

CLUB SAILING UPDATE 21.07.2026

This week we welcome the Fireballs for their UK Nationals and Open Championship followed by their World Championship. There are still opportunities to get up close to the action! Contact Bob Penfold on WhatsApp or email him at events@rtyc.org.

Bit of a short update this week as we focus on being organised for the Fireballs.

Remember that the racing schedule for Wednesday July 29 is changed and Wednesday racing will be a standard early summer Wednesday race as per the [notice to competitors No 2](#) issued last week.

This week saw normal Wednesday and weekend club racing and some of our cruisers went off down to Salcombe with our Coastal and TaDCCS series in very light conditions.

HOT OFF THE PRESS:

- Torbay Royal Regatta: Deadline for early entries to 23.59 on 9 Aug 2026.
- Volunteers still needed for the Fireball Championships.

Torbay Royal Regatta 2026

21st to 24th August 2026



Regatta Early Entry Fee deadline is extended to midnight on Sunday 9th August 2026 with immediate effect. Get your entries in now!

Currently a total of 37 boats are entered and many of our club boats have yet to enter with more visitors expected. Entries already span from Plymouth, Lymington, Poole, Hamble Cornwall and Oxfordshire.

The regatta has a strong history of incorporating other important events such as being part of the series of regattas used as selection trials for the Americas Cup in the early part of the 20th century and indicator trials in the 1960s.

This year is no exception with the event incorporating:

- The J24, RS21, Impala 28 National Championships
- The IRC Southwest Championships (the IRC National Championships are part of Dartmouth Royal Regatta that follow the Torbay Royal Regatta)
- A strong Sportsboat entry is expected especially from the SB20 class with the World Championship coming to Torquay in 2027.

Plus, the Admirals cup for cross class teams and Addison Gold cup for best overall performance.

Enter now and join the fun, entries are still open at the early entry prices. Full details and the NoR are [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 very little wind and an uncomfortable Easterly Slop. Well done the Race time for trying twice before calling the postponement.

Sunday Racing in the Bay

As we know racing did happen Sunday in light conditions. Amy and David were the only dinghy but they still had fun racing with the 6 SB20s and the J70. Close racing within the Sportsboats with Bewitched edging it over Xcellent in the first race and Xcellent taking the second race followed by Phil and team in Doris Reloaded. No Sunday racing this weekend.



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:

19th July: Jean (Supernova)

29th July: Lacerta. That's a Wednesday

2nd 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 / sailing@rtyc.org)

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Saturday 18th July

Lighter conditions than last week and a great turnout again as we go in to a 2 week break.

To quote Ian and thank you again

“Amazing conditions yesterday and awesome sailing by everyone.

Some great progress being made by the new members of the team, and excellent teamwork by everyone involved in getting boats ready and put away.

Massive thanks to the parent helpers ashore and afloat, helping get the kids out there and zooming around the bay!

Thanks for the photos too, they will be added to the album for the end of year highlights reels”

Next Session Saturday morning 1st August is the next planned session.

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



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/>



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

In case You missed it Last Week: Offshore Week 2027

It is with great excitement that we announce the dates for offshore Week 2027.

Friday 18th June 2027 to Sunday 27th June

The Outline Program, subject to port/marina confirmations is

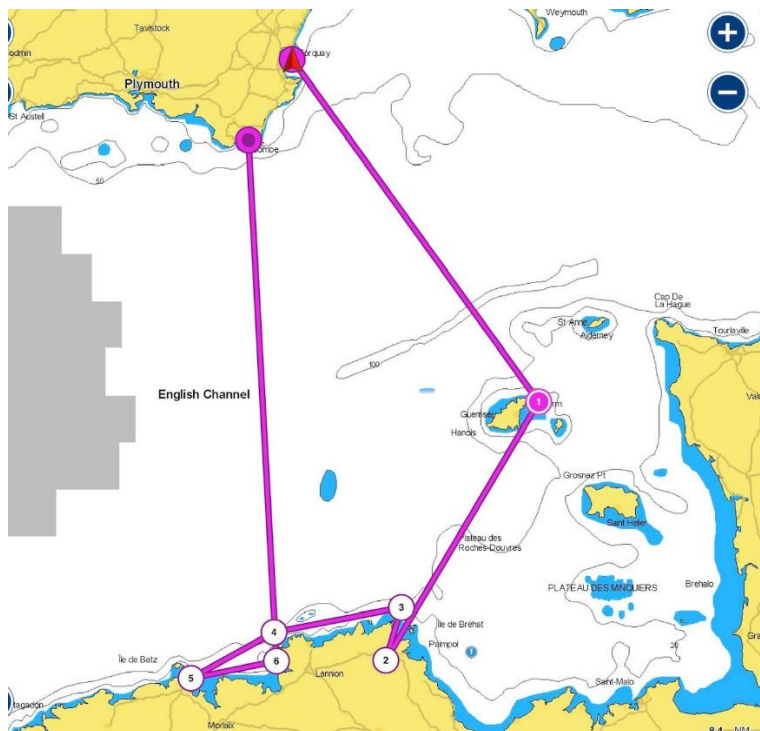
- Friday 18th June 2027 St Peter Port Race
- Treguier
- Roscoff
- Treburden
- Saturday 26th June Salcombe

Probable lay days will be

- St Peter Port
- Treguier
- Treburden



Final Prize Giving Breakfast in Salcombe on Sunday morning (27th) before “Sail Home” races to Plymouth and Torbay.



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](#)



Reminders:

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 rearcommadoresailing@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 rearcommadoresailing@rtyc.org.