

# 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**

One month down in 2009 already – time to make those plans for the spring and summer!

## **Dinghy Show – New Boat on show, please help**

The Dinghy Show is at Alexandra Palace on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March 2009. A new boat builder to the Class will be unveiling a new production boat on our stand. Watch out for more announcements! Do come along and see this new creation and please do come along and help man our stand – this is our opportunity to introduce new people to our Class and also a great opportunity to meet up in advance of the season starting to make plans for the summer.

Chris Day and Sophie Richards are organising our stand. Contact them on [christian.day@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:christian.day@hotmail.co.uk) to offer your help either setting up on the Friday or manning the stand during Saturday and Sunday. Please help – these things don't happen on their own!

## **Dinghy Show – Exhibiting equipment required !!!**

For the last few years John Thornton has been able to borrow a large flat screen TV on a stand from work to show our fabulous videos. John has now moved on from that job and we need someone who can beg/borrow such equipment for the duration of the show. You could save us a lot of money... Email [christian.day@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:christian.day@hotmail.co.uk)

## **Burton Week - Enter early and win a P&B jib – Website launched**

Members of the NTOA should have received details of Burton Week in the post. May I remind you that if you enter by the end of February then you will go into a raffle to win a new P&B jib. This will be ready for you to use at Thorpe Bay! Howard Chadwick has told me that he is leading a migration from the North and I have also heard of a migration from Spinnaker in the South. We need a few from Salcombe to go with those coming from Scotland and we will have a true National Championship.

Please enter early – it really aids the planning process – last year we had 24 entries 3 weeks beforehand, ended up with 39 on the water and made a handsome and yet unwanted profit! Enter

before end of Feb and you can win a jib - Enter after 1<sup>st</sup> May and it gets more expensive! We already have 12 entries competing for that jib! Click [here](#). If you don't have a cheque book ready right now send an email to me now – [latestchapter@national12.org](mailto:latestchapter@national12.org) – and I will send you a personal reminder!

Fabulous discounts for Juniors - £40 an entry before 1<sup>st</sup> May for 4 days sailing on the sea.

Racing is Saturday to Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> May, Burton Cup is scheduled for Monday 25<sup>th</sup>

We have a website with lots of information about the event. [www.burtonweek.org](http://www.burtonweek.org) Show it to the rest of the family to persuade them to come along. Thanks to Jeremy Carey for putting this together.

### **Burton Week – Camping – YES WE CAN!**

Southend Council have given permission to use the field next to the dinghy park at Thorpe Bay YC as a campsite for the duration of Burton Week. The field was already designated a parking area for us and we are also welcome to pitch tents. Facilities will be basic.

### **Excellent results for 12s at the Bloody Mary and Steve Nicholson Memorial Race...**

12s took second, third and fourth at the Bloody Mary out of 180 boats. Well done to Kevin Iles / Jane Wade, Tom Stewart / Elisabeth Ross, Graham Camm / Clare Hunter. A Phantom took the honours.

At the Steve Nicholson Memorial Race two Merlin Rockets took the first two places, but Jon Ibbotson and Charlotte Stewart were 3<sup>rd</sup> overall out of 55 boats.

This is all good PR for the Class – well done.

### **Open Meeting write ups....**

Not much going on in January, but there was the first Thames Area meeting of 2009 at Ranelagh. Click [here](#)

### **Births Marriages and Deaths**

Jeremy and Lesley Follow report their marriage at Gretna Green in Late August, and honeymooned sailing on Bala. The weather was so awful that they are planning Honeymoon II for the spring and N2706 'Grimalkin' will of course be attending. She may even have a wedding present in the form of some new 'threads' !

### **Welcome to new members of the NTOA**

*David Evans, Chester, N3033 (returning)*  
*Andy McKee, Oxford, N3466 (returning)*  
*Matt Stephenson, Staffordshire, N2606/N2335 (returning)*  
*Simon Barker, Norwich, N3365*  
*Samuel Lawman, Nottingham, N2743*  
*Neil Maddock, Middlesex, N2956*

## **Events in February**

**Eastern Area Dinner** - Love is in the air? Bruce Johnson is organising the Eastern Area Prizegiving dinner on Valentines Night, 14 February at the Royal Harwich YC. Singles welcome or bring your partner! Want to find out more – give Bruce a call – number is in the Yearbook.

## **Events in March**

**14-15<sup>th</sup> March – Hamble River SC.** The Hamble Warming Pan is a 2 day meeting. Racing starts and finishes on the sailing club line which is in the midst of the marinas. Sailing down river it quickly widens and the racing area extends into Southampton Water. A shared event with Merlins and Fireflies who tend to greatly outnumber us. A good opportunity to get some early season competition and likely to either be surprisingly warm or thunderously cold! More details from John Meadowcroft – john@2baileyclose.net

## **Norfolk Week**

Starts on Saturday 1 August at Hunstanton SC and this is also a Gill Series event. Run by the North West Norfolk Sailing Association this regatta is at a different venue every day. 2009 is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first event. The 12s are the largest class and we have our own class start. The programme is now confirmed as follows which is different to the preliminary programme reported last month. Sadly. Again there will be no racing at Brancaster Staithe.

- Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd August 2009 – Hunstanton – 2 races pm
- Monday 3rd – Kings Lynn – 1 race pm
- Tuesday 4th – Wells-next-the-Sea – 1 race am (note previous day's race was pm!)
- Wednesday 5th – Wells-next-the-Sea – 1 race am
- Thursday 6th – Blakeney – 1 race am
- Friday 7th – Snettisham – last 2 races of the NWNW am with a big party in the evening with real ale, marquee, bands, firework display and food!

For those who want to stay on a little longer, Snettisham Beach SC will be running their usual Regatta on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th August – this will not be part of NWNW.

## **Norfolk Week – Hunstanton entry is restricted!!!**

The key piece of news is the intention to restrict the Hunstanton meeting to 65 boats across all classes. Last year there were 69 entries. This has been imposed by the NWNW without consultation with the National Twelves after last year they told us that it was the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first

event and that they really wanted us to come! We only heard about the restriction once the Notice of Race had been published. We are in discussion with NWNSA about this and it clearly may cause a problem with the first weekend being a Gill event but first of all we need to know numbers. Please enter now if you are doing the full week and let Tom Stewart know if you may only be a weekend traveller. Entry form [– click here](#)

**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](http://www.national12.org/events/2009/events.shtml)

Burton Week website [www.burtonweek.org](http://www.burtonweek.org)

Norfolk Week website [www.norfolkweek.co.uk](http://www.norfolkweek.co.uk)

Salcombe YC website [www.salcombeyc.org.uk](http://www.salcombeyc.org.uk)

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

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