

CLUB SAILING UPDATE 01.09.2026

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.

Whilst Sunday's races did not happen a reduced set of boats were out for last Wednesday and congratulations go to:

- IRC: Lyn and team on Papillon II
- Sportsboats: Team Xcellent on Xcellent
- PY Dinghies: Gary with his K1 and nice to see our Sailing Secretary (Amy) competing in her Europe.

I was away enjoying Dartmouth Royal Regatta as Middle Course Race Officer and a very different pace. 200 yachts (51 over 4 classes on my course alone). It is not often as a Race Officer I must protest a yacht but I did have to this year. Pushing the start especially in a crowded fleet can have consequences. Hitting the committee boat's bow roller does not do one's stanchions much good and you also get protested by the committee boat. I was please to say that the boat had realised the errors of its actions and done penalty turns beyond my sight, so the protest came to nothing.

A useful learning for everyone racing is the completeness and visibility of sail numbers. Mid-Blue on black sails are not contrasting numbers, the same as numbers not matching or overlapping on opposite sides are not clear. This is especially true if the sun is shining through or reflecting off the mainsail. Increasingly, boats are not being recorded as finishers in these situations. If competitors take scoring queries like that to a protest committee for redress they tend to lose the request. Skippers, you have been warned!!

It was fantastic to see White Tiger from our Club racing. Unfortunately she damaged her headsail. retired at the end of day 2 and could take no further part.

Combining our Regatta and Dartmouth does make a fantastic week of fun sailing and socialising for yachts. I hope that more will consider making it a "sailing week" next year and entering both our regatta, the passage race to Dartmouth and Dartmouth Regatta. We will be publicising the event earlier next year in the hope of attracting more visiting boats currently doing Dartmouth to also come to Torbay Royal Regatta.

In the meantime:

Yachts: September includes the Friday Exe Bell Bouy Race on the 4th and the Yealm weekend on the 12/13th.

Standard Club Racing: Wednesday 2nd and 9th. No Sunday Racing as we are hosting the RS 500, 700 & 800s.

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.

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 12 September.

A report on last Saturday to follow next week.

Watch the WhatsApp Group for details about that session.



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Reminders:

Our Club - Our Newsletter:

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