

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.....

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. The Summer Event is always popular – see you there!

Event 4 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.

Burton Week – 23 to 26 May – Thorpe Bay YC

If you have not heard 80 entrants made this a fantastic success. Thanks to everyone who came and made it the event that it was. Jo Richards and Sophie Mackley in Dead Cat Bounce won 6 of 7 races in a variety of conditions. There was a big fight for second place which in the end went to Tom Stewart & Elisabeth Ross.

2010 Burton Week is very likely to be a 4 day event. Watch this space for more details. Plans are being put together.

Click here to find out more www.burtonweek.org

Welcome to new members of the NTOA

Steve Browne, Leigh on Sea, Essex, Associate – A welcome return

Ben Harris, Hullbridge, Essex, N3438

Mark Barron, Perthshire, N3250

David Cain, Tonbridge, Kent, N2690

Latest Boat Launches

N3521, Ginger Pudding owned and built by Dare Barry and N3522, Party Time a Paradigm 2 built by Rondar Raceboats for John and Mandy Thornton were both launched at Burton Week.

Births / Marriages & Deaths

During Burton Week 2009 Bridget Vialls died after a battle against breast cancer. Bridget kept her illness to herself and few of her friends knew of her battle. It was a real shock to many that her life should be so cruelly shortened but it is a relief to know that she is no longer in pain. A number of 12 sailors and members of Ranelagh SC were within a large congregation who attended her funeral which was a celebration of her all too few 43 years. She is sadly missed. Those who knew Bridget will not forget the most enthusiastic person they are ever likely to meet. I cannot think of Bridget without seeing someone smiling back at me. Our thoughts are with David, Christopher and Emily at this time. A number of 12 sailors are planning to do the London Pride Cancer Walk in Chiswick, London on 19 July. If you would like to find out more please contact John Meadowcroft on john@2baileyclose.net

NTOA AGM

The AGM was held at Burton Week with a bumper turnout. The proposed rule change to remove ambiguity regarding rudder fittings was passed and a new rule should be published shortly. It is intended to have immediate effect. Tim Gatti was elected to be Chairman of the NTOA with Howard Chadwick as his Vice Chairman.

Notes from a retiring Chairman of the NTOA

Now that I am the immediate past Chairman I wished to post a note thanking so many of the class for in the end making the job enjoyable. I was not too sure when I took on the job. I had a great Vice Chairman to support me together with a most enthusiastic committee. It is great to leave the class in the hands of Tim and Howard and we can look forward with confidence.

I thought the new format for Burton week was fantastic and all the feedback I received seemed to agree. It might only have been for 4 days but Thorpe Bay Yacht Club was great for the event. We had good sailing, good parties, and a great Burton week dinner. Sorry if you missed out but 130 really was the max.

Looking forward, we are seeing new boats and development which is exciting, and also owners dusting off and sailing the older boats. If we go to Weymouth next year, let's hope we can again increase the numbers. Finally do give your committee feedback so they can plan for the future.

Good sailing

Dare Barry

Forthcoming Events

13 & 14th June – Hykeham SC, Lincoln

Steve Sallis and Graham Camm are running advanced race training on the Saturday and then an Open Meeting on the Sunday. Camping available. More details [here](#)

20 & 21st June – Spinnaker Club, Ringwood

Coaching on Saturday and Open Meeting on the Sunday, BBQ Saturday night, more details [here](#)
Guest coach is Graham Camm.

27 & 28th June – Leigh & Lowton SC, Summer Event

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

4 & 5th July – Ullswater SC – 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!

4 & 5th July – Solway YC

Ian Purkis is the contact

4th July – Vintage Meeting, Frampton on Severn SC

Brian Kitching is the contact

5th 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.

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

Burton Week website www.burtonweek.org

Norfolk Week website www.norfolkweek.co.uk

Salcombe YC website www.salcombeyc.org.uk

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