



# SHROUD & CLEAR

TONBRIDGE TOWN SAILING CLUB

MARCH 2026

## SEASON 2026 BEGINS

Thanks to a lot of hard work by the Wednesday Club and those who attended the Work Party, as well as all those working “behind the scenes”, your club is now open again for business and ready for action. Boats are being returned to the Club and the first races have taken place, with plenty of wind to start the season!

Happy sailing in 2026!



## MEMBERSHIP

If you have not yet sent in your membership renewal, now is the time to do so. The sun is shining (well, today, anyway) and the water awaits. Come out for some fresh air and good company  
<https://www.tonbridgesailing.org/membership>

## AGM

Well, it was lovely to see so many old friends at the A.G.M. The use of the word old is significant – not only have most of those present been TTSC members for over 30 years, thus being long-term friends, but most are now well into the “old-aged pensioner” bracket. Only three “new” members attended, which is a little disappointing. Following the E.G.M. in the autumn, when the lack of committee members was discussed, it was hoped that new leaders might come forward. Sadly, this has not been the case, although Colin and Claire have joined the Committee and Doug has re-joined - thank you. The roles of President, Commodore and Vice-Commodore remained unfilled until Barry, Malcolm and Chris stepped in to fulfil the roles for “just one more year” - thank you.

On a more positive note, whilst the meeting went ahead without achieving a quorum, the motions put forward by members were accepted by those present. This included every member over 18 now having their own vote. The photographic competition winners were also announced.

[www.tonbridgesailing.org](http://www.tonbridgesailing.org)





## PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Thank you to all who entered and supported the competition.  
Congratulations to the winners:

Chris Rhee  
Sarah Wordsworth  
Stuart Shields

## SOCIAL WALK



After a very damp start, members enjoyed a lovely walk from Capel through the Kent countryside. There was plenty of mud and a rope swing for the younger walkers to enjoy. It was interesting to see the medieval paintings in Capel church.

chichester  
festival  
theatre

**My Fair Lady**

**Tuesday 28th July 2026**

**7.30pm Performance**  
7pm drinks/catch up in bar

**Book your own tickets**  
Join us there

**[www.cft.org.uk](http://www.cft.org.uk)**

## CHICHESTER THEATRE

If you like a good night of musical theatre then you might like to join us at Chichester Festival Theatre on the Tuesday evening of TTSC's Chichester camping holiday.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July  
7.30pm

So many good tunes to have in your head when returning to the camping field!

With a Little Bit of Luck  
Wouldn't it be Lovely

The Rain in Spain  
I Could Have Danced All Night  
Just You Wait  
On the Street Where You Live

## DUTIES

DutyMan



In order to keep our club running smoothly, duties need to be fulfilled. Don't forget to sign up via Dutyman. Currently, the following duties need covering for the remainder of March and April:

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March OOD

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April Safety

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April OOD, Safety and Race Officer

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April OOD

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April OOD and Safety

## TRAINING



Two new Assistant Instructors have been trained and we expect to soon have two new Senior Instructors as well. This will put the Club in a good position to run the regular RYA Level 1 & 2 for adults and Stage 1 & 2 for juniors later in the year. Please check the calendar for dates and contact [tonbridge.training@yahoo.com](mailto:tonbridge.training@yahoo.com) to check on spaces. In addition to these courses, Stuart is also offering Stage 3 training for juniors, followed by Race Training for both adults and juniors. Check the flyers mailed out previously for more details. There has been some interest in Stand Up Paddleboarding at the lake and if you would like to know more about this and consider undertaking some training, do get in touch with [tonbridge.training@yahoo.com](mailto:tonbridge.training@yahoo.com), where someone will be able to put you in touch with a SUP coach.

## BUDDY SAILING

For those who are not always free to sail during regular Club opening times, buddy sailing is permitted, so long as the club's rules and guidelines are adhered to. These can be found on the Members' Area of the website.

# YOUTH RACE TRAINING

TTSC youth sailors have been enjoying sailing at a variety of events including Bough Beech Junior Icicle, ITCA Winter Championships at Weymouth and the ILCA National Open at Warsash. They excelled themselves and are a credit to our club.



## EASY FUNDRAISING

I am pleased to tell members we have created an Easy Fundraising page that will enable us to raise funds in the form of cashback when members shop through the app. It does not cost anything to use and features a lot of high street brands. We hope that all members will download the Easy Fundraising app and sign up.

It is possible to register your credit card to the app so that purchases you make in store (rather than online) also raise funds through cashback in participating stores.

Please do give it a try. It will cost you nothing and will help us to raise funds for safety equipment and to keep the club running for everyone.

[Please sign up to Easyfundraising >>>>>](#)

This is a form of fund raising that the club has recently become aware of and we know that other sailing clubs are already receiving funds as a result of members joining the arrangement.

## EVERY LITTLE HELPS

Please get in touch if you are able to offer in any way to help run the Club. Whilst it is recognised that taking on a big role is not for everyone, there are other, less onerous tasks to be done. Please ask a member of the committee about how you could help keep TTSC alive and thriving.



# MODEL YACHTING

A good start to 2026 for our TTSC members who have been enjoying model yachting.



# WEDNESDAY CLUB

Wednesday Club continue their sterling work to help keep our wonderful club looking ship-shape.



# WORKING PARTY

Thank you to all who 'did their bit' and helped prepare the club for the season.  
TTSC Teamwork at it's best!



*Happy Sailing in 2026*

# RYA Stage 3 and Start Racing

For junior sailors with RYA Stage 2 these courses will develop independent sailing and racing skills

**Stage 3** will train you to launch and sail a triangular course confidently in moderate winds and covers:-

- Rigging and boat speed
- Upwind and downwind sailing
- Gybing & capsize recovery

For those with Stage 3, **Start Racing** will go on to teach you everything you need to know in order to join in club racing:-

- Race signals and starting sequences
- Essential racing rules
- Basic tactics for winning

## Dates

- Stage 3 - Saturday 28th March & Saturday 4th April
- Start Racing - Saturday 25th April & Saturday 2nd May

**Times:** 0930-1700

**Cost:** £100 per course or £200 for both

**Location:** Tonbridge Town SC.

**Sign up:** Please scan the QR code below

