

## CLUB SAILING UPDATE 02.06.2026

Welcome to this week's **Club Sailing Update** and let's start with many congratulations to our Crews Race winners, newly crowned champions and award winner. Read on to find out who what and how.....

Thanks also to Amy, Bob, Ian and Kelvin for their contributions to this week's newsletter. It's to be hoped that they and others will become regular contributors.

### HOT OFF THE PRESS:

- As many are aware, the crane on South Pier used by the SB20s and FF15s has failed. An engineer is booked but, currently, they cannot visit until June 10<sup>th</sup>, though we are hoping that date can be brought forward. That means slipway launching for those with suitable trailers and vehicles. We'll keep you posted on progress.
- Racing will be run from Haldon Pier until Mary Gurine is back in commission. Unfortunately, when Mary Gurine was lifted out for annual antifouling an issue with the engine cooling was discovered. We are working toward a speedy repair; an engineer has already visited to assess what is needed today (June 2<sup>nd</sup>).
- The change to sailing instructions has been posted on the [web site](#). It means that, apart from the IRC and Cruiser classes, racing will not happen unless there is a safety boat on the water.

### Reminders:

**WhatsApps Groups:** 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

## From Our Sailing Secretary

### CREWS SHINE IN THRILLING REVERSE-ROLE RACE!

Torbay served up a spectacular evening for our annual Crew's Race, where the usual order of business was flipped entirely upside down. With the regular skippers stepping back, the pressure was firmly on the crews, and they delivered in style! The elements played their part perfectly, offering up a highly tactical, light easterly breeze paired with a challenging rolling swell that tested everyone's concentration.

While every boat put up a fantastic fight, three exceptional helms truly stole the show:

- **Katie (*Ibis*):** In what was remarkably her first-ever competitive race as a helm, she took the tiller like a seasoned pro. An incredible debut performance, Katie!
- **Tayah (*Papillon*):** Swapping her usual demanding duties on the bow for the back of the boat, she steered *Papillon* flawlessly to secure a magnificent win in the IRC fleet.
- **Jamie (*Bewitched*):** Read the conditions beautifully, playing the cliffs to perfection to lead the Sportsboat fleet home in first place.

Our immense gratitude goes to all the boat owners for generously handing over the reins, to our dedicated race committee, and to the fantastic crowd that created such a brilliant atmosphere in the clubhouse long after the sails were packed away.

### RACING DIARY: SUMMER SERIES AHEAD

With the final results now tallied, the Spring Series has officially drawn to a close. Sailors will not have to wait long to get back out on the water, however, as the Summer Series officially gets underway next week on Wednesday, 3rd June. Dust off the kit and we will see you on the start line!

### NATIONAL RYA HONOUR FOR CLUB LEGEND BOB PENFOLD

The entire club is absolutely delighted to share the news that Royal Torbay's very own Bob Penfold has been recognised nationally with a prestigious RYA Impact Award! This is a thoroughly deserved accolade for a man whose tireless efforts lie at the very heart of our club.

Beyond his exceptional work as a Race Officer, Bob is the driving force behind our major sailing events. It is entirely down to his dedication that Tor Bay is now widely regarded as a premier venue for elite racing. Over the seasons, he has successfully attracted an incredible array of National, European, and World Championships to our home waters.

Bob, your unwavering passion and leadership keep this club thriving while firmly putting Torbay on the international sailing map. Quite simply, we could not do it without you. Thank you for everything, and many congratulations from us all!

The Club Racing and Squadron 13 programmes can [Here](#)



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### TEAM XCELLENT TRIUMPH IN THE NETHERLANDS

The silverware just keeps on coming! John Pollard and the crew of *Team Xcellent* have added yet another trophy to their cabinet, claiming the SB20 National Title over in the Netherlands. It is another spectacular achievement on the international stage—huge congratulations to John and the team on maintaining their incredible winning form.



There was a week off for SQ13 this week to allow the air squadrons to take to the skies.

We have 3 sessions coming up in June, if you are able to help on June 6th ashore or afloat, please get in touch.



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

**Remember RYA Junior Dinghy Training (Stages 1 – 2, 3 or 4) August 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**

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



## CHAMPIONSHIP VOLUNTEERS

**Your help is needed at the forthcoming  
B14 European and Global Championships  
and we do need your help!**



Europeans - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June

Globals - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 the B14's or any of the forthcoming championships, please give Bob Penfold a call or email [events@rtyc.org](mailto:events@rtyc.org)

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

## RIB and other TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>** is fully booked but watch for future courses here:

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

## FORTHCOMING RACING EVENTS

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June – RTYC Offshore Week



**Just 17 days to go.** Entries are still open.

This week we have published to the event page the Yacht Manifest form for completion by all Skippers by June 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Briefing will be on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> at 19.00 in the Billiard Room of the club. Suppers will be available. The menu includes:

- Minute Steak & Frites
- Mediterranean Tart, Slaw & New Potatoes
- Scampi, Chips & Peas

Each at £15.00 per head. If you are a bigger party, we suggest booking a table (email [barmanager@rtyc.org](mailto:barmanager@rtyc.org)) to avoid disappointment as the club will be busy that night.

Details about discounted berthing in Guernsey and arrangements for the other ports are at the top of the manifest form.

Please monitor the WhatsApp group for the latest notifications.

*Any questions can be posted in associated WhatsApp group which are detailed in the NoR and Sailing Instructions and 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/>*

We look forward to welcoming you on an enjoyable event.

## 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](#)