

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.

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Dinghy Show – THIS WEEKEND!

The Dinghy Show is at Alexandra Palace on 1,2 March 2008. The boat on display has been changed from what was reported last month. It will be Steve Norbury's brand new Feeling Foolish built by P&B/Ovington last Autumn. The boat features a new Carbon mast from Selden as well as some innovative new deck hardware.

Come and have a good look!

Happy to help? – it is not too late to contact Antony Gifford antonygifford@aol.com

Try a Boat Days

There are two Try a Boat Days at Burghfield SC on 29 March and Bristol Corinthian YC ([click here](#)) on 6 April. See info later on. Time to have a go in some of the most recent boats. Open to all. Come and see what you are missing!

Recent Events

February is a quiet month, but....

The Blaydon Race on the Tyne in Newcastle attracted 8 boats and was won by Philip David and Caroline Clarke in predominantly light winds.

Eastern Area Prize giving & Midwinter Championships - Nearly 60 people sat down for dinner on the Saturday night, a mix of current and past 12 sailors as well as plenty of 'friends'. As usual Bruce Johnson did a great job, and coupled with great food and fine ale a good time was had by all. Sadly the sailing on Sunday was abandoned while we admired the mirror effect of the light on the River Orwell.

Vintage bits and 4 Planks too

Mr Jones, N2399 was found a new home within 24 hours of the sending of last month's Chapter. Richard White is the proud new owner and will be going to Salcombe Week. He (and I) would love to see some more older 12s sailing at Salcombe. Maybe its time to book that holiday...

Howard Chadwick has also hoped to "rehome" 2 further Vintage 12s since Christmas. There continues to be an encouraging amount of trading of reasonably priced Vintage boats on the second hand list reflecting continued interest in preserving and racing these old boats.

There is continued discussion on the website [Click here](#) about a 4 plank series for those who own this generation of 12s which represents the 500 or so boats built after N2512 Impact and which are not clinker (the definition of Vintage) but which are also not smooth skinned. This is the category which N2993 Bouncer fits in. It clearly has the potential to contain some very quick boats! Is there demand for specific competition? How should it be structured. Be heard by posting your opinions.

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.

Website

Frequent visitors to the Discussion Forum will have already noted that there has been a software upgrade. Here are some of the new features of the discussion board . . .

- Wysiwyg (*what you see is what you get*) editor so you can see your bullets and smilies as you type.
- Create hyperlinks automatically
- Automatic Spam control - hopefully this will stop the evil robots flooding the site again
- RSS feeds so you can keep right up to date with posts to the board (if you have an RSS reader)
- "All unread" and "Last visit unread" - will show you the comments you haven't read yet - cool huh!
- Recent posts: <http://www.national12.org/cgi-bin/Blah/Blah.cgi?v-search/p-topten/>
- Unread since last visit <http://www.national12.org/cgi-bin/Blah/Blah.cgi?v-search/p-newposts/a-lastvisit/>

The picture gallery now works in tandem with the discussion board so if you sign into the discussion board you are automatically signed into the gallery. If you have some nice pictures of 12 sailing then please feel free to add them.

We now have Google maps links for the Gill series? - if anyone was uncertain where the events are...

There should be some new video footage on YouTube shortly – keep your eyes out for it

N12 Merchandise

Jeremy Carey (N3444) will be running N12 Merchandise this year. Contact Jeremy on merchandise@national12.org
The first merchandise will be available at the Dinghy Show – I am sure you will love it.



Association Mailing

Those of you who are Association members will now have this. I hope that you enjoyed the Newsletter as much as I did. For those of you are not members, or have worked out that you have not yet renewed your subs then [Click here](#) .

Go on do it! [Click here](#) if you missed it. You can press print and complete later. Michael Brookman thanks the many of you who have already renewed. Don't be a laggard!

Welcome to New Members

We continue to attract new members to the National 12 Owners Association. A warm welcome (and congratulations on your purchase) to:

Rod Andrew-Becker, N3109, France
Chris Deverson, N3110, Kingston on Thames
John Kilgour, N2607, Gloucester
Barry Graver, N3376, Norwich
Tim Lee, N3352, Gainsborough
Harvey Pitt, N3331, Witney (returning member)
N Ridley, N3284, Kingsbridge
Christian Day, N3377, Cheshire
Alistair Edwards, N3143, Twickenham
Robert Wallace, N2426, Isle of Eigg, Inverness-shire
Anthony Bradford, N3253, Cambridge

Coaching – there is always something you can learn

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 Please advise if you are planning to come.

Burton Week update - website [here](#)

Bring your families! – My father in law, Les Martin, intends to lead 2 morning activities on Sunday and Thursday for children under 10. Every 2 children attending will need to be with a responsible adult. Activities proposed include face painting, sandcastle building, kids Olympics, treasure hunts,

and generally making things. Do you want your children to be involved? Let me know – chairman@national12.org Remember we are sailing in the afternoons at Burton Week.

You have to come to Burton Week. Otherwise you may be faced with a TV spewing out endless hours of sport as Burton Week is during the Beijing Olympics. Come and get away from it. At best there will be some TV coverage of the GB sailing team winning medals, but that will only make you want to be at Teignmouth even more! We will endeavour to make sure that we get the best of the sailing coverage available on video to be replayed when we are not sailing. Don't fail to come to Burton Week because you are scared of missing that.

