

# 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.

## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition

**It is the last call** to book dinner tickets for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May. See further details below. Nearly 100 tickets have been sold for the dinner already and we still have space for more... We need final numbers this Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Please email Janet Bloor on [ntoa@ndirect.co.uk](mailto:ntoa@ndirect.co.uk) now to reserve your place and then send a cheque payable to the NTOA to:

Janet Bloor, 52d Woodman's Lodge, Holbrook, Derbyshire, DE56 0TG

The Dinner will be held on the evening of Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May at Highgate House, Creton just 4 miles from Northampton SC. Tickets are available for £36 (£25 if you are under 21). Highgate House is also offering a reduced accommodation rate for those attending the dinner. It will be a great opportunity to see, meet and listen to members of our Class, past and present. For further details about tickets click on the link [here](#). All our welcome for what will certainly be a fun evening. Please be aware that no tickets will be available on the day.

We are seeking to arrange transport from Northampton SC to and from the venue for all those who are camping. As it is a bank holiday weekend this needs a bit of planning. Please get in touch with Howard Chadwick on [chairman@national12.org](mailto:chairman@national12.org) to get your name on the list. At the moment the list is not very long so the chances of blagging your way onto a 16 seat minibus have got to be limited. Again, act now!!!

### The Sailing

The Notice of Race for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting at Whitsun has been published and can be found [here](#), with an entry form [here](#). Naturally we want 75 boats to celebrate 75 years. We look forward to seeing you! At the time of writing we have 39 entries already. You have got to be in it to win it apparently!

Whilst you don't need to enter in advance but Charlotte Stewart would rather be dealing with your entry whilst enjoying the ironing one evening next week than when she could be helping Jonno polish the bottom of the boat next Saturday morning. OK, I jest, Tom will be doing the ironing, but Charlotte would prefer your early entry. Entries will be accepted on the day.

Print off and post to Charlotte Stewart, 4 The Square, Pitsford, Northampton, NN6 9AG

Do you need further persuading? Click on the link to the poster. My colleagues at work have forecast a mini heatwave starting this weekend for two weeks. No news on wind speed as yet

### **Camping**

On site camping is available, please book your pitch in advance by calling 01604 880248 or by emailing the club office on [office@northamptonsailingclub.org](mailto:office@northamptonsailingclub.org)

### **The weekend in summary....**

Friday night – the club will be open for camping.

Saturday – 2 Gill Series races, first one at 14.00 followed by Junior racing from 17.00 – lend your boat to a nipper and retire to the bar to watch what happens! Then it is an evening do with a live band and dancing. BBQ if you are hungry!

Sunday – lots of sailing on offer! – 2 more Gill Series races, from 10.30 and a Crews race – yes genuinely time to swap roles and see it all from another's perspective! We will also have some fun and games and special regatta races, format to be determined on the day, but with the purpose of having fun high on the priority list. Oh, and do you need an evening social? The 75<sup>th</sup> Gala dinner, or an alternative of Roast Dinner at the club for those who do not wish to attend. Some how we will find time to draw which of the 60 qualifying entries will win a P&B jib.

Monday – time for the handicapper to awake having taken bribes all weekend before we set sail on the Grand Pursuit Race with the first start at 10.30. Dare you turn up with a T-foil or a fat head jib? Will Punkarella be back to defend its title from the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary regatta? The handicapping formula will be the tested ABC (Anyone But Camm) formula, with its latest HLT adjustment factor built in. Yes that's Hard Luck Tom. You want more? OK, a prize giving and then you can go home.

### **Burton Week**

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/>

### **Births Marriages and Deaths**

Sadly, John Bugbee died quite suddenly on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April. John was Chairman of the NTOA 1971-72 and remained an