

## CLUB SAILING UPDATE 28.07.2026

This week is the Fireball World Championship. As I write we have already had 2 exciting days of racing in very differing conditions. Sunday could best be described as 'lively' with 20-24knts wind and gusts into the high 20knts. They are a spectacular boat in those conditions. There is a great video on Youtube, Click [here](#). Monday's wind was much more benign, if not positively fickle, moving around 10-20 degrees and back again testing the race team and competitors in a very different way to Sunday. Again you can see the video [here](#) or read the Yachts and Yachting report [here](#).

There are still opportunities to get up close to the action in this and our other championships this month! Contact Bob Penfold on WhatsApp or email him at [events@rtyc.org](mailto:events@rtyc.org).

It is fantastic to see so many members volunteering from across the regular racing fleets and the Motorboat and Cruising section. I know new friendships are being made as we all come together and make the event a success.

This week unfortunately saw the cancellation of Wednesday racing and there was no and weekend club racing.

## Torbay Royal Regatta 2026

**21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> 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 38 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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

### **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:

**29th July: Lacerta. That's a Wednesday**

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))



**Next Session Saturday morning 1<sup>st</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>** <https://rtyc.org/event/junior-dinghy-training-stages-1-2-3-or-4/>

Stages 1 & 2 are full but there are a couple of spaces still available on stages 3 & 4 if you are quick.



## CHAMPIONSHIP VOLUNTEERS

### Are still needed for the

## Solo Class UK National Championship 2026

August 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>

Next week we welcome the Solo Class for their National Championship, with over 70 entries its another great event to be hosting for both the club and Torbay.

*Many members have already volunteered but we are still in need of help both on and off the water, please get in touch if you can help in any way.*

The championship starts on August 5<sup>th</sup> for arrivals with racing from August 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>. You can find out more on the event website [HERE](#)

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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 18<sup>th</sup> June 2027 to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June

The Outline Program, subject to port/marina confirmations is

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

Probable lay days will be

- St Peter Port
- Treguier
- Treburden

Final Prize Giving Breakfast in Salcombe on Sunday morning (27<sup>th</sup>) 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](mailto: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](mailto:rearcommadoresailing@rtyc.org).