

CLUB SAILING UPDATE 26.05.2026

Welcome to this week's **Club Sailing Update** and there is lots to talk about.

Change to Sailing Instructions: A change to sailing instructions will be posted later this week to improve safety (watch for the WhatsApp notification). It will mean, apart from the cruiser (IRC and YTC) classes, that racing will not happen unless there is a safety boat on the water.

WhatsApps Groups: As everyone is aware we have several WhatsApps groups covering sailing. We are receiving feedback these are becoming confusing and a little cluttered with items that would be better focused in other groups. So, to clarify communications, the groups intended usage will be:

- **RTYC Racing Communication:** Is solely for communication in relation to current and forthcoming races. E.g. Race Officer notifying a change or decision about an aspect of racing. Social elements, including pictures and crew finding belong in the various other groups and if posted in Racing communication, will be deleted.
- **RTYC Opportunities:** Will be renamed **RTYC Skipper and Crew Finder** and will be focused on helping getting people and boats afloat.
- **Class Groups:** (RTYC Dinghies, Sportsboats and Cruisers) This **IS** the place for fleet racing, all associated chat and pictures of your sailing and where we will post anything related to that group including socials.

Fuel Costs: We are all feeling the rising cost of fuel in our own pockets and the club is no exception. Please be mindful and conserve fuel as much as practical by only using speed when it is important and positioning safety boats in the course area where a good view of competitors is available rather than following the fleets. Many thanks in advance

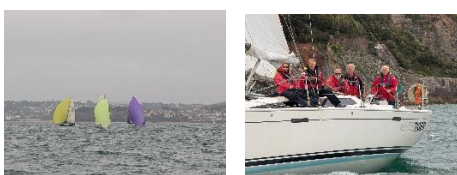
Club Racing

Crews Race this Wednesday 27th. Should be a fun evening ahead of Airshow weekend when there is no club racing.

Last Wednesday 20th was an interesting start for the last Spring Wednesday races with gusts in the mid 20knt range as the boats left the harbour but it abated to some very sailable conditions enjoyed by all judging from the conversations in that club afterwards.

Sunday was less successful as the wind failed to arrive with any stability and the added challenge of the crane on South Pier failing and preventing the SB20s from launching it was time for the "N" flag signaling cancellation of the day's racing.

Apart that is from some of our cruisers who went to Dartmouth for the Royal Dart Yacht Club's "Gallon of Rum" race.



Sportsboats and White Tiger on Wednesday night

CHAMPIONSHIP VOLUNTEERS

**Your help is needed at the forthcoming
B14 European and Global Championships**



Europeans - Thursday 18th to Saturday 20th June

Globals - Monday 22nd to Friday 26th June

A great opportunity to show your support to our club sailors Amy and Dave Roberts who are competing in both events.

We are seeking Beach Team volunteer and rib crews, if you can help in any way at these events of any of the forthcoming championships, please give Bob Penfold a call or email events@rtyc.org

Dates of all 2026 Championships can be found [HERE](#)

RIB and other 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 our schedule of courses and see how it can help build confidence and keep you safe on the water.



RYA Powerboat Level 2 - June 2nd/3rd is fully booked but watch for future courses here:

[Training Courses | Royal Torbay Yacht Club](#)

FORTHCOMING RACING EVENTS

Friday 12th June - Torbay Invitational (Cruisers).



Friday 12th June sees the return of the Torbay Invitational for its third edition. Invited businesses will compete across 19 yachts, enjoying breakfast, racing, BBQ, live music, and great prizes. Onshore guests will also be able to follow the action via live on-screen yacht tracking at RTYC.

Now in its third year, the Torbay Invitational has established itself as Torbay's largest annual yacht race - bringing together 19 yachts, 230 attendees, and representatives from 120 regional businesses. The event is organized by Philip Meek Mortgages & Wollens; and is sponsored by PKF Francis Clark, Pantaenius Yacht Insurance, Spinlock, and others - endorsed by RTYC Admiral, Nigel Wollen

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Friday 19th – Sunday 28th June – RTYC Offshore Week



We are delighted to announce the early publication of the Sailing Instructions for RTYC Offshore Week 2026.

We trust this will help participants plan early and enjoy the event even more. Any questions can be posted in associated WhatsApp group which are detailed in the NoR and Sailing Instructions.

Details about discounted berthing in Guernsey and arrangements for the other ports will be posted shortly. Please monitor the WhatsApp group for the latest notifications. We look forward to welcoming you on an enjoyable event.

Check out the Offshore Week website page for full details, to complete your entry and other entry forms.

<https://rtyc.org/event/offshore-week-2026/>

Torbay Dinghy and Royal Regattas:



Please help us in promoting this event, encourage entries, 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 will be hosting the IRC South West Championship, Impala Nationals, and both the J/24 and RS21 Nationals. A strong Sportsboat entry is expected especially from the SB20 class with the World Championship coming to Torquay in 2027. Full details and NoR [HERE](#)

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Squadron 13 had a lively day on the water last Saturday (23rd May) making the most of the light winds. We appeared to have a new inflatable unicorn craft for the day. There was much capsizing practicing. I also think a new world record has been set for the number of crew/people on a Quest dinghy. The photos tell their own story I think.....



Massive thank you again to all the adult helpers ashore and on the RIBS. We can't get out on the water without you.

Due to the Airshow the next scheduled day is June 6th, please monitor the WhatsApp Group for details. Email contact is Ian Mills juniorsailing@rtyc.org

Don't forget RYA Junior Dinghy Training (Stages 1 – 2, 3 or 4)

August 10th – 13th



<https://rtyc.org/event/junior-dinghy-training-stages-1-2-3-or-4/>