

CLUB SAILING UPDATE 22.09.2026

Annual Wash Up sailing meeting is 23 September- That's this Wednesday! It 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.

On the Water; there was a big turnout for the last Wednesday but no weekend racing due to our last championship of the season (more about that later). Wednesday evening was the last of our 2026 season and predictably short as the sun went to bed early. That didn't stop a good turnout though, which was great to see. I must say from the pictures I was reminded of the theme song "The Color Purple".



The IRC fleet had five out of five boats on the line with Papillon II taking line honours and the win on corrected time but was pushed on corrected time with White Tiger leading a closely grouped hunting pack 2min 30sec behind.

In the YTC class New Moon 2 had what looked to be a comfortable line honours but on corrected Scallywag was within 45secs.

The Sportsboats saw 3019, Smooth Operator leading the fleet home chased by Xcellent (Team Xcellent). Whilst Bewitched did not have the best of the wind shifts she has still finished 2nd overall in the Sportsboats class. I also hear on the grapevine that there are two VX 1s coming to join the Sportsboat fleet. That will potentially mix things up a bit.

Championships; What can I say..... It has been a hugely busy season with something like 11 championships/events over 1,100 competitors and around 500 boats and all happened because of the way you, our members stepped up and volunteered. I can not over state how humbled and proud I am of you all and our club. We have one of the finest venue and best organisations and together we sent that message loud and clear to the sailing community this year. THANK YOU ALL, no matter how large or small your contribution we could not have done it without you.

K1s Championship

The last visitors were the K1s with a fleet of 32 boats. They may have lost Saturday to bad weather but they enjoyed the event. Just to quote one of many positive comments "*Thanks to everyone one who organised and ran the K1 nationals at RTYC. A great event*". We cannot leave the K1s without mentioning our own Gary Phare who consistent finished in the top half of the fleet in almost every race.



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

Half Term Courses: Ian and Duncan are looking at dinghy courses for half term week.

Keep a close watch out for announcements on the WhatsApp group and this newsletter for details when they are confirmed.



RIB and other TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Club Courses

Our schedule of courses is being updated and will be published as soon as it is settled it will be published on the club web site [Training Courses | Royal Torbay Yacht Club](#)



RYA Race Management Courses

Apart from the RYA courses we run as an RYA Training Centre, the RYA also run a series of race management courses with venues around the country.

As well as Race Officer Courses, they include ones like mark laying. Even if you do not want to become a full RYA accredited Race Officer or Mark layer attending these will help understand what happens on the committee boat and how racing is run.

Currently there is a Race Officer's course that will "The courses will teach you all you need to know in order to officiate at club events" (that's both at a club level and higher) running at Ply Yacht Club on 7 & 8 of November. I know of at least one other club member attending. Full details and link to booking form are here:

<https://www.rya.org.uk/events/rya-regional-race-officer-course-november-2026/>

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From the RYA:

I am not sure how many of you get the RYA newsletter so I thought I would include a few links to articles from the RYA that you may find interesting reading as the nights draw in.

	A guide to making a claim on your boat insurance
	Learn how to effectively handle boat incidents for a successful insurance claim.
	<u>FIND OUT MORE</u>
A memorable week for Olympic windsurfing	
A spectacular final day brought the Musto iQFOiL World Championship to a close.	
<u>FIND OUT MORE</u>	

Duty Rota Update & Upcoming Schedule - Sunday 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 (rearcommadoresailing@rtyc.org / sailing@rtyc.org)

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: If you have any questions or feedback about club sailing or this newsletter I can be reached on 07976 131505 or email rearcommadoresailing@rtyc.org.