

# 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**

3 events completed, with more than 90 entrants so far..... Results to date [here](#)

The next event is the Summer Event at Leigh & Lowton SC on 27 & 28 June. Notice of Race [here](#)

There is plenty of Camping available at the Club.

In Summary there are 3 races on Saturday and 1 on Sunday afternoon after a pursuit race on the Sunday morning. The pursuit races not part of the series which will be 4 races series with 3 to count.

The Saturday evening is a DIY BBQ, the club will supply the fuel and a couple of big BBQs and there are fridges for storing food for those of you camping. Don't forget to bring some food. The bar will of course be open!

More info from Gareth Williams on [gareth\[underscore\]williams\[at\]talk21\[dot\]com](mailto:gareth[underscore]williams[at]talk21[dot]com)

Event 5 at Hunstanton SC on 1 & 2 August has been cancelled due to restrictions on the Entry. The Hunstanton meeting will happen as part of NW Norfolk Week, but results do not count for Gill Series. A replacement meeting may be organised. Watch this space.

## **From the Archives – the 2009 Burton Long Weekend**

Our intrepid reporter has tracked down one of the vintage helms who competed in a clinker boat at the now famous 2009 N12 Championships at Thorpe Bay. His identity has been kept secret to protect his family and crews.

Q – The results and the racing have been reported on back in the days of websites and emails but having been to Burton Weeks in the 1870s what was your overall opinion of the Burton Weekend thirty years later back in 2009?

A – Great venue, excellent sailing, and well organised – a classic fun event.

Q – The weather?

A – Ranged from the sublime to the ridiculous and all points between! It was reported that it was gusting Force 7 before the start on the Monday (we decided on discretion etc) and rumoured that the Race Officer was considering abandoning the Burton, and on the Saturday 2/3rds of the fleet failed to finish the second race within the time limit (luckily for us as we were last at the time!)

Q – What did they do for the social side all those years ago?

A – There was a barbeque on the Saturday night (real meat and proper salads!), fancy dress on the Sunday and the Burton Dinner on the Monday. It was great to see that the vast majority turned up in weird and wonderful attire for the boat name fancy dress (the Stumpies were worthy winners dressed as trees) – and some people were similarly dressed for the Dinner the night after as well. The caterers did amazingly well to feed so many people packed into such a small room with such a good three course meal.

Q – What were the facilities like at TBYC?

A – Where? Oh yes, superb clubhouse, all day bar and catering, big dinghy park next to the free camping area, lots of free parking, slipway just across the road and launching almost straight into the sea – and a lot of work had obviously gone in behind the scenes from both the Club and NTOA for things to have run so smoothly.

Q – What were the highlights for you?

A – Not being nominated for the Burton Brick! Had a bad day on the Saturday – split a plank, last in the second race (time expired) but had already been black flagged, and ended up in A&E after a fight with a launching trolley. And then the following night my fancy dress costume was described as “good enough to frighten children”, plus I was mistaken as my crew’s father..... Delighted for Chris Troth who had apparently thrown his crew off the centreboard after capsizing so he could keep dry! And some old guy, who hadn’t sailed National for 30 years, turned up in new boat that he had designed and won all but one race, and came second in the other! And that mad Scotsman driving a total of 18 hours (in a car!) to sail in the original Starfish.....

Q – Quickly moving on, any bad bits?

A – Seeing the broken masts and ripped sails (although Terry Cooke, Tom Stewart and Kevan Bloor were there to provide counselling and support) and seeing Crazy Diamond blown off her trolley whilst crossing the road and holed.

Q - What lasting images can you recall after all this time?

A – The magnificence sight of 80 N12s on the start line and seeing up to eight clinker boats competing with the fast boys – and beating some of them!

Q – Looking back now?

A- It was reckoned to be the start of new era of success for the N12s!

Q – Thank you

A – You are welcome. When do I get paid?

### **Forthcoming Events**

**27 & 28<sup>th</sup> June – Leigh & Lowton SC, Summer Event**

Gareth Williams is the contact. Notice of Race [here](#)

#### **4 & 5<sup>th</sup> July – Ullswater YC – Lord Birkett Trophy**

This is a two day handicap multi class event in the Lake District. Always a big turnout and rumoured to be a lot of fun too! Notice of Race [here](#)

#### **4 & 5<sup>th</sup> July – Solway YC**

Ian Purkis is the contact [www.thesyc.com](http://www.thesyc.com)

#### **4<sup>th</sup> July – Vintage Meeting, Frampton on Severn SC**

Brian Kitching is the contact [www.fossc.org.uk](http://www.fossc.org.uk)

#### **5<sup>th</sup> July – Ranelagh SC, Open Meeting**

If you did not win the YW Silver National at Burton Week, here is another Silver National to be raced for. This one is larger! One race, winner takes all on the river in London at Putney. Chris Edwards is the contact. [www.ranelagh-sc.co.uk](http://www.ranelagh-sc.co.uk)

#### **12<sup>th</sup> July – Welland YC, Spalding, Lincolnshire, Open Meeting**

Andy Prior is the contact. 3 races from 1130 [www.wellandyachtclub.co.uk](http://www.wellandyachtclub.co.uk)

#### **12<sup>th</sup> July – Yorkshire Dales SC, Open Meeting**

Neil McInnes is the contact. [www.yorkshiredales.sc](http://www.yorkshiredales.sc)

#### **18 & 19<sup>th</sup> July – Filey SC, Filey Regatta**

If enough 12s enter we get our own start, otherwise part of a handicap fleet. [www.fileysc.co.uk](http://www.fileysc.co.uk)

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

27 – 28 June	Leigh and Lowton SC – This is also the Summer Event
29 – 30 August	Tynemouth SC
Saturday 3 October	Grafham Water SC
Saturday 7 November	Northampton SC – This is the first day of the Inlands

A further meeting may be arranged in Place of Hunstanton SC which is no longer a GILL series event.

#### **Your favourite Links**

2009 NTOA Fixture List [www.national12.org/events/2009/events.shtml](http://www.national12.org/events/2009/events.shtml)

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

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

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