

CLUB SAILING UPDATE 25.08.2026

This week was all about RS200 and, most importantly, our own Torbay Royal Regatta.

I have written a report just below this editorial but I was delighted to see 60 boats on the water across the 2 course areas.

We return to a gentler pace for a few days of our own club racing with the first of the Sunday Autumn series this Sunday, 30 August. Then on Wednesday evening we welcome the RS 500s, 700s & 800s. As ever we are still in need of help for the RS500, 700 & 800 and K1s (17-20 Sept) both on the harbourside and the water. Please get in touch (events@rtyc.org) if you can help in any way.

An important date for the diary is 23 September. This is our annual end of summer review (wash up) and an opportunity to gather your ideas and wishes for the 2027 season. Sailing suppers will be available as usual.

Torbay Royal Regatta 2026

What a weekend of contrasting conditions!

'Champagne Sailing' Saturday and Sunday followed by big Easterly waves and winds on Monday forcing a cancellation.



With 60 entries 2 sets of courses were required. The 3 Sportsboats Classes and J24s sailed on laid windward/leeward courses and the 3 Yacht classes used a mixture of laid and fixed marks. Yachts and Yachting have some great photos and articles about the various events this summer. Take a look [here](#). Thanks go to Kelvin and Shirley Hull for volunteering their beautiful boat La Flèche as the second committee vessel.

The weather settled down again for the last day of the RS21 Nationals and although there were some large rollers the fleet enjoyed 3 cracking races.

The results are all on the Regatta event page ([HERE](#)) but I would like to highlight the top Club competitors:

Class/Competition	Sail Number	Boat Name	Helm/Owner
IRC	GBR 9448 R	Papillon	Lyn McGarey
YTC Cruiser	GBR 5231 L	Fidelitas	Davina Schwarz
SB20s	GBR 3834	Xcellent	John Pollard
Sportsboat	GBR 448	Bewitched	Paddy Bettesworth
Handicap Class			
Adison Gold Cup	GBR 3834	Xcellent	John Pollard
Benito Bowl	GBR 5231 L	Fidelitas	Davina Schwarz
Torbay Admiral's Cup	Best placed team with an RTYC boat	"Xcellent Four Play By Stan"	With Xcellent and John Pollard

As PRO I had the privilege to watch some great sailing and happy après sailing socialising so I trust all enjoyed the event despite some challenging conditions.

Next Year the Regatta is 20-23 August 2027. Book it in your diaries now. Looking forward to seeing even more club boats in the event as well as welcoming visiting boats and classes.

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

13th Sept: Venerable Penguin

16th Sept: Lisa & Jane

27th Sept: Papillon

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 (rearcommodesailing@rtyc.org / sailing@rtyc.org)



Next Session - Saturday morning 29 August.

Watch the WhatsApp Group for details about that session.



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.

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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 rearcommodiesailing@rtyc.org.

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