

# The Latest Chapter

*News from the National Twelve Owners Association*

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The Latest Chapter is a new monthly electronic newsletter to those on the N12 e-mail list which is run by the National Twelve Owners Association. Membership of the NTOA is £17.50 a year. NTOA membership offers great benefits including having the right to vote on the Class Rules, obtain generous insurance discounts as well as discounted entry to our principal events.

## **Edition 2**

No volunteers to be the Editor of this yet. I hope you enjoy the material... Send your applications to [latestchapter@national12.org](mailto:latestchapter@national12.org)

## **New Year Events**

In the high profile January pursuit races we were well represented at the front of the Bloody Mary race – but there was no repeat of last year's win for Graham Camm. Still, sailing with Clare Hunter a top 10 place was achieved in a fleet of over 250 in predominantly light winds. Well done. Katy and I got out too. It was an enjoyable day

In the Battle of the Classes Event at the Excel Boat Show, a capsized on the final beat by Antony Gifford & Katy Meadowcroft handed victory to the Phantom Class. Graham Camm and Sam Childs were 2nd overall but the Phantoms got a 1st and 5th place which beat the 2nd and 8th that the 12s got. 50 boats were on the water, the wind was all over the place and the gusts were big. I am sure we will be back for another challenge next year

At the Steve Nicholson Memorial Race, Jon Ibbotson & Charlotte Stewart were the first 12 in the doublehanders fleet. I can only assume that it was windy as the leading places were shared between Fireballs, 420s and Merlins.

The Royal Thames YC meeting at Ranelagh was won by Antony Gifford & Juliet Brown who held off spirited challenges from John & Mandy Thornton & Graham Camm & Clare Hunter. The three leading boats finished within 40 seconds after 3 laps. A tense race for all to enjoy.

## **Piece of History available to a good home**

Mr Jones, N2399, the first wide 12 is available to a good home. In 1968 this boat won 5 out of 6 Burton Week races including the Burton Cup. It was the first 'modern' nosediver. This is the boat that taught 12 sailors to sit further back offwind! Mr Jones comes with sails, trolley, cover and trailer and is ready to sail. The boat is in Berkshire.

Howard Chadwick is the guru for all things Vintage. Call Howard on 01423 865793 to discuss Mr Jones in more detail or if you are interested in projects relating to N308 (a ribbed boat in good nick – yours for circa £100 with original wooden mast! Only available to a genuine enthusiast who

promises to keep her original. The boat is in Norfolk) or a Proctor Mk 11a with work needed but free to a good home. If you are after an older boat, you need to speak to Howard as a priority.

### **Births, Marriages.... an occasional column**

It is delightful to be the bearer of such good news as this!

Jack William Gore born on 13 December 2007 at 8lb 3oz. Alex and Jack doing well, Ian very proud. Well done.

Henry Montagu Camm born on 7 November 2007 in Auckland NZ. Amelia and Henry doing beautifully. Amelia already back in a boat...

### **Next Postal Mailing**

This is so close to being with you, containing...

- Annual Newsletter – thanks to all contributors and the Editor Sophie Mackley
- Burton Week Notice of Race –see below – thanks to Janet & Kevan Bloor
- 2008 Fixture Card – thanks to Kevin Iles and the area reps – [click here](#)
- Subscription Form – [Click here](#) if you cannot wait – thanks to Michael Brookman

### **Subscriptions were due on 1 January**

For those of you (most NTOA members) with standing orders there is no need to worry. For those of you who are not NTOA members or who don't pay by direct debit, here is a link [Click here](#) to the form. All you now need is a pen, an envelope and a stamp. DO IT NOW!

### **Burton Week update**

A reminder.... The dates of Burton Week are 16 – 23 August 2008

The Notice of Race can be found by [clicking here](#).

Enter early – Entries are constrained to 55 boats.