16 – 23 August 2008. The Notice of Race can be found by [clicking here](#).

Remember - 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

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

Don't forget those Gill Series dates – [Click here](#)

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.

Forthcoming sailing

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

March

9 **OPEN MEETING** – Hamble River SC – 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, chairman@national12.org or [click here](#) for Notice of Race

22-23 **EASTER EGG OPEN MEETING** at Waldringfield SC. Easter is early this year, and in response WSC have cut the event to only two days (I think that they fear the cold and have forgotten that it is always sunny in Suffolk at Easter) and so we are only racing on Saturday and Sunday. It would be great to have a good turnout this year as our attendance at the Cartoon late 2007 was a touch embarrassing. Please look at www.waldringfieldsc.com for more information and the NOR, or contact antonygifford@aol.com for helpful advice on the venue, accommodation, crews, babysitters etc. A multi class event. Click [here](#) for Notice of Race.

29 **TRY A BOAT DAY** – Burghfield SC – contact Graham Camm 01252 542629.

29 **COACHING** – Burghfield SC – contact Graham Camm 01252 542629. Brush up your skills under the tutelage of Nick Martin, husband of Caroline and RYA Coach. [More info](#)

30 **OPEN MEETING** – Burghfield SC - contact Graham Camm 01252 542629. 3 races 2 to count.

April

5 **TRY A BOAT DAY** – 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 2 (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. **More info from Gavin Willis on 01278 641580**

5 **COACHING** - Bristol Corinthian YC – more guidance from Nick Martin on how race like a Jedi Warrior! [More info](#)

6 **GILL SERIES 1** – BRISTOL CORINTHIAN YC – Notice of Race to follow to all on this mailing list. 3 races. Gavin Willis on 01278 641580 if you just can’t wait. There will be some Social activities on the Saturday night for those that come down for the Coaching on the Saturday.

12 **COACHING** – Spinnaker Club – led by Phil Brown, 505 guru and now 12 sailor [More info](#)

19-20 **SEA OPEN MEETING** - Pagham YC – an early season chance to enjoy sailing your 12 on the sea... yes the sea. More details of the club are available at www.pyc.org.uk but suffice to say that it is a lovely little club on the south coast near Bognor Regis. The event is once again being shared with the Lark class, guaranteeing entertaining social events too... Both camping and local B&B is available within walking distance. Joint event with the Larks.

26 **COACHING** – Ripon SC – led by Graham Camm – the master himself [More info](#)

26 **GLYN CHARLES PURSUIT RACE** – Hayling Island S.C. Last year over 160 boats entered for what turned out to be one of the best sails of the season, force 4, bright sunshine and a great course around Chichester harbour. The only down side was only two Twelves, Rick Perkins and ourselves turned up. Nielson Holidays have promised a holiday for two again this year, Gill are giving away £100 gift vouchers and if last year was anything to go by there will be many more great prizes. All proceeds to the John Merricks trust so it is all in a good cause. put the date in the diary now and enjoy a great day out at a venue we do not normally get to sail at and get some exposure for the class at one of the seasons major events. http://www.rushall.demon.co.uk/mark/Glyn_Charles.htm

26 **VINTAGE MEETING** – Frampton on Severn SC – Can you beat Brian Kitching on his home turf?

27 **OPEN MEETING** – Frampton on Severn SC – Vintage boats can make a weekend of it!

May

3-4 **SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIPS** – at Annandale Sailing Club on 3 and 4 May. Annandale have been wonderful hosts for all our previous events and we know that they will lay on a superb weekend, on and off the water, for us in 2008. The club sails on the small historic Castle Loch in the

small town of Lochmaben, some 5 miles west of Lockerbie. With 150 acres of water it provides a great inland venue for this event and it's a most beautiful place to be at any time of the year.

The entry fee for the weekend is £25, which includes Sunday lunch. There will be a meal and drinks in the clubhouse on Saturday evening.

First warning signal on Saturday will be 1230 with three races scheduled. First warning signal on Sunday will be 1030 with either two or three races scheduled.

There are two caravan & campsites within walking distance and plenty of local B&B's and the club can provide an accommodation list. Further details on the event are available from John Hugo or Jennie Clark (numbers in the book).

The event will also form the first of 2 meetings to qualify for the Border Trophy, the second meeting being held at Derwent Reservoir SC in September.

3-5 **GILL SERIES 2** – Salcombe YC. Salcombe has a reputation for being a 'difficult' venue. Not only is it hidden away in the South West, but the sailing is also remote from the Club buildings. In high summer the town is very busy. John Murrell is working hard to dispel the myth and May Day is a great time to explore the delights of Salcombe and its estuary.. Among the plans are a deal on camping, a list of club members who do B&B, free boat parking in the Boat Park on the Salcombe side and no harbour dues for us for the weekend. Details, including Notice or Race will follow to this email list once finalised. In order to help planning Salcombe YC would like indications of entry in advance. Email JohnMurrell@salcombeyc.org.uk Salcombe attracts 100 Merlin Rockets for a week every July. There must be something that attracts them. Come and find out! The plan is one race Saturday afternoon, 2 on Sunday and one on Monday morning.

The Next Chapter

The Latest Chapter will be e-mailed to you on or around the 20th March. All contributions to be mailed to latestchapter@national12.org by 15th March.

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