

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.

Dear all

A somewhat delayed and brief Chapter this month.

Since last writing I have launched our new boat, N3515, 'Happy Hour', a Paradigm 2, and sailed at Pagham and Salcombe. We have a minor measurement issue to solve before we are fully legal...

April and early May have seen a number of meetings already. It is a real feature of our Class that there have been more meetings for N12s already in 2008 than many Classes have in a whole year. 2 of the 8 Gill meetings have already taken place, and you can find results and reports [here](#).

Summer Event

There are 6 more Gill events to come, the next being the Summer Event at Hykeham SC on May 31 and June 1. See Notice of Race [here](#). 5 Gill Races, The Midland Junior Trophy, and an all in Pursuit Race + a great social. What more do you want? To find out more call Steve Sallis, email steve.sallis@ntlworld.com or phone 01522 809057. Steve would like to know if you are coming so as to assist in particular with catering. Email him now, or sign up on the website. Last year we had 38 boats at Ripon for the Summer Event. I believe we can beat it this year. See you there!

National 12 Forum

It is also our intention to hold a National 12 Forum at Hykeham. The General Committee recognise that we hold our AGM during Burton Week and that the current Burton Week fleet is not entirely representative of the whole Class. Whilst I am doing my best to change this – I think you should all come to Burton Week to find out what it is all about... – I also recognise that the Class as a whole should not be ignored. We have some important issues to discuss – probably the most important is “How do we attract more young people into our Class?”. I clearly remember as a teenager aspiring to sail a National 12 as I am sure that many of you also did. What must we do to recreate this passion? The whole dinghy sailing landscape has changed in the last 20 years with the growth of the RS Classes and the introduction of the rotomoulded dinghy. The 12 was initially pioneered as the cheap alternative to the International 14. Both these Classes have had a major impact on where our sport is today but are also in many ways on the sidelines today. Where will we be in 10 years time? What do you have to contribute? It is my belief that the 12 has always been an inclusive class. Are we in danger of becoming too exclusive?

Please post any ideas for topics on the N12 website forum. There are some interesting threads already running. The fact is that we are a broad church and have wide ranging views. I don't expect everyone to agree on the details of every issue, but I hope that the Class and its members can pull together so as to ensure that we have a Class to be proud of in 10 years time.

Kevan Bloor

Many of you will be aware that Kevan has been unwell recently and I am sure that you will be pleased to know that he has been making a recovery and is back working at Alverbank.

Burton Week

More than 20 fully paid entries already, please get your forms into Janet Bloor... Entry limit is 55, don't be disappointed...

Boats for sale

Double bottomed boats include a choice of Big Issue 2 from £4500 and a Magic Pudding at £1500 if you want to go double bottomed. Alternatively choose the Crusader, Baggy Trousers or one of 5 vintage boats. The choice is yours. Can't afford a Burton winning boat? How about a 2007 Burton winning mainsail with very little use? Click on the ads on the website homepage...

A Welcome to new members of the NTOA...

Simon Cunliffe, N3309, Bolton
Ben Woodcraft, N3280, Colchester
David Batchelor, N3466, Isle of Man
John Crawley, N3279, Felpham, Sussex
Tim Grigsby, N3230, Burntwood, Staffordshire
David Wright, N308, Sudbury, Suffolk
Gary Holdsworth, N2033, York

Don't forget those Gill Series dates – Click here

The next meeting after Hykeham is Royal Harwich YC on June 21/22. A joint meeting with Larks and Fireflies. With a bit of luck Graham Ireland will be PRO. You should come – if only for the briefing!

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.

John Meadowcroft

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Next issue approx 20 June

Forthcoming events.....

May	Club	Region
17th	South Windermere SC	North
17th & 18th	Aldeburgh Y.C.	East

18th	Desborough S.C.	Thames
24th	Scaling Dam S.C.	North
31st – 1st	Hykeham S.C.	North/East/Midlands
June	Club	Region
7th & 8th	Yorkshire Ouse S.C.	North
7th & 8th	East Lothian Y.C.	Scotland
14th	Spinnaker S.C.	Thames
21st	Trent Valley S.C.	Midlands
21st & 22nd	Royal Harwich Y.C.	East
22nd	Tynemouth S.C.	North
28th & 29th	Penarth S.C.	South West (Wales really)
29th	Ranelagh S.C.	Thames