

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.

Starting with Last Months "And finally..."

Last month's question was... Who is the 12 sailor [here?](#) No one owned up to having taken the picture... There were some great caption suggestions on the discussion page and sorry no it wasn't Michael Barrymore – It was Brian Kitching. Undisputed best caption was

"When it came to time to recover the wallet, mobile phone and car keys suddenly the obscenely overpriced RWO hatch bag didn't seem so expensive after all."

This month's link is [here](#). It is a chap and chaps will have seen these bits in the changing rooms. Ladies please provide some pictures next month? Please send anything suitable to me.

What's coming up...

GILL SERIES – GRAFHAM

The next event is at **Grafham Water SC on Saturday 3rd October**. 3 races with a briefing at 10.30am, first start not before 11.25am, entry fee is £16.50. Notice of Race [here](#)

GILL SERIES – NORTHAMPTON

The GILL Series finale will be at **Northampton SC on Saturday 7th November** to be followed by a prize giving with NTOA Treasurer and Hon Records Officer Mr Michael Brookman booked to be in charge of it all. Fireworks and disco will follow the prize giving. There will be more racing on the Sunday and the results of the whole weekend will constitute the 2009 Inland Championships.

There will be a briefing at 11.15am on Saturday with first of 3 races at 12 noon (likely to be back to back due to the shortage of daylight). Race 4 on Sunday starts at 10.30am with Race 5 back to back.

A nearby hotel, Sedgebrook Hall, have a guaranteed rate of £70 / room for the Saturday night - they have limited rooms free due to another function so it is a good idea to book early. Call them on 01604 821666 quoting "Northampton Sailing Club Event". Alternatively there is free camping at the sailing club.

A Notice of Race can be found [here](#)

Trophies and Prizes up for grabs in our Junior and Youth section at Northampton in November

The weekend of the 7th & 8th November at Northampton Sailing Club not only sees the final GILL event of the season and the Inland Championships but also provides THREE prize-winning opportunities for our keen young 12 sailors .

ONE: The Gill event on the Saturday will determine who is the winning under 21 Junior Helm in the Gill Series and the lucky winner will be rewarded with the Secretary's Cup at the Gill Prizegiving - a cup first presented to the NTOA exactly 40 years ago in 1969 and which has an impressive list of names already engraved upon it.

TWO: The Inland Championships taking place on the Saturday and the Sunday represents the final event for the '25 and Under Series' organised this season by Sam Childs. There could be up to 10 qualifiers. The winning helm and crew will be announced at the Sunday prizegiving and Gill have kindly offered to donate some extra prizes for the winners and runners up in this series.

THREE: Finally - any helm sailing at the Inlands who was under 21 on January 1st 2009, will automatically be entered for the Midlands Junior Trophy which will be awarded to the highest placed Junior in the overall Inland Championship results. This is the first time for some years that this trophy has been awarded on the results of an Open meeting - but this was how it was done when the event was first instigated at Trent Sailing Club exactly 50 years ago - in 1959.

So - three great reasons for getting down to Pitsford Reservoir and having a great weekend's sailing!

Burton Week 2010

Make sure that this is in your diary. The venue is confirmed as Weymouth over the late May Bank holiday weekend. This is Saturday 29th May to Tuesday 1st June.

National 12 Sailors winning in other Classes

Last month I omitted Mike Cooke's win at the International Moth National Championships. He also came 5th at the Europeans. Well done Mike

Area News

The *Midland Area* has been concluded with David Peacock with various crews winning in his Paradigm 2.

The *Thames Area* has again been won by Graham Camm and Zoe Ballantyne in their Numinous.

National 12 Sailors sailing around the World !

Matt Stiles continues his voyage around the world in the Clipper Race on Qingdao. This evening they were placed 3rd overall on the leg to Rio de Janeiro. More info [here](#) – Good Luck Matt

Welcome to new members of the NTOA

Ben Smith, Gloucester, N783

Ian Mackie, Andover, Hampshire, N1899

Jeremy Hartley, Romsey, N3474

Births / Marriages & Deaths

Sadly some very distressing recent news was the death of Simon Walworth's 19 year old son, Rory, who was killed in a mountain bike accident. Our thoughts are clearly with Simon, his wife Lynn and children Rosie and Thomas.

Annual Newsletter 2009

I would love to receive your contributions for an Annual Newsletter. If you have an idea please drop me an email. I have realised that the latestchapter@national12.org email address has not been working, so please resend anything previously sent to john@2baileyclose.net . I will acknowledge receipt. I need ideas soon with copy to follow for a Christmas publication!

Vintage Series-a battle to the end for the Witchcraft Bailer!

Activity has continued apace over the holiday period and into September in the vintage fleet, with series races at Redesmere and at Trent Valley, sadly the meeting at Derwent had to be cancelled due to low entry numbers caused by illness, crew failure and other such reasons.

Paul Turner has been on a charge and finished 1st at both Redesmere and Trent Valley and as a result has now taken the lead in the series with 2.75 points, Howard trails at 3.75 points, Philip David and Brian Herring are almost neck and neck and very close behind! The battle for the lead continues and so far eight boats have already qualified! Four more boats could also qualify if they can sail in one or more of the last two events.

The next and final two series events run back to back on the 10th and 11th October at Ripon and Yeadon respectively so it will be a battle to the end it seems for this year's series. Both events are historically well supported by vintage boats as well as by the more modern craft and both are restricted waters so the double bottomed boats have less advantage, if you have a vintage boat why not come and join us?

Ribbed Boat Trophy

We have some excellent entries for the ribbed boat trophy so far this year however we are still open for more!! If you have a ribbed boat that you have sailed this year then why not send in an entry with a few words about your boat and a photo of her sailing. If you need more details or to submit your entry contact Howard on hchadwick2@talktalk.net Entries must close by Saturday 10th October so this is the last opportunity to win this prestigious prize. The current holder for 2008 is Ian Duffill who restored and sailed N711 Sinner at the Frensham Pond open meeting last year before selling her to Tim Gatti.

Forthcoming Events

October

3rd Grafham Water SC, GILL Series

10th Ripon SC, Open Meeting. Details [here](#)

11th Yeadon SC, Open Meeting

10th – 11th Salcombe YC, Open Meeting. Details [here](#)

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