

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

2008 is nearly over and plans are well advanced for **2009**.

The **2009 Fixture List** has been published on the website, click [here](#) to link to it. A printed copy will be with you in the New Year

A **Burton Week** planning meeting was held at Thorpe Bay two weeks ago. The **Notice of Race** will be arriving through your post box in the New Year. We will post on the internet as soon as we have it, and we will be launching a Burton Week website shortly too.

Burton Week is Saturday 23 to Tuesday 26 May 2009. The Burton Cup is scheduled for Monday with the Burton Dinner on the Monday night. Sign up on the list of preliminary entrants [here](#).

Vintage boat owners seem to be descending on Burton Week. You don't have to have the most modern piece of kit, you just need enthusiasm for using it. Click [here](#) to find out more.

We are hopefully going to be able to announce that 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. Watch this space for a formal announcement.

With the expensive euro, 2009 will not be the year to be taking the family to euroland for a holiday so think now about your uK summer holiday. With the reduced commitment required for Burton Week you could take the family on a sailing week!

Salcombe YC Regatta Week starts on Sunday 2 August 2009, with racing running for 6 days. 12s have their own class start – there were XX entries in 2008 with a wide range of ability and experience. Entry forms etc tend to come out late, what is important to do is to book the accommodation now. Salcombe Holiday Homes and Coast and Country Cottages are the largest agents. Camping is also available but not within the town. You choose whether to sail from the boat park (concrete slip) on the Salcombe side or from Mill Bay beach on the East Portlemouth side of the river. The week after is Salcombe Town Regatta. The sailing is Monday to Friday and 12s are welcome in a morning handicap fleet. This is a less popular week for racing. Salcombe YC website is [here](#)

Norfolk Week is sadly the same week as Salcombe YC. Racing 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 60th anniversary of the

first event. The 12s are the largest class and we have our own class start. The preliminary programme is as follows:

- Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd August 2009 – Hunstanton – 2 races pm
- Monday 3rd – Kings Lynn – 1 race pm
- Tuesday 4th – Blakeney 1 race am (note previous day's race was pm!)
- Wednesday 5th – Wells – 1 race am
- Thursday 6th – Brancaster Staithe (after two years away) – 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.

The **2008 GILL Series** ended at Northampton SC in November with the Inland Championships which was convincingly won by Steve & Jo Sallis. Congratulations to the winners:

Overall	N3492, Graham Camm & Zoe Ballantyne
Family	N3436, Steve & Joanne Sallis
Admirals Cup	N3411, Gerald & Anthony / Nick Copsey

Full results can be found [here](#).

I am delighted to report that **GILL** have agreed a further four year period until 2012 as sponsors of this series. I know that I speak for all Twelve sailors when I say that I am very proud of the relationship that we have with GILL.

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

Are you young? 2009 sees the launch of a **Youth Series**, the brainchild of Sam Childs. The series comprises the following Open meetings with 3 meetings to count and there is also a Coaching event at Spinnaker on 25 April.

2 – 4 May	Salcombe YC
6 – 7 June	Royal Harwich YC
27 – 28 June	Leigh and Lowton SC
22 – 23 August	Largs

20 September Henley
7 – 8 November Northampton

In other news, **Jo Richards** has launched a new 12 – find out more [here](#).

Thames Area Lunch / Prizegiving

The Thames Area Lunch / Prizegiving will be at Ranelagh SC on 11 January 2009 after the Royal Thames YC Trophy at the same venue. The two-course lunch will cost a credit crunch-busting £10 for adults and £5 for children. All Twelve sailors and friends are welcome, whether you are sailing on the day or not. Please post [here](#) or email to anne@annemurch.co.uk I believe that the race starts c. 1130 – to be confirmed.

More Food

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.

Major Christmas/New Year handicap events include:

The Bloody Mary (Queen Mary SC, nr London) is on 10 January – make a weekend of it with the sailing at Ranelagh on the 11th. Click [here](#) to find the Notice of Race. You can enter on the day. The Bloody Mary event in particular often attracts a good fleet of Twelves. Put it in your diary! Click [here](#) to register your interest.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Congratulations to Ian & Alex Gore on the birth of Rosie, a sister for Jack.

A Welcome to new members of the NTOA...

John Bustin, Hampshire, N410

Christopher Troth, Solihull, N2930

Martin Miller, Leeds, previously associate, now N3367

And finally, please remember that NTOA subscriptions for 2009 are due on 1 January 2009. If you don't have a standing order then click [here](#) to find a link to the form.

I Hope that you had a Merry Christmas and may I wish a Happy New Year to you all.

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