



Royal Torbay Yacht Club

OFFSHORE WEEK 2026

Friday 19th to Sunday 28th June 2026

Briefing notes

Introduction

The aim of our Offshore Week is a fun holiday with some competitive racing for those who wish to participate, or simply cruise in company. Our planned route will take us outside British territorial waters therefore we must follow the customs procedures which are outlined below.

The racing instructions are contained in a separate document available via the club web site [here](#). My aim is for all boats to sail the same course racing competitively or not. This way boats can travel in company; it will help keep boats out of hazardous areas and meet tidal gates and cill opening times. This is particularly important around the Brittany coast. The start sequence and other on the day information will be broadcast on VHF channel 72 or 77 if that channel is congested. All times are in British Summer time this if for both racing and social events. This is to avoid confusion when a race starts in one country and finishes in another. You should note that France is one hour ahead.

Continued feedback asks for the week to be a holiday with racing. This year there will be 7 races and 3 full lay days during the week. However, some races are quite short, leaving more time to relax, explore and enjoy the ports.

Yacht Manifest

This [Yacht Manifest](#) form (on the Event web page) is to be completed by all yachts in the event. Ensure you have all yacht and crew details including passport details and emergency contacts before completing this form. ***If you need to change any details after submission, please complete a fresh registration and your original submission will be deleted.***

Customs Procedures

Now that Britain has left the EU there are separate customs processes that must be followed to allow us to sail outside of our territorial waters and into Channel Islands and French ports. Below is a customs guide that will point you in the right direction for the processes and documents that need to be completed. This assumes you are a British citizen with a British passport.

- **Customs procedure for UK Border Force**

Tell Border Force and HMRC you are sailing to and from the UK in a pleasure craft. Follow the link below and complete your details online. One submission per boat.

Link - [Tell Border Force and HMRC you are sailing to or from the UK in a pleasure craft](#)



- **Guernsey customs procedure**

Upon arrival you will be met by Harbour Official in a dory and handed customs form CG27. Fill this form in and post it in the customs letterbox at the top of the slip. You should fly flag Q (yellow quarantine flag) until your form has been submitted.

For background info, Guernsey is part to the Common Travel area where British citizens can move freely....

- **Jersey customs procedure**

Jersey is part of the Common Travel Area (CTA). There are no routine border immigration controls for Jersey.

- **Customs procedure for France and French customs form.**

From the Crew manifest, which you must complete via the club web site, a customs manifest will be produced which we will send to French customs. This will augment the individual boat forms that you must send to the ports. See "[PROCEDURE BREXIT PORT ST-CAST – GB](#)" and ensure "[Formulaire BREXIT](#)" is completed. Also remember to fly your French courtesy flag.

Mooring

For those arriving in Torquay prior to Friday the start, there will be moorings available on the Town Dock visitor's pontoon. Individual skippers will have to settle their account with Torquay Harbour.

For the ports we visit as part of Offshore Week we have successfully negotiated group discounted moorings for the Channel Island stopovers. You will be invited to take up this generous discount, once you have completed your Yacht manifest form via the Offshore Week web page [here](#). Once completed RTYC will send you an invoice for the moorings. Unfortunately, the French ports would not give any discounts this year so skippers will have to settle their own mooring accounts directly with the French ports.

Guernsey – It is intended that boats moor on the outer Harbour. Upon arrival, the harbor staff will meet you, tell them you are with Royal Torbay Yacht Club race and they will direct you to our reserved moorings. This is walk ashore, has water, but no electricity. If any boats decide to go into the inner basin, then you must note the cill opening and closing times which may mean that you will have to leave early and join the main fleet on the outer pontoons.

St Cast – has 24-hour access. Tell the Harbour staff you are with the Royal Torbay yacht Club fleet and they will direct you to our reserved moorings.

Dahouet – Has a drying cill and opens at 12:00 and closes at 15:00 Don't be late. Depth for boats with draft over 2.2 will be tight so make sure you tell the Harbour staff your depth.

