CLUB SAILING UPDATE 03.11.2026

Who won the silverware … and what's going up for sale?

ANNUAL PRIZEGIVING



If you want to know who's won the siliverware come along to **Club Prize Giving** on **20th November, buy your tickets now**. Everyone welcome whether you race or not.

Put the date in your diaries and buy your tickets.

Menu details to follow in the next week or so as we organise replacement catering arrangements. There will be options to meet any dietry needs either on the menu or by request.

South Pier Crane:

-IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDER-

The Crane had its annual inspection last week and although it passed there is an issue with wear in the main eye on the jib trolley from which the chain hoist hangs. We can still use it but we have to replace it within 3 months. This is all in hand (quotation etc.) and repairs will be completed as soon as parts are available.

IN THE MEANTIME FOLLOW THE NORMAL SAFETY PROCEDURE:

- ✓ NEVER BE UNDER THE HOIST, OR ITS LOAD, WHEN IT IS WORKING EITHER ON THE PIER OR PONTOON.
- ✓ NEVER BE ON A BOAT WHEN IT IS BEING LIFTED.
- ✓ ENSURE CONTROL LINES TO A BOAT ARE LONG ENOUGH SUCH THAT PEOPLE ARE NOT UNDER THE BOAT WHEN IT IS BEING SWUNG OUT/IN OVER THE PONTOON OR LOWERED/RAISED INTO THE WATER.

Got something for sale?

As it that season for reviewing both boats and equipment, next week we will be starting a Classified Ad's section for boats and equipment you may want to sell. Certainly, initially this will be a free offering. I know that the first listings will include a Laser Dinghy. If you have anything you want to sell email rearcommodoresailing@rtyc.org with your advert, up to 2 pictures and your contact details.

Ann Ashworth - RYA Race Officers Course

Ann Ashworth joined the race team for last Sunday ahead of her attendance at the RYA race officer's course next week. We wish Ann an enjoyable time on the course, the experience she will bring to the discussions on the course will benefit all.

Acoustic Doppler Current Profilers (ADCPs)

A Reminder:

Four seabed-mounted **Acoustic Doppler Current Profilers (ADCPs)** are being deployed within Tor Bay.

According the the Harbour Authority, deployment is scheduled to commence from **28 October 2026**, subject to weather conditions, etc. and recovered after 30 November 2026. Their locations are:

Station	Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)
ADCP 1 - Inner North	50.442°	-3.543°
ADCP 2 - Outer North	50.442°	-3.500°
ADCP 3 - Outer South	50.417°	-3.500°
ADCP 4 - Inner South	50.417°	-3.543°

So, effectively for the rest of the year we all need to avoid:

- Anchoring, dredging, trawling, potting, or undertaking any seabed-contact activities in the immediate vicinity of the deployment positions.
- Getting anywhere near the vessels engaged in the depoyment or recover operations.

Full details are in the Harbour Masters Notice which can be found at **Deployment of Seabed-Mounted Current Monitoring Equipment in Tor Bay**

Last Weekend on the water

Saturday

Great sailing by everyone last Saturday.
Aparrently there were a few swims for some of our sailors even the most experienced guys were stretched their limits with spinnakers and surfing. Ian particularly spotted:

- Great sailing by Beowulf and Daniel and Benji.
- Top surfing by Nuo and Barnaby,
- Spinnaker work and capsize Toby and Rory
- Building the teamwork Dorothy and Vera.

Squadron 13 Prize Giving on the 28th November, Squadron member and parents make sure that is in your diaries as well.
Next Session - Saturday morning, 7 November 2026 is TBC
So keep a close watch out for announcements on the WhatsApp group.

Sunday

Club Racing: A lot calmer conditions than the last time we were out. Nice not to be coping with 1.5m waves. However, the wind was from the north again and managed to swing during the first race necessitating a change of course after the first round but at

least it was kind enough to then stay stable(ish) with a steady mean of 035° for the second race for the sports boats.

New Moon 2 was the sole cruiser and enjoyed a course taking them around the bay.

For the sports boats there was some stiff competition with Xcellent back from the worlds and she eventually took honours in both races.

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 courses for anyone wanting to help with club race teams for both club and championship events.

The current published courses include:

- First Aid Course Friday 11th December
- First Aid Course Monday 8th March
- PB2 Monday Tuesday 15th 16th March

The main link to All RYA courses is here: RYA courses and qualifications | Home | RYA — Royal Yachting Association

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



Winterising: Top Tips

When putting your boat to bed for winter, there are a few things to consider to help protect it throughout the colder months.

Whether you're leaving your boat in the water or winterising ashore, here's everything you need to know to keep it protected and in great condition until spring.

FIND OUT MORE

Road to the worlds: GBR youth team unite

The countdown to the Youth Sailing World Championships has started.

FIND OUT MORE







Christmas gifts for sailors and boating enthusiasts

Check out our top picks from the RYA shop and save 15% as an RYA member.

FIND OUT MORE

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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	8-Nov	WINTER – SUN	Tina	TBC	Europe & K1 (Amy Roberts and Gary Phare)
Sun	15-Nov	WINTER – SUN	Sue	Phil Rumbelow	Xcellent
Sun	22-Nov	WINTER – SUN	Tina	Tony Jaffa	Smooth Operator
Sun	29-Nov	WINTER – SUN	Michael Currie	Tony Jaffa	Hope

- **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)

Our Club - Our Newsletter – Your Articles:

Who's got something for next week? Perhaps you visited another club and watched their sailing or even joined in.

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 rearcommodoresailing@rtyc.org.

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