

CLUB SAILING UPDATE 11.08.2026

As we say a fond farewell to the Solos we have a short respite before our last 70+ boat event, the RS200 National Championships which starts on 15 August.

We are still in need of help every day on the harbourside and on the water. A real opportunity for everyone in the club, whatever your interest, to get involved and help. Please get in touch (events@rtyc.org) if you can help in any way.

The Championship starts on Saturday 15th August for arrivals with racing from Sunday 16th – 20th. You can find out more on the RS200 event website [HERE](#)

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.

I would like to add my personal thanks and appreciation, again, as Rear Commodore (Sailing) to all our volunteers, both members and visiting volunteers from Paignton, Brixham and wider afield.

Last Sunday's racing was not programmed due to the final day of the Solo Nationals. Unfortunately, racing has had to be cancelled on Wednesday 12 August; the risk assessment has fallen outside the Club's parameters for safe racing because of the eclipse and other likely, associated vessel activities.

However, we do have a great social evening planned including viewing the eclipse from the Club, Catering available as usual and music with Kevin Harding on Guitar. So come and enjoy a relaxing evening.

Torbay Royal Regatta 2026

21 to 24 August 2026



Get your entries in now!

Currently over 50 boats are expected but many of our club SB20s have still to enter. If you want your own class get those entries in SB20s, only 4 entered at present!

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 SB20 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:

19th August: Lisa & Jane

30th August: Hope

2nd Sept: IBIS

9th Sept: 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 (rearcommadoresailing@rtyc.org / sailing@rtyc.org)



Next Session - Saturday morning 29 August.

Watch the WhatsApp Group for details about that session.



Regatta VOLUNTEERS Are needed for the Torbay Royal Regatta 2026

August 21st – 24th

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.

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 rearcommadoresailing@rtyc.org.

Contact the editor:

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