

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.

It has been a while since the last Latest Chapter. I hope you have enjoyed your sailing over the summer.

What's been going on

During the summer the major regatta weeks of North West Norfolk Week and Salcombe Week were won by the same people who did the job in 2008 – Graham Camm and Zoe Ballantyne winning a very hotly contested Norfolk Week ahead of Tom Stewart and Pip Jefferis. Results Click [here](#), for a report from the back click [here](#). 25 boats sailed for the week with more who came and went as they pleased. Meanwhile at Salcombe John and Mandy Thornton won in their new Paradigm 2 from a fleet of 18 boats.

Other 12s were spotted spending holiday weeks at Chichester Harbour Fed Week, Bass Week, Mersea Week, Swanage Regatta and no doubt many more

Burton Week 2010

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

Arthur Henderson is Cadet National Champion for the second year running – having come sixth in his Dad's 12 at Salcombe Week. At the same time Will and Robert Henderson were winning the Salcombe Yawls at Salcombe Week

Terry Curtis – also seen sailing on the river at Upper Thames with his kids is OK National Champion for the second year running, and placed 7th at the OK Worlds in Denmark.

Steve Norbury and Andy Hill won their class in the Fastnet Race

National 12 Sailors sailing around the World !

This coming weekend is the start of the Clipper 09/10 Round The World Race. Matt Stiles, normally found sailing N3484 with son Joe is sailing the first 3 legs on board Qingdao. The race starts from the Humber on 13th September. More info [here](#) – Good Luck Matt

Latest Boat Launches

N3523 and N3524 have appeared – both Rondar Paradigm 2 – for John Meadowcroft and Dave Peacock respectively. Both of their original Paradigm 2s have been sold already. At Spinnaker the fleet awaits with baited breath for the launch of N3520 which is a Numinous being built by Ian Staples for himself.

The Burghfield fleet have been acquainting themselves with *Dead Cat Bounce* since mid August. A number of people have been seen on board.

On the second hand market there has been brisk trade – click [here](#) for the latest listings

GILL Series

5 events completed, with more than 99 entrants in the first four meetings..... Results as currently published [here](#)

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](#)

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](#)

Welcome to new members of the NTOA

Peter Cook, Totnes, N3515 – a welcome return

Brian Wady, Thirsk, N2344 – a welcome return

Tom White, Solihull, N2765

Sam Childs, Wantage, N3279 / N3454

Births / Marriages & Deaths

Congratulations to Mike Cooke and Emma Wilkins married on 5 September 2009

Clearly this was an exciting day as Emma Gager gave birth to Charlie James Taylor on the same day. For the technical amongst you, 9lbs 2.

Annual Newsletter 2009

I would love to receive your contributions for an Annual Newsletter. If you have an idea please drop me an email to the latestchapter@national12.org email address. I need ideas soon with copy to follow for a Christmas publication!

Vintage Goings On

Activity has continued apace over the holiday period in the vintage fleet, we held the second of our ribbed boat events at Yeadon and enjoyed it so much that a further event has been scheduled in October, full report on the web and thanks to Chairman Tim for supplying 80% of the fleet!

The fleet was well represented at the Wroxham Vintage Dinghy Regatta managing 1st. 2nd and 4th overall thus generally upsetting the vintage Merlin fleet, congratulations to Bernard and Ellie (aged seven and three quarters) Clark. Zero wind early on Sunday allowed the fleet time to visit N1 Gipsy at the home of past Burton winner Mike Evans. Mike has almost finished her restoration and is starting on the refit etc. Hopefully she will be competing again next year.

Series positions, before Derwent on 5 September...

Helm	Boat	Number	Position	Points
Howard Chadwick	Triada	2266	1	3.75
Paul Turner	Dolly Daydream/Starfish	2487/2020	2	5.75
Brian. Herring	Suzy Wong	2468	3	6
Bernard Clark	Xanthus	2149	4	8
Alan Mason	Dilly Dally	1607	5	13
Tim/Seb Gatti	Purely Platonic	2255	6	18
Ian.Purkis	My Little Margie	1483	7	19

If you want to be included on a regular Vintage circular email from Howard Chadwick, then please email him on hchadwick2@talktalk.net

Forthcoming Events

September

12th Olton Mere SC, Open Meeting. Details [here](#)

12th Scaling Dam SC, Open Meeting

13th Trent Valley SC, Open Meeting, Vintage, 4 plank & Midlands Prize giving. Details [here](#)

19th Up River YC, Open Meeting

20th Henley SC, Open Meeting

19th – 20th Loch Tummel, Open Meeting. Details [here](#)

27th Twickenham SC, Open Meeting. Details [here](#)

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](#)

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

Saturday 3 October Grafham Water SC
Saturday 7 November Northampton SC – This is the first day of the Inlands

And finally....

Who is the 12 sailor [here?](#)

John Meadowcroft

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