

# CLUB SAILING UPDATE 13.10.2026

## Autumn Is Coming

Finally, looks like Autumn is coming and with it thoughts turning to Sunday racing, planning for 2027 and maintenance ready for a new season in 2027.

However, we are not quite done yet. There is still Sunday racing up to Christmas and there will be the New Years day race as our final sail for the season.

On shore we have a busy November with the Events Volunteers Party (Event Volunteers you should have received your invitation by now). Club Prize Giving (all welcome whether you raced or not) on 20<sup>th</sup> November, put it in your diaries. Details to follow in the next week or so and Squadron 13 Prize Giving on the 28<sup>th</sup> November, Squadron member and parents make sure that is in your diaries as well.

For the New Year we are organising some Thursday evening talks. One will be from the Boarder force and that should be an entertaining and educational evening. Details will be published as soon as dates are confirmed as will news about other talks.

## RYA Talent Training Academy comes to the RTYC.

This coming weekend we welcome members of the RYA Talent Training Academy for their first of three visits between now and mid February. This time it will be three 29ers from the academy with their coaches. They should be sailing both Saturday and Sunday. They are just using our club and a rib but it will be great to see the academy in action on our waters.



**Last weekend** was a great day by all accounts. James and volunteers, thank you. In James own words: "Great session guys and some strong

skills on display in a building wind. Remember Heave-to, is a safe reliable way to buy some time to get the boats sorted and give yourselves some breathing time. Sailor of the day goes to Will for someone outstanding sailing given the time he has had on the water."



**Half Term Courses:** Ian and Duncan have organised level 3/4 dinghy courses for half term week. Places are filling in quickly and might be full by the time this is published. If you are interested please phone the Club (01803 292006)

**Next Session - Saturday morning, 17 October 2026 TBC**

Keep a close watch out for announcements on the WhatsApp group.



AP over A Races not started are postponed. No more racing today.

**Club Racing:** Sunday, saw lots of enthusiasm from everyone except the wind, which decided to have the morning off.

As a result, James and team had to hoist AP (answering Pennant) Over A to signal no racing that day.

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## RIB and other TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### Club Courses

Our schedule of courses has been updated and is published on the club web site [Training Courses | Royal Torbay Yacht Club](#).

There will be more to follow including ones for anyone wanting to help with club race teams for both club and championship events.



The current published courses include:

- First Aid Course Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December
- First Aid Course Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March
- PB2 Monday Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> March

### RYA Race Management Courses

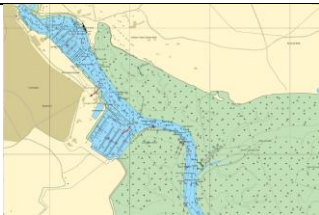
Apart from the RYA courses we run as an RYA Training Centre, the RYA also run a series of race management courses with venues around the country.

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.

**Last Call:** Currently there is a Race Officer's course running at Ply Yacht Club on 7 & 8 of November. Full details and link to booking form are here:

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

**News from the RYA:** This week's pick from the RYA newsletter:

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|  | <b>UKHO seeks feedback on ADMIRALTY paper chart pricing</b>                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                                                     | Have your say to help shape future pricing decisions.                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                                                                     | <a href="#">FIND OUT MORE</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Get your copy of the new RYA Powerboat Handling book</b>                         |                                                                                                                                                |
| More than a course book: your complete guide to a better day afloat                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <a href="#">FIND OUT MORE</a>                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|  | <b>RYA Members Benefits</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                                                     | The RYA shop offers an unbeatable range of sailing books, eBooks and equipment, all at great prices.                                                                                                                               |
|                                                                                     | RYA members get <b>15% off</b> and benefit from the following member-exclusive delivery costs:<br><b>Spend £25* - Free UK delivery</b><br><b>Spend £50* - Free worldwide delivery</b><br>(*After members' discount, excluding VAT) |
| <a href="#">Shop Now</a>                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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## Duty Rota Update & Upcoming Schedule

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.

### **October/November Duties:**

| Day | Date   | Series       | Results | Race Officer                  | Safety Crew                                    |
|-----|--------|--------------|---------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Sun | 11-Oct | AUTUMN - SUN | Tina    | James Clapham<br>(From a Rib) | Cuban Cruise                                   |
| Sun | 18-Oct | AUTUMN - SUN | Alan    | Michael Currie                | Spaggerwocky                                   |
| Sun | 25-Oct | AUTUMN - SUN | Jan     | Bob Penfold                   | YaYa                                           |
| Sun | 1-Nov  | WINTER – SUN | Alan    | Michael Currie                | Bewitched                                      |
| Sun | 8-Nov  | WINTER – SUN | Tina    | TBC                           | Europe & K1<br>(Amy Roberts<br>and Gary Phare) |

#### • **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](mailto:rearcommadoresailing@rtyc.org) / [sailing@rtyc.org](mailto:sailing@rtyc.org))

## Reminders:

### **Our Club - Our Newsletter – Your Articles:**

Thank you to Robo for his article next week. Who's got something for next week?

I know it's been a very busy season for everyone, not just championships. Have you got a story of a cruise, memory of some experience, seen something funny, or involved in some different RTYC club sailing or racing? Then please drop me a little report, help is available and happy to support anyone with tidying things up, (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](mailto: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](mailto:rearcommadoresailing@rtyc.org).