

SAILING UPDATES 10.03.2026

A MESSAGE FROM MICHAEL CURRIE ***OUR NEW REAR COMMODORE SAILING***

Just 3 weeks to go to the start of the sailing season. Hopefully the weather will be kind this season and we can enjoy the full programme and events scheduled for 2026. I am pleased that we are trying a few new formats reflecting last years' feedback and a joint weekend in Guernsey for the racing fleets and motorboat and cruising fleet.

If you have not already, time to get your entries.

I would like to thank everyone for electing me and I look forward to working with the rest of my colleagues on the sailing (and management) committee(s). I take this opportunity to welcome Amy as the new Sailing Secretary, Bob's continuation looking after events and Ian Lievesley and John Thorn to the Sailing committee. Apart from the usual call for helpers at our events we will also be reaching out for help on the committee and over the next few weeks we will be defining the areas(jobs).

Whilst I will not be present in the club until May I am available by email and WhatsApp though replies may be a bit delayed due to available connectivity.

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CLUB RACING 2026

DON'T DELAY, JUST 3 WEEKS AWAY - ENTER [HERE](#) NOW

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 for club racing has now been published



Melges15 UK Nationals – Enter [HERE](#)

The advertisement features a background image of several racing yachts on the water. The yachts have white sails with a red 'M15' logo and black hulls with white numbers. One yacht in the foreground has the number '1051' on its hull. The text is overlaid on the image.

 

Melges 15 UK Nationals
Royal Torbay Yacht Club
10-12th July 2026
Charters Available from £175 Per Day
with Discount for RTYC Members

Questions or ready to secure your
boat?
liam@melges.uk



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.

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/>



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.



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FIND OUT MORE***

BE READY FOR OUR BUSY YEAR AHEAD AND SIGN UP TO THE FREE 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.

Forthcoming dates and times are Saturday 14th March at 9.30, Thursday 19th and Tuesday 24th March at 18.30.. followed by March 28th and 29th at 9.30 am. 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/>



The Squadron 13 sailing programme for 2026 is now published and can be found [HERE](#)

We are still in need of volunteers to help and support Ian Mills with Squadron 13 activities, if you can spare some time he will be pleased to hear from you and can be contacted via the Squadron 13 WhatsApp Group or by email ian_h_mills@hotmail.com

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/>



Book now to avoid disappointment.