

CLUB SAILING UPDATE 16.06.2026

Welcome to this week's **Club Sailing Update** and let's start with Hot off the Press. So, get your coffee (or whatever you enjoy) and relax with 6 pages of Club news

HOT OFF THE PRESS:

- The crane on South Pier: An engineer has visited and it is now operational.
- Racing: Mary Gurine is back in commission.

B14s Arrive:

We are very pleased to welcome the B14s with early arrivals joining in our Sunday racing. We also now have a container on Haldon Peir with our Australian competitors' boats. It's building up to a great event.

There are still volunteer spaces if you want to join in the action. Give Bob Penfold a call or email him at events@rtyc.org.



Chief contributor:

This week our Sailing Secretary, Amy Roberts, has stepped in as the editor is busy supporting the Club ramp up to the B14s events and Offshore Week which starts this Friday.

Our Club - Our Newsletter:

Seen or involved in some interesting RTYC club sailing or racing? Then please drop me a little report (with a photo or 2 if you have them) and I would love to include your article/report. Constructive feedback is also welcome.

I can be reached on 07976 131505 or email rearcommandoresailing@rtyc.org.

Reminders:

Safety Duties

- **CRITICAL SAFETY UPDATE:** Per the recent changes to the Sailing Instructions (posted on the website), **racing will NOT take place for any class (except IRC and Cruiser) unless there is an official safety boat on the water.**
- **Duty Rota:** Updated rota covering the rest of the season for Safety Boats will be published this week.
The rota is published [here](#). If you cannot attend a safety duty arrange a swap and let us know via the WhatsApp groups.
- **Safety RIB Reminders:**
 - If you are operating the club RIBs, please adhere strictly to these rules:
 - There must **always** be both a helm and a crew member on a safety RIB.
 - Helms **must** be Club members and hold a valid **RYA PB2** accreditation. Crew must also be Club members.
 - Buoyancy aids or life jackets **must** be worn at all times when afloat.
 - Check the craft's fuel levels *before* leaving the harbour and upon return. Always replace used tanks with full ones.
 - Notify the sailing committee (Michael Currie / Amy Roberts) of any faults on the ribs by email (rearcommandoresailing@rtyc.org / sailing@rtyc.org)

Contact the editor:

If you have any questions or feedback about club sailing or this newsletter I can be reached on 07976 131505 or email rearcommandoresailing@rtyc.org.

From Our Sailing Secretary

🏆 Torbay Invitational 2026: A Spectacular Success!

What an incredible day we had on **Friday, 12th June** for the third edition of the **Torbay Invitational!** Now firmly established as Torbay's largest annual yacht race, this year's event brought together 19 yachts, 230 attendees, and representatives from 120 regional businesses.

The bay delivered champagne conditions with a perfect forecast of 16–20 knots. Over 100 sailors made the absolute most of the breeze, while onshore guests followed every tack and gybe via live on-screen yacht tracking back at the clubhouse.

The high-energy racing was matched by a fantastic social atmosphere. We wrapped up the day in true RTYC style with a packed BBQ, live music, and an amazing prize-giving ceremony.

- **Congratulations to Kay Elliott Architects**, who took home the championship win racing on *White Tiger*!
- **A Massive Thank You** to our event organizers, **Philip Meek Mortgages & Wollens**, our sponsors **PKF-Francis Clark, Spinlock**, and **Pantaenius UK**, as well as RTYC Admiral Nigel Wollen for his endorsement.
- **Shout out** to our incredible RTYC volunteers and staff who kept everything running like clockwork!



🚤 Club Racing & Squadron13 Round-Up

Wednesday Summer Series Racing (Wednesday 10th June)

Club racing was run from the wall on Wednesday with the IRC/Cruiser, Sportsboat, and Dinghy fleets heading out. Hope took the win in the IRC fleet on Wednesday, starting off the new summer series in the lead. The Sportsboat fleet had a highly unusual and dramatic start with **3 boats flagged OCS**. This left **Doris Reloaded** as the only Sportsboat cleanly behind the line when the gun went, cruising comfortably to a well-deserved race win!

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Sunday Summer Series (Sunday 14th June)

Mary Gurine was back in action on Sunday. While we were blessed with glorious sunshine, the breeze decided to play hard to get! It was a day of pure concentration for our fleets as they worked every single zephyr.

- **Dinghy Fleet:** 4 boats braved the light winds. Garry Phare competed in the Finn, Stuart Abbot in the Supernova, and we welcomed two B14s: our own club racers Amy & Dave, and visitors Steve & Hannah from Starcross Yacht Club (who are warming up ahead of the big events next week!).
- **Sportsboat Fleet:** 3 boats battled it out—*Bewitched*, *Xcellent*, and *Doris Reloaded*, John Pollard's *Xcellent* taking the win in both races.



🌿 Want to Get on the Water but Don't Have a Boat?

We've got you covered! There are plenty of ways to get afloat at RTYC, even if you don't own your own craft:

- **Club Laser Available:** Did you know that our **club ILCA 6 / Laser Radial** is available for RTYC members to use? Whether you are looking to practice your skills, get back into dinghy sailing, or just enjoy a casual day out on the beautiful bay, it is fully rigged and ready to go.
- **Crewing Opportunities:** Looking to jump onto a bigger boat? We have a dedicated **Crew Finding WhatsApp group** to connect sailors with skippers. If you'd like to find a crewing position on an IRC or cruiser yacht, we can help you get plugged in.

Interested in either? Drop a message to our Sailing Secretary, **Amy Roberts** (at sailing@rtyc.org) and let's get you out there!



FORTHCOMING RACING EVENTS

Torbay Dinghy and Royal Regattas:



Just 3 weeks to go. Be there or be square! Get your entry it's not too late. Invite those dinghy sailing friends down with their boats to enjoy a fun weekend on some of the best sailing waters in the UK.

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



Just 3 days to go.

The Yacht Manifest form must be completed by all Skippers before 5pm on June 17th.

The Briefing Notes detail the social activities for the week including the Customs procedures and links to the forms.

Completing the Yacht Manifest and Customs Forms: Make sure you complete your Yacht Manifest and customs forms (before Monday). One per boat. Have all your crew passport information available before you start the Manifest Form. Details about discounted berthing in Guernsey and arrangements for the other ports are at the top of the Manifest Form.

The Briefing : Thursday 18th June 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
- Choice of curries including gluten free.

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

Updates:

Any questions can be posted in associated WhatsApp group detailed in the NoR and Sailing Instructions.

Please monitor the WhatsApp group for the latest notifications.

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/>

CHAMPIONSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Are still needed for the Torbay Dinghy Regatta 2026

Saturday 10th July and Sunday 11th July

Fireball UK Nationals & Fireball Worlds 2026

July 22nd – July 31st

We are still seeking Beach Team volunteer and rib crews for these Events, if you can help in any way with 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

Take a look at our schedule of courses and see how it can help build confidence and keep you safe on the water.

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



Saturday 13th June



Saturday was a day of milestones for Squadron 13! We saw a brilliant turnout featuring plenty of "firsts"—including new boats, new teams, members sailing solo for the first time, first-time racers, and sailors brave enough to fly spinnakers for

the first time. Everyone came off the water with massive smiles.

Thank you to our fabulous adult support team. The kids simply cannot get out on the water without your dedication and help!

**Remember 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/>