The format of Burton Week is different from 2007. Notably;

There will be 10 races over 6 days

Races will (apart from the Burton Cup) last for 60 minutes

There will be no more than 2 races a day – only one on Burton Cup Day

There will be no practice race, instead a Coaching afternoon on the starting Saturday

There will be further Coaching Seminars during the week

Normal daily start time will be 13:30

We will introduce prizes within the fleet for 'Gold, Silver & Bronze' fleets

The objective of the revised format is to make the event more popular. I am sure it will be! Existing devotees of the week will be pleased that we have retained the six day format; those determined to enjoy some holiday away from the sailing will find the later starts popular; those wanting to learn

more will enjoy the Coaching. WATCH OUT FOR THE 55 BOAT ENTRY LIMIT!!! [Click here](#) for an entry form...

We have a Burton Week website [here](#) Get booking you accommodation too. [Click here](#) for Teignmouth Tourist info.

We are launching directly into the sea from the Southern end of the Promenade towards the harbour entrance. The sailing club is to the North of the Pier. [Click here](#) for Google maps of Teignmouth on Den Promenade. Do not get confused by the fact that TCYC have a dinghy base up the River Teign. We are not sailing from there.

### **Don't forget those Gill Series dates**

Sunday 6 April – Bristol Corinthian YC  
Saturday 3 to Monday 5 May – Salcombe YC  
Saturday 31 & Sunday 1 June – Summer Event – Hykeham SC, Lincoln  
Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 June – Royal Harwich YC  
Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 July – Hunstanton SC  
Saturday 13 September – Grafham Water SC  
Saturday 4 October – Ripon SC  
Saturday 1 November – Northampton SC

There are 8 events, 4 needed to Qualify. All qualifiers go into the draw for Gill Vouchers. Overall prizes, Family prizes, Older boats prizes and Junior prizes and more.

### **Volunteers Please**

The following volunteers are needed

Someone to run NTOA merchandising – Design, procure and market N12 fashions.

Volunteers to man our stand at the Alexandra Palace Dinghy Show on 1,2 March 2008

Youth sailing liaison representatives are wanted for the following RYA Youth Classes: Optimist, Cadet, Mirror, 29er, 420, Laser, Topper. Maybe your children are sailing in these Classes, or you know someone involved in their organisation. We need to have better links with these Classes than we do so that our Class has increased awareness with those sailing these boats.

Applications (in strictest confidence!) to [chairman@national12.org](mailto:chairman@national12.org) Think about what you can do for your Class.

### **Dinghy Show**

The Dinghy Show is at Alexandra Palace on 1,2 March 2008. The boat on display will be Tom Stewart's Inland Championship winning Feeling Foolish built by Ovington for P&B last Autumn.

Come and have a good look!

Happy to help? – please contact Antony Gifford [Antony.Gifford@henderson.com](mailto:Antony.Gifford@henderson.com)

### **Gold, Silver & Bronze fleets**

We intend to establish Gold, Silver and Bronze fleets to compete at this year's Gill Events and Burton Week. The idea is to give additional recognised competition further down the fleet. We will still start and finish all races together – this is just a little fun for all involved. It is popular in a lot of other Classes, so lets give it a go. Anyone from Bronze or Silver fleets can win the main event so don't let it hold you back!

The following helms will be provisionally be allocated in the Gold Fleet:

Jon Brown, Graham Camm, Antony Gifford, Frances Gifford, Ian Gore, Jon Ibbotson, John Meadowcroft, Paul Pelling, Steve Sallis, Tom Stewart, John Thornton and Richard Williams.

For info, the science behind this is that these people were either in the Top 5 overall in the Gill Series in 2007/2006 or in the Top 4 in Burton Week or the Burton Cup Race in the 2007/2006/2005/2004

Persistent strong performance in the Silver and Bronze fleets will result in promotion...

Provisional names for the Silver Fleet:

Gavin Willis, Jo Richards, Will Henderson, Chris Mayhew, Caroline Martin, Steve Norbury, Phil David, Kevin Iles, Bruce Johnson, Nigel Playford, Matt Stiles, Mike Storey, Keri Harris, Andy Bayliss, Sam Mettam, David Peacock, David Wilkins, Jerry Garner, Brian Kitching, Mike Day, John Cheetham, Mark Simpson, Mike Shallow, Tim Laws, Mike Hoyle, Dare Barry, Steve Adshead...

