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Last Weekend on the water

Saturday

No Squadron 13 last weekend
Next Session - Saturday morning,14 November 2026
So keep a close watch out for announcements on the WhatsApp group.

Squadron 13 Prize Giving on the 28th November, Squadron members and parents please make sure that is in your diaries as well.

Sunday

A Rib's Eye View





Sunday morning racing kicked off bang on time, which is to say, 25 minutes late, while we waited for the wind to make up its mind.

With a glorious 1.4 knots of north-westerly breeze (or rather, the mere rumour of one confirmed by New Moon), the race team set to work. We spent a productive few minutes unwrapping flags from the fixed marks, hoping against hope they'd offer some cosmic hint about where any actual air might come from.



Having forgone pesky things like whistles and flags in favour of a stellar verbal countdown over the radio ("5, 4, 3, 2, 1, bang!"), we got the cruisers rolling from mark M, to a drop mark, with the intention of triangles out to Red, meaning starboard roundings.

Next to start were the Sportsboats, featuring John single-handing Xcellent, racing against Betty. Their course was set for windward-leewards up to the drop mark from M, also with starboard roundings.

We did cop a fair bit of grief over those starboard roundings, but thankfully, the wind obligingly died completely before the SB20s had to round anything. We finished them neatly at the drop mark, sparing them the starboard-side hoists they were dreading, and also meaning their trip back to the harbour was somewhat shorter. Xcellent secured 1st place, with Betty in 2nd.

The cruisers had already rounded the windward mark, and had bravely hoisted their kites to make for Red. Whether those kites could technically be described as flying in absolute zero knots is open to debate, but they impressively made the mark despite the wind's objections, and we secured some valid results.

A resounding success by light-wind standards! All in all, it was a gorgeous, sunny day to be out on the water.

The Club Racing and Squadron 13 programmes can be found Here

Polishing the silverware … and anyone listening?

ANNUAL PRIZEGIVING



Just 10 days 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 shortly as we confirm replacement catering arrangements. There will be options to meet dietry needs either on the menu or by request.

Acoustic Doppler Current Profilers (ADCPs)

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**

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RIB and other TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



Club Courses

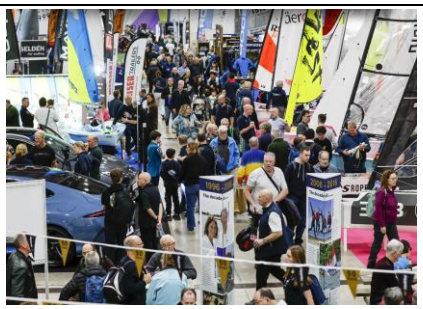
Our schedule of courses has been updated and is published on the club web site Training Courses | Royal Torbay Yacht Club. There will be more to follow including courses for anyone wanting to help with club race teams for both club and championship events.

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:



RYA Dinghy & Water Sports Show

Join thousands of sailors and watersports enthusiasts at Farnborough International on 20-21 February 2027 for a weekend packed with expert advice, coaching sessions, inspiring speakers, the latest boats, boards and equipment and plenty of opportunities to connect with the watersports community.

If you are RYA member, you can even claim a **free two-day ticket worth £23**, while children aged 15 and under go free with a ticketed adult. Simply have your membership number to hand to claim your ticket.

Get your Ticket(s) here.

"Sailing gave me a place to feel good at something"

Before discovering sailing, Anna's life felt lonely and uncertain.

FIND OUT MORE





Autumn on the waterways

Our top tips to make the most of your time afloat on the inland waterways this autumn.

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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.

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	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
Sun	06-Dec	WINTER – SUN	Sue	Bob Penfold	Venerable Penguin

- **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.

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?

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 rearcommodoresailing@rtyc.org.

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