

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.

GILL Series

Well it is the end of March and the first GILL Series Meeting of 2009 is this coming weekend at Burghfield Sailing Club near Reading. Sign up by following the link below to confirm that you are coming and to reduce your entry fee from £16 to £13.

As part of the agreement with GILL to sponsor the GILL Series all competing boats must display a GILL sticker. This forms part of the Sailing Instructions. They will be enforced. This is fair and all need to participate including those who may have sponsorship from a conflicting source. We have been given a long term commitment and an excellent prize fund. Our part is to help ensure GILL get good publicity. If you are concerned about any long term effect of a sticker being attached to your hull I suggest that you apply it carefully, leave a small corner area with the adhesive still covered to aid removal, and remove it when you pack your boat up at the end of the event.

Burton Week

We have more than 50 entries already for Burton Week at the end of May. We may in fact be closer to 60 when you read this. Peter Miatt hand delivered an entry on the closing date for the draw for a new jib and was one of 48 entries by the end of February. Tom Stewart pulled Pete's name out of the hat and so he will have a new jib at Thorpe Bay.

Don't be put off coming by accommodation logistics. There will be plenty of space for camping at the sailing club so that really is not an excuse. If you are worried about the lack of competition for you then do not fear. With more than 50 boats spanning 5 decades of construction there will be plenty of competition for everyone.

There are a few people out there looking for crews – Kevin Iles can help you with this match making.

Antony has also convinced some leading Lark sailors from the East Coast to come to Burton Week. They are looking to borrow modern boats. If you cannot make Burton Week yourself but realise that your boat does deserve to go then please also contact Antony and he can put you in touch.

Dinghy Show

The 12 stand at the Dinghy Show was popular as ever. New video and tunes from Sam Childs together with an almost finished Rondar Paradigm 2 prototype which created a lot of interest. More info on the Rondar Boat [here](#)

Portsmouth Yardstick

For those who don't get to sail against other 12s every weekend you need to know that the PY of the National 12 is now 1092 (previously 1093). I am not exactly sure what this means – I think it means you are allowed one less bad tack per race or maybe you must miss once shift fewer, or it could be a bit of both. Anyway 12s are now officially recognised as being faster than they were which I guess is the objective of what we have all been trying to do, so well done to all!

For sale

Noted on the website – a variety of boats at a variety of prices.... Go on – have a look - The second hand list is a little short at the moment and many boats seem to sell very quickly – if you know of a boat that should be on the list then see if you can get the owner to put it on.

Recent Events

14-15th March – Hamble River SC

The Hamble Warming Pan saw Jo Richards and Jonathan Price blitz the fleet on the Saturday. A small hiccup occurred on the Sunday morning when they could only achieve 3rd, but normal service was resumed in the final race. The [Dead Cat Bounce](#) went very well.

Forthcoming Events

28th March – Burghfield SC – GILL Series Event 1

The event is a one day event with three races over the course of the day. Burghfield is located just outside Reading and less than five minutes off junction 12 of the M4. There are two options for entry for the event:

Enter on the day £16 per boat, or

Pre-register between now and Midday 27th March for a reduced entry of £13 per boat

Pre- registration **does not require pre-payment** and so if you register now but are unable to make the event on the day then you will not have lost your entry fee. The pre-registration is purely to aid the club organise the day. So if you are planning, considering, intending to come to the first of this year's Gill Series events please **both** show your intention on this string **and** pre-register by clicking www.burghfieldsailing.org/p343 20 boats already signed up...

There will be prizes for both AC's and DB's and should we get sufficient Vintage too then prizes will be there providing you pre-register. Any queries about the event please contact Jeremy Carey - details in the handbook or sailing@burghfieldsailing.org

11-12th April – Waldringfield SC – Easter Egg Regatta

Antony and Jo Gifford will be there. Who will be there to beat them? Note revised format of 6 races over 2 days <http://www.waldringfieldsc.com/>

25th April – Coaching Day at Spinnaker Club

Led by Phil Brown come and learn and practice some new skills.

25-26th April – Annandale SC – Scottish Championships

John Hugo at Annandale SC is organising. Contact Simon Walworth for more details.

2-4th May – Salcombe YC – GILL Series Event 2

Contact John Murrell

9-10th May – Aldeburgh YC

Enjoy a weekend racing on the Alde. Those who can manage consecutive weekends at Salcombe and Aldeburgh will be in National 12 sailing heaven! More details contact Antony Gifford.

A reminder of the 2009 GILL Series dates are as follows:

Saturday 28 March	Burghfield SC
2 – 4 May	Salcombe YC
23 – 26 May	Thorpe Bay YC – This is also Burton Week
27 – 28 June	Leigh and Lowton SC – This is also the Summer Event
1 – 2 August	Hunstanton SC – This is the first weekend of Norfolk Week
29 – 30 August	Tynemouth SC
Saturday 3 October	Grafham Water SC
Saturday 7 November	Northampton SC – This is the first day of the Inlands

Your favourite Links

2009 NTOA Fixture List www.national12.org/events/2009/events.shtml

Burton Week website www.burtonweek.org

Norfolk Week website www.norfolkweek.co.uk

Salcombe YC website www.salcombeyc.org.uk

FINAL REMINDER – your NTOA subscriptions for 2009 were due on 1 January 2009 – click [here](#)

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