As can be seen we have an Olympic medallist, 4 past Burton Cup Winners, serial Burton Week race winners and a former Oppy National Champion in the Silver Fleet! Competition will be fierce! There are only 5 Burton Cup winners in the Gold Fleet and no Olympic medals.... Perhaps we may need to rename these fleets during the year!

### **Forthcoming sailing**

The following events should be in your diaries: For further details of fixtures [click here](#)

#### *February*

- 9 – Eastern Area Prize Giving Dinner, Royal Harwich YC. Contact Bruce Johnson by Sunday 3 Feb latest. Home 01473 737326, mobile 07880 732977 or email [fclarejohnson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fclarejohnson@hotmail.co.uk) The Theme is "12s Reunited, One Night Only". Last year 84 people made the effort, let see you there.
- 10 – Mid Winter Championships (Lots of short races), Royal Harwich YC. Contact Antony Gifford 020 7359 0741 or email [Antony.Gifford@henderson.com](mailto:Antony.Gifford@henderson.com) Following on from the dinner the previous night, 4 short races on high tide sailed back to back. Chris Brown will be in charge as ever. Blow the cobwebs away. There will not be time to get cold. First start hopefully not too early.
- 17 – Blaydon Race, (one race) Tynemouth YC. Contact Howard Steavenson. 0191 258 0193  
Fortunately the time I turned up for the Blaydon Race there was sufficient snow that we were joined in the pub at Ryton by all the other Competitors. That day was definitely Frostbite sailing.

Nonetheless everyone was intending to go apparently and the sailing was only called off as there was some issue with the Safety Boats!

March

1&2 - Dinghy Show, Alexandra Palace. See details elsewhere in The Latest Chapter.

9 – Hamble Warming Pan – an old favourite which we have been away from for a number of years. Sail on the Hamble in a joint meeting with Fireflies and Merlin Rockets just like it was in the old days. A Thames Area qualifier. Contact John Meadowcroft on 01494 445205

22-24 – Easter Egg at Waldringfield SC. Race on the Deben Estuary in another multi class event. 2 races each day Saturday to Monday. Your second opportunity to qualify for the Eastern Area after the Midwinters. Contact Antony Gifford

29 – Burghfield Coaching Day – contact Graham Camm 01252 542629. Brush up your skills under the tutelage of Nick Martin, husband of Caroline and RYA Coach

30 – Burghfield SC Open Meeting – contact Graham Camm 01252 542629. 3 races 2 to count.

### **Try a Boat Day**

On 5 April we will be running a try a boat day from 11:00 until 16:00 at Bristol Corinthian YC. We will separately be running some coaching at the same venue alongside this event. Come along and have a go in Tom Stewart's brand new Feeling Foolish, John Meadowcroft's brand new Paradigm (must get this on the water....) or Graham Camm's multi Championship winning Numinous. Throw in a Final Chapter, a Big Issue, a Design 8, a Crusader, a Tigress and a Baggy too, there will be lots of boats for you to try. We will have a short course set up and there will be a prize for the fastest lap. Stay for Sunday's Gill Series racing. Come and have a go.

### **Coaching**

National Champion, Graham Camm is co-ordinating Coaching in 2008. There will be a Coaching Days at Burghfield SC on 29 March and Bristol Corinthian YC on 5 April, the day before the first Gill Series meeting of the year. Both of these will be led by Nick Martin. On 12 April there will be further Coaching at Spinnaker led by Phil Brown, 505 guru and recent recruit to the 12 Class. For the Northern fleet Graham Camm is your guest coach at Ripon on 26 April All coaching starts at 1030 ready to sail. To find out more contact [coaching@national12.org](mailto:coaching@national12.org)

### **The secondhand list currently includes....**

A Feeling Foolish, a Design 8, a Crusader, a Freak Out, a Tigress, a Mark 12 and a Holt 500, among many others. To find out more, [click here](#)

### **The Next Chapter**

The Latest Chapter will be e-mailed to you on or around the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. All contributions to be mailed to [latestchapter@national12.org](mailto:latestchapter@national12.org) by 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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