St Quay – Easy 24 hour access. Moorings are reserved for us. Tell the harbor staff you are with Royal Torbay Yacht Club race



Things to bring with you:

- Per boat
 - Ships registration document
 - Proof of VAT paid– must be the original
 - VHF radio license
 - VHF radio operators' certificate
 - ICC (International Certificate of Competence)
 - Q flag
 - French courtesy flag
 - Don't take out of date flares to France or you risk a fine. If they are out of date leave them behind.
- Per individual
 - Passport
 - UK Global health Insurance card
 - Personal travel insurance
 - Sun Cream

Communications

- Documents - Via the club web site [here](#)
- On the water communications - VHF channel 72 or substitute channel 77 if congested.
- General information as the week progresses – WhatsApp chat. [Here](#)
- Offshore Week coordinator Kelvin Hull mobile +44 7739 505395 E-mail Kelvin.hull@btinternet.com

Our Sponsors



We are privileged to have great support from our sponsors. They will be providing fantastic prizes for not just individual legs of the race series but some fun prizes as well.



Social

Thursday 18th June 7:00pm in Roya Torbay Yacht Club Billiard room. Initial informal briefing and an opportunity to meet and get to know the other teams. You can collect your Offshore Week Rally flag. This will be a chance to find out how the week will run and your opportunity to ask questions. The club bar will be open and catering available.

Menu:

Minute Steak & Frites

Mediterranean Tart, Slaw & New Potatoes

Scampi, Chips & Peas

Chicken Tikka or Vegetarian Balti, both served with rice, poppadoms, naan bread and chutney.

All at £15.00

It's likely to be a busy night so please bookings in advance to Darren barmanager@rtyc.org

Saturday 20th June 17:00. Welcome drinks party and prize giving.



Hosted by team Penguin.



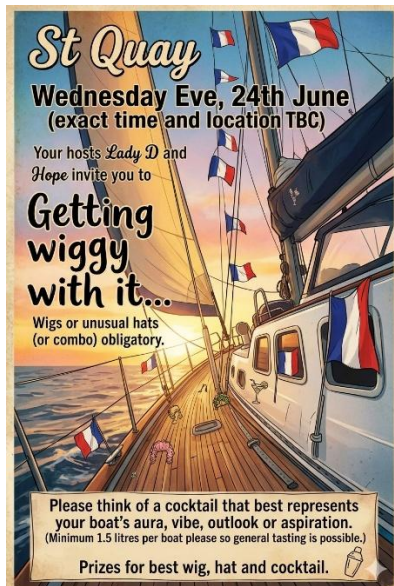
Monday 22nd June 17:30. Gin party and prize giving.



Hosted by teams Muskox, Ding Dong and Luna

Wednesday 24th June. Cocktail party and prize giving.

Hosted by teams Lady D and Hope



Saturday 27th June 6.30. Guernsey Yacht club; Barbeque, Simon Barnett music quiz and prize giving. I will circulate menus when I have them and will confirm numbers at the briefing at the briefing on Thursday 18th.

November. Formal prize giving Royal Torbay Yacht club will include Offshore Week.



Sailing schedule

Date	Race	Scheduled time of Warning Signal (BST)
Friday 19 June	Race 1: Torquay to St. Peter Port (The Channel Race)	07:55
Saturday 20 June	St Peter Port Lay Day	-
Sunday 21 June	Race 2: St Peter Port to St Cast le Guildo	07:55
Monday 22 June	St Cast Lay Day	-
Tuesday 23 June	Race 3: St Cast le Guildo to Dahouet	07:55
Wednesday 24 June	Race 4: Dahouet to St Quay	14:55
Thursday 25 June	Race 5: St Quay to St Helier	07:55
Friday 26 June	St Helier Lay Day	-
Saturday 27 June	Race 6: St Helier to St Peter Port	07:25
Sunday 28 June	Race 7: St Peter Port to Channel Light	07:55

Have a fantastic week,

Kelvin
Offshore Week coordinator and Race Officer
Royal Torbay Yacht Club