

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.

Burton Weekend – Saturday 27th to Tuesday 30th August

It is 32 days until the 4 day Burton Weekend at Brightlingsea in Essex and right now it is pretty simple... Entries received after 1 August are late entries... Entry fees will increase from £123 to £143...

There is camping available right outside the club so if you have not sorted accommodation (like myself!) this is no barrier. The camping outside the club is the best located accommodation for the sailing club bar!

If you can't make the whole weekend come down for a few days – it is possible to enter by the day. Maybe come and do the Burton Cup on Monday 29th August.

When you enter, don't forget to order your tickets for the Burton Cup Dinner on the Monday evening. You never know you might win the Cup and need to collect it. I can assure you that stranger things have happened!

For those who entered before the end of April for Burton Week or the 75th Anniversary Regatta a draw for a new jib from Burton Week sponsors P&B was held. The winner was Ben Woodcraft, owner of N3467.

The Burton Week Notice of Race has been published and can be found here, with an entry form here. The Burton Week website is also live and is <http://national12.org/burtonweek/2011/>

Social programme includes a Games Night on Saturday and Fancy Dress party on Sunday night. This year's theme is "75"

Only 30 entries received at the time of writing, why pay more? Yes you will have to reveal the sail number of the boat that you have been secretly tuning up all year, but it now time to reveal your hand.

Burton Week is sponsored by Gill, P&B and Fuller's. Yes that's beer. I knew you were coming!

Our Class Needs You!

We have some new names up for election to the committee but still have a small number of vacancies and are keen to hear from anyone who thinks they could spare some time to help with the general running of the Association. Committee members are elected for a 3 year term with an

option to seek election for a further two years. We normally meet 3-4 times per year where you can share your views and ideas. In the recent past the meetings have been kindly hosted by P&B (handy for some shopping!). No matter what 12 sailing you do, this is your chance to get involved. If you would like to know more please contact your Vice Chairman Chris Day christian.day@hotmail.co.uk / 07984 404349 or Chairman Howard Chadwick.

75th Anniversary Event

A most enjoyable weekend of sailing with a fantastic turnout from the Vintage Fleet. It really blew hard for the first two days and the majority of the Vintage Fleet sat on the bank whilst others literally tested the water! There was quite a bit of gear failure, but overall it was smiles all round!

The dinner was another memorable night with speakers including Michael Goffe, Burton Winner in 1949, Mike Nokes, Burton Winner in 1960, Chris Edwards, Burton Winner in 1974 and 1975 and last at not least, the nipper, Jo Richards, Burton Winner in 1977 and 2009.

Alongside modern boats raced by those currently at the front of the fleet it was excellent to see Paul Pelling and Ian Simkins, back in Bianca, imagining that it was the early 1990s again, and Graham Bailey introducing his wife Julia to Twelve sailing in Punkarella the boat he had sailed as a teenager to win the Burton in 1979 and subsequently twice again.

Nigel Waller always does things his way which is a little different from how anyone else would do it. Having sold Punkarella to Graham during the winter he realised that he did not have a boat to sail at the 75th and he decided he needed a ribby as this was the only 12 he had not sailed. So he acquired N326 and got to work, starting 10 days before the event with the plan of going launching five days later to tune up. Well, other things got in the way and it was good that it was too windy to sail on the Saturday and Sunday as "Rose Marie" was still being recommissioned. Sophie Mackley was hired to crew, and final preparations finished in the hotel bar at 2am on the Monday morning...

In the Grand pursuit race, Nigel and Sophie won by a country mile. Leading results were

N326 Nigel Waller and Sophie Mackley
N2266 Graham Camm & Zoe Ballantyne
N2765 Tom White & Millie Dixie
N2957 John & Mark Sears
N3012 Graham & Julia Bailey

The winner of the concour d'elegance was Tim Gatti's Mat, N341.

There is an excellent report here:

http://www.national12.org/events/2011/75th_anniversary_regatta.shtml

Welcome to new members of the NTOA!

Barry Collyer, Broadstairs, Kent, N1524

Charles Darbyshire, Cowes, Isle of Wight, N3300

Alan Hill, CHalgrave, Oxfordshire, N3030

Andrew Legerton, Maldon, Essex< N1454

Graham Bailey, Ryde, Isle of Wight, N3012 – a welcome return!

Will Willett, Crickhowell, Powys, N3402

Gareth Caldwell, Stafford, N3162

Ian Clarke, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, N3435

Second hand Boat List / bits and bobs / wanted

You never know what you might find [here](#) so have a look! Bring it to Burton Week!

GILL Series 2011 – a reminder of the important dates

The GILL series continues having visited the South Coast, Scotland, the East Coast, a major UK river and a large reservoir near the M1 with events already held at Hamble, Trent Valley, Northampton, Annandale and Aldeburgh.

The remaining GILL series dates for 2011 are as follows and take us to the East Coast for a second time, the South West and the North of England.

A results update is promised soon so that you can confirm how you are doing.

August 27-30 th	Brightlingsea	Burton Weekend
October 22/23 rd	Salcombe	
November 5 th	Leigh and Lowton	Finale

To draw the Gill Series to a close the final event will be held on Saturday 5th November followed by a dinner and prize giving whilst the Inland Championships will run over both days of the weekend with a GILL series prize giving after racing on Saturday.

Other Fixtures

The full fixture list is published [here](#). Be aware if you print things off now that dates can change, and that the website will always be up to date. The hard copy list previously circulated is a little inaccurate. The website is correct in the event of a conflict.

Forthcoming Events

August

30 th -6 th	North West Norfolk Week
6 th -7 th	Wroxham – Vintage event
7 th -12 th	Salcombe YC Regatta Week
14 th -20 th	Salcombe Town Regatta
27 th -30 th	GILL Burton Week, Brightlingsea SC

September

4 th	Frampton on Severn SC – Vintage
10 th	Olton Mere SC – Open Meeting
11 th	Trent Valley SC – Open Meeting
17 th -18 th	Solway YC – Open Meeting
18 th	Henley SC – Open Meeting
24 th	Hykeham SC – Coaching
25 th	Hykeham SC – Open Meeting

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