
17. If a casualty is to be brought ashore needing medical assistance inform the Harbour Office and send a guide to the Barrier at Beacon Quay entrance to meet the Ambulance.
18. After racing check that all boats have returned and then inform the Race Officer that all boats are on Beacon Quay.
19. Return Box to the Harbourside Store and radio Sailing Office.
20. Ensure that any Incident Report Forms are completed and that any paper versions are Handed to the Race Officer or the Race Office.
21. Additional instructions, call signs and other information relating to Championships and Major events will be published by the organiser or race officer for each event.

TURN OVER FOR EMERGENCY CONTACTS AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS & INFORMATION

Coastal Emergencies	999 Coastguard VHF Channel 16
HM Coastguard	02392 552100.
Torquay Harbour Office	VHF Channel 14 01803 208443.
Torbay NCI (National Coastwatch)	VHF Channel 65 01803 411145.
Torbay Hospital	01803 614567.
Royal Torbay Yacht Club	01803 292006.

Defibrillator at the Royal Torbay Yacht Club

Mike Rutland - Commodore	07801932817.
Mike Currie - Rear Commodore Sailing	07976131505.
Amy Roberts - Sailing Secretary	07468843637.
Bob Penfold - Sailing Committee	07970353660.
John Thorn - Sailing Committee	07708916937.
Helen Brown - Safeguarding	07795467085.

Marine Accident Investigation Branch	02380232527
RYA Head of Communications	02380604209
RYA Safeguarding	02380012796

Training Room Code C 2863X

Harbourside Store Code 2863

Race Committee Vessel	Mary Gurine - Committee Boat
Safety Boat	Harry - Orange rib with rear frame
Safety Boat	Bev - Orange Rib with rear post
Safety Boat	Rockfish/TYST - Blue rib with Honda engine
Safety Boat	Winaretta - Blue rib with Yamaha Engine