

# CLUB SAILING UPDATE 01.07.2026

Welcome to the last **Club Sailing Update** of June. What a busy week it has been! B14s Global Championship, Offshore Week and full Club Sailing. A massive thank you to the volunteers in this busy week not least those stepping up at short notice. Thanks to all the copy contributors again this week, especially Mike and Chrissie Ellis and the crew of Venerable Penguin for the Offshore update.

## HOT OFF THE PRESS:

- It is with regret that due to circumstances outside our control the Torbay Dinghy Regatta is cancelled. We are investigating organising standard club racing on the 12 July. Further update will be in next week's newsletter.
- Still needing some volunteers for the Fireball Championships 22<sup>nd</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July. If you can help, please give Bob Penfold a call direct or email [events@rtyc.org](mailto:events@rtyc.org).

## B14s One Championship done One to Go:

The B14s are all done and dusted. The container with the Australian boats is packed and leaving on Wednesday all things being equal.



## Offshore Week 2026:

Continued as it started with light winds, lost races failing starter motors and generators. Some were even wondering if we were becoming a motor boat fleet at one stage. See the full story below.



## 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 [rearcommoforesailing@rtyc.org](mailto:rearcommoforesailing@rtyc.org).

## FORTHCOMING RACING EVENTS

Don't forget the

Entries are still open so come and join the excitement. Next week sees the start of July which will make it only a few weeks away, 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](#).

## Our Sailing Secretary

Is away on a well-deserved this week. So, some updates from the editor:

### **Club Racing Round-Up**

#### **Midweek Racing (Wednesday)**

Wednesday night sailing saw racing cancelled due to the lack of wind and excessive heat. Hopefully, normal services will be resumed next week.

#### **Sunday Racing in the Bay**

Sunday racing saw a strong turnout by the Sportsboats and SB20 classes. Congratulations to Excellent again though Doris Reloaded and Bewitched we well in touch with only just over a minute separating all 3 boats. It was especially great to YaYa with a junior at the helm this Sunday!

### **Duty Rota Update & Upcoming Schedule**

The current duty rota is live!

### **Upcoming Duties:**

Please check if you are listed below for the next few weeks:

5th July: Jim / Jovian

19th July: Jean (Supernova)

2<sup>nd</sup> August: White Tiger

As a reminder, per our updated Sailing Instructions, racing will NOT happen for any class (except IRC and Cruiser) unless a safety boat is on the water. If you cannot make your assigned date, you must arrange your own duty swap via the club WhatsApp groups and notify the Sailing Secretary or Rear Commodore Sailing.

- **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 at the end of a duty.
- Notify the sailing committee (Michael Currie / Amy Roberts) of any faults on the ribs by email ([rearcommodoresailing@rtyc.org](mailto:rearcommodoresailing@rtyc.org) / [sailing@rtyc.org](mailto:sailing@rtyc.org))



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



**Offshore Week 2026 – A Friendly Report.** A report from team Venerable Penguin and Photos from participants.

Offshore Week 2026 will be remembered by all who took part. There were many firsts this year, although not necessarily related to the sailing itself.

For the first time, we had a mothership, *Silver Quest*, providing invaluable support throughout the week. As well as acting as a line boat for race starts, she helped the fleet after several lengthy motors up the course to reduce sailing distances while searching for elusive wind.



The weather certainly made its presence felt. Guernsey was hot, the French ports were even hotter, and on arrival in Jersey it felt as though someone had opened the door of a furnace, with temperatures reaching 40°C.

Following a successful Channel crossing—albeit with more engine time than sail—the Offshore fleet joined forces with the Motorboat and Cruising Sections for a welcome drinks pontoon party generously hosted by *Venerable Penguin*.

The fleet then set sail for France via the Minquiers. Unfortunately, the wind once again deserted us, resulting in a shortened course to the south-west corner of the Minquiers. *Luna Tick* took IRC honours, while *New Moon* triumphed in YTC.

A further two-and-a-half hours of motoring brought the fleet to St Cast, where a lay day was spent enjoying the sea and beach while trying to keep cool. The day concluded with a highly successful gin party hosted by our Plymouth friends aboard *Muscox*, *Luna*, and *I Say Ding Dong*.



Departing St Cast for Dahouët, Race Officer Kelvin successfully got the fleet away in a pleasant breeze. Sadly, the wind did not last, and the race was abandoned, with the fleet motoring on to Dahouët, where the heat remained intense.

The following day brought more favourable sailing conditions, allowing a shortened race to St Quay. *Papillon* won IRC, while *La Flèche* claimed victory in YTC.

There was insufficient wind to start a race into St Helier, so the fleet motored past the wind farm before Kelvin once again used his ingenuity to organise a shortened race. On arrival in another very hot St Helier, *Papillon* repeated its IRC success and *La Flèche* again took YTC honours.



The fleet then enjoyed a final lay day in Jersey. Crews explored the island by bicycle, car, on foot, and even by Petit Train, before gathering for a lively social evening organised by *Hope* and *Lady D*.

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The final race of the Offshore Series, from St Helier to St Peter Port, took place in glassy sea conditions with what *Rockfish* memorably described as “sod all wind”. Fortunately, temperatures were much more comfortable than earlier in the week.

While the sailing may not have delivered the consistent winds everyone hoped for, Offshore Week 2026 will be remembered for its camaraderie, resilience, excellent social events, exceptional support from *Silver Quest*, and a shared determination to make the most of every challenge that the weather presented.



The fleet, now back in St Peter Port, is looking forward to the Music Quiz and Final BBQ at the Guernsey Yacht Club before one last outing—the traditional race to the Channel Light on the way home. After a week that featured plenty of sunshine, good company.

Everyone will be hoping the final race provides a fitting sailing finale to Offshore Week 2026.

Fortunately, the weather did deliver, the South Westerly blowing between 12knts and 24knts and a challenging seaway to keep the helms alert. Congratulations to Kelvin and crew in Le Fleché for a well-deserved win in the YTC class.



## CHAMPIONSHIP VOLUNTEERS

**Are still needed for the**

**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](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.

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



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**Saturday 20th June**

Great sailing by everyone yesterday, lots of people really stretching themselves.

Shout out to Fin and Harry for first time in a Tera by themselves. Vera and Elsie for their first sail together. Welcome to Lola and Theo and Elsie, welcome back Jack.

Rory and Kaiden for taking novice sailors under their wing.

Biggest shout out to all the adult helpers ashore and on the RIBs making the confidence boosting sailing possible for the kids.

Watch the WhatsApp Group for details about this Saturday's session.

Finally, there is still time to enter the Dinghy regatta on 11/12 July. This is a super event with junior class, Feva, Tera and Qbas all available for the kids.

**There are 2 Quests available if a family want to enter in the asymmetric class.**

<https://rtyc.org/event/torbay-dinghy-regatta-2026>



**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/>

## Reminders:

**Contact the editor:**

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