

CLUB SAILING UPDATE 04.08.2026

This is possibly one of the busiest times for the Club as the Fireballs leave us and we look forward to the Solo National Championships with around 80 boats starting on 5 August and the RS200 National Championships starting on 15 August.

The RS200 Championship runs into our own Torbay Royal Regatta where we not only have visiting classes (see below) but also our own boats competing.

As I look at how so many of our members from across the various interests of the Club volunteer, I am immensely proud of the Club and our members. We deliver world class events that very few clubs are capable of achieving. Everyone one of us should be proud of how we step up and work together. Bob has put out a thank you (and plea) in the main newsletter but I cannot let this week's update pass without adding my personal thanks and appreciation as Rear Commodore (Sailing).

So, let's look forward to Torbay Royal Regatta and everything else that is happening or has happened.

Last Sunday was the last Sunday Summer series and last Wednesday was the first Late Summer Wednesday series so quite a reset, especially with two new boats. Gary Phare has got a K1, no doubt to be ready for the K1 Nationals in September and Amy, our Sailing Secretary has brought down her Europe. So with the two Super Novas there should be some great competition in the PY Dinghy class.

Torbay Royal Regatta 2026

21 to 24 August 2026



Don't Forget: The Regatta Early Entry Fee deadline is extended to midnight on Sunday 9th August 2026. Get your entries in now!

Currently a total of 39 boats have entered but many of our club SB20s have yet to enter. If you want your own class get those entries in SB20s! Currently there are more Sportsboats entered than SB20s.

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.

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:

2nd August: White Tiger

5th August: Lisa & Jane

12th August: Lisa & Jane

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30th August: Hope

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)



Next Session - Saturday morning 29 August.

Watch the WhatsApp Group for details about that session.



The August 1st session was a great success and everybody enjoyed sailing in some gentle conditions. Many thanks as always to the teams of volunteers led by Ian Mills that enables this to happen.

CHAMPIONSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Are still needed for the Solo Class UK National Championship 2026

August 5th – 9th

Next week we welcome the Solo Class for their National Championship, with over 70 entries it's 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 5th for arrivals with racing from August 6th – 9th. You can find out more on the event website [HERE](#)

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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](#)



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 rearcommodoresailing@rtyc.org.

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