

# 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.

**ENTER BURTON WEEK BEFORE 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY TO ENTER THE RAFFLE TO WIN A P&B JIB. ENTRY FORM [HERE](#) and more info at [www.burtonweek.org](http://www.burtonweek.org)**

## **RYA Dinghy Show**

The RYA Dinghy Show is at Alexandra Palace on 6 and 7 March. Chris Day and Sophie Richards are organising our stand again. Tom Stewart will be unveiling his new version of [Dead Cat Bounce](#) (click and have a look) at the show. It is apparently going to be boring white (come on Tom!) but I don't think anything else will be boring about it! Elsewhere at the show you will also find Michael Airey's brand new *Dead Cat Bounce* ([click](#) and have a look at another great kitten) from Composite Craft alongside Tim Gatti's 74 year old N341 '*Mat*'. Your help at the Show would be greatly appreciated – find out more [here](#) Please get in touch directly with Chris on [christian.day@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:christian.day@hotmail.co.uk)

## **N12 Merchandise**

The following National 12 Merchandise will be available at the dinghy show

GILL Burton Week 2010 Rash Vests. From XS to XL, £25. Kids sizes to order

National 12 burgees – various colours, £8

The National Twelve Handbook 1936 – 2010, £15

For more details, please email Katy Meadowcroft on [merchandise@national12.org](mailto:merchandise@national12.org)

## **The National Twelve Handbook**

The glorious National Twelve Handbook will have landed on your doorsteps recently if you are a fully paid up NTOA member for 2010. If not, why not. If not a member of the NTOA (or maybe a member who realises that they have two loos and need one for each) this sixth edition of this publication is available to you for £15 including postage. Send cheques to Michael Brookman, 204 Gotham Road, East Leake, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE12 6JG. Alternatively pay by bank transfer and email Michael for the NTOA bank account details at [hontreasurer@national12.org](mailto:hontreasurer@national12.org)

Howard Chadwick is responsible for making this happen. Congratulations and Thank You.

## **Burton Week 2010 – News from Tim Gatti**

### **Entries**

Time to enter! There were 40 entries as at 23 February and on 28 February all entries received will go into a draw for a brand new jib supplied to be supplied by Burton Week sponsors P&B.

NTOA members should already have received their Notice of Race and Entry Form. There are further details on the excellent event website at [www.burtonweek.org](http://www.burtonweek.org)

We are fortunate to have a number of sponsors already committed to Burton Week 2010 including:

[P&B](#), [GILL](#), [Aardspars](#), [Fuller's Brewery](#), [Designs 42](#)

### **Boscawen House - Need Burton Week Accommodation?**

There are spare spaces in the girls dorm at Boscawen House. Down boys, we are looking for girls. Click [here](#) All you need to do is to call Tim Gatti to reserve them. They will go – don't delay. Those of you who have reserved accommodation, please forward a cheque to Tim to confirm your booking

### **Safety Boats**

We will be hiring our Safety Boat ribs from the WPNSA - some of the Crews will be provided locally but if you are going to be at the event and think you can help in this area we'd be pleased to hear from you. If you haven't already volunteered your services as a driver or crew and would like to do so, then please contact me as soon as possible by via email or phone. Drivers will need a current RYA Powerboat Level 2 qualification. There is no formal qualification requirement for crews.

I'm looking forward to a high turnout and a great event. See you there.

Best wishes, Tim

### **And whilst you have got the cheque book out...**

... Final Call for NTOA subscriptions. For 2010 were due on 1 January 2010. If you don't have a standing order in place then click [here](#) to find a link to the form.

### **Accidents...**

Best wishes to Derek Davies, recently injured whilst skiing and now convalescing in Exmouth after fracturing three vertebrae. Now in a back brace. We wish you a speedy recovery. Why do they call you Mad Derek?

## **2010 Fixtures**

The **2010 Fixture List** has been published on the website, click [here](#) to link to it. A reminder of the important GILL Series dates below:

Saturday 27 March	Burghfield SC
1 – 3 May	Salcombe YC
29 May – 1 June	Weymouth & Portland NSA– This is also Burton Week
26 – 27 June	Hykeham SC – This is also the Summer Event
28 – 29 August	Solway YC – This is also the Scottish Championships
18 – 19 September	Grafham Water SC – This is also the Inland Championships
Saturday 2 October	Ripon SC
6 – 7 November	Northampton SC

### **Family sailing weeks – Popular links:**

Salcombe YC Regatta Week [here](#)

North West Norfolk Week [here](#) – *The entry form is now on the website*

### **Welcome to new members of the NTOA**

*David Moore, Plymouth, Devon, N3397 – A welcome return*

*Nigel Fordyce, Kent – Associate member*

### **Forthcoming Events**

#### **March**

13-14 Hamble River SC, Hamble Warming Pans – A joint event with Merlin Rockets and Fireflies. You never know – winter may be over by then!

14<sup>th</sup> Tynemouth SC, Blaydon Race – We all know the Northern fleet are tough enough to sail at this early time of year. Contact Howard Steavenson for more details or call 0191 258 0193

27<sup>th</sup> GILL SERIES 1 at Burghfield SC, Reading. Three races on a Saturday by the M4 in Berkshire. Easily accessible puddle with strategically placed islands to navigate around. Great facilities. See you there! More details Jeremy Carey on 07784 269601

#### **April**

3-4 Waldringfield SC, Easter Egg – A multi class Easter event. Notice of race [here](#) More details, contact Antony Gifford

10 North Staffs SC – An additional Midland Area meeting at North Staffs, home of Eric Haselden has been mooted. See details [here](#) This is not 100% confirmed yet

11 Up River YC, Open Meeting – Classic estuary racing on the East Coast. Race down river towards Burnham on Crouch in the morning, have some lunch and then go “Up River”. Always good fun. Penny Yarwood is the contact.

17-18 Annandale SC, Open Meeting – Just 3.5 miles from the M74 at Lockerbie. Racing takes place on the picturesque one mile long Castle Loch, near the historic town of Lochmaben. The timetable for five or six races allows travelling time for visitors. Record floods in late November washed through the Clubhouse waist deep, and the ground floor had to be gutted. Rebuilding is now nearing completion, and the club will be ready to offer its usual warm welcome and renowned hospitality. Further details including Notice of Race will be posted shortly on the forum. [www.annansail.co.uk](http://www.annansail.co.uk) – for more information contact John Hugo 01576 470282, e-mail [john@jhugo.orangehome.co.uk](mailto:john@jhugo.orangehome.co.uk)

24 Spinnaker Club, Coaching – For more info contact Bryn Phillips on [preservewildlifepickleasquirrel@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:preservewildlifepickleasquirrel@hotmail.co.uk) The local oldies will be in a local pub on the Saturday night and there will be a separate social for those competing in the Youth / Junior meeting on the Sunday. Note the Coaching is open to all ages and experience.

25 Spinnaker Club, Youth/Junior Open Meeting – 3 races from 11.00, with a briefing at 10.00. More details from Bryn on the excellent email address above!

## **May**

1-3 GILL SERIES 2 at Salcombe YC. The usual spring format of one race on Saturday, two on Sunday, and one on Monday morning. The Friday night social on arrival at the Yacht Club can take until Tuesday to recover from. For those that can recover quickly there are socials on Saturday and Sunday too!

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