

CLUB SAILING UPDATE 15.09.2026

Read all about it; Club Sailing News this week (and a final ask for the K1's).

Lots of sailing activities this week; all well supported.

Wednesday evening started with a hunt for the wind but the race team found it (it was in the northwest corner) and a short but enjoyable sail was had by all. In the yacht classes it was a duel between Papillon II and Venerable Penguin in IRC - for Cruisers between Sam Hill in Scallywag and New Moon 2. Despite New Moon 2 getting line honours, Scallywag won on corrected times. There were a lot of place changes during the race as the wind moved around and various boats had some exciting times with the spinnakers. The Sportsboats classes had some tight racing with just 1 min 54 sec separating 1st and 5th places. Bewitched split the SB20s again with a 3rd just 33 sec behind the leader on the water. The dinghies also had a great evening with 3 boats and this week the honours went to the RS200 with Andy Brieley.

Saturday morning saw the start of the Yealm weekend for the Cruiser classes. Scallywag had an unfortunate halyard failure forcing her retirement and making for Dartmouth. The lead yacht crossed the line off Gara Point just before 15.30. Lady D was second home in her first race but on corrected times Derek and Sarah Beddows in Carousel II jumped in front. A pleasant night followed the racing in Noss Mayo no doubt.

Sunday Morning had racing starting 35 miles apart with the cruisers down in the Yealm. They started the return race with a finish off Dartmouth at 08.05 to make the most of the tide and wind. Despite being a shorter race the outcome was the same with a win for Papillon II followed by Carousel II and then Lady D on corrected times.

Sunday morning here in the Bay the Race Officer (Bob Penfold) took the Sportsboats out to Mark 1 to avoid the model power boat racing off the harbour. Phil and team in Doris Reloaded made a stunning recovery in race 1 to finish less than a minute behind Xcellent and 30 secs in front of Bewitched. In the 2nd Race Doris Reloaded again pushed Xcellent just 19secs behind her as they crossed the finish line. Congratulations to Joel Wood and crew (singular!) in WKD for sailing 2 handed recording a creditable 4th and 5th in the races. Bewitched again mixed it with the SB20s splitting them in both races with a 3rd on the water in both races.

The Yacht Coastal Series has now finished and congratulations go to Derek and Sarah Beddows with Carousel II for a series win though they were pursued all series by Lyn and Kevin in Papillon II. It was also great to see Lady D and Scallywag joining for the last weekend and we hope to see much more of them in 2027. In the TaDDCS series Papillon II won the IRC class and Carousel II the RYA YTC Handicap class against opposition from Brixham and Dartmouth yachts.



The Battling Red Spinnakers



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In the meantime:

Standard Club Racing: Wednesday 16th. Sunday Racing 20th.

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

Trinidad and Tabago: As I said last week, not a nation that often gets a mention in this publication.

They are reaching out to us to see if any of our members have any old 29ers or spares that they are willing to donate. Their exact request is:

- Retired or surplus 29ers;
- Older race or training boats;
- Ex-charter boats;
- Boats that may require reasonable refurbishment;
- Sails, masts, foils, dollies, trailers and rigging; and
- Spare parts and other usable equipment.

If you can help please email me (rearcommodoresailing@rtyc.org).



Our Sailing Secretary

Duty Rota Update & Upcoming Schedule

Upcoming Duties:

Please check if you are listed below for the next few weeks:

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

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Saturday 12th saw a great turnout of both Squadron members and volunteers. Everyone seem to have an enjoyable time and there was lots of cooperation when it came to both launching and recovery.

Next week is a week off because of the K1 national championships

**Next Session - Saturday morning
26 September.**



RIB and other TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Our schedule of courses is being updated but as soon as it is settled it will be published on the club web site [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.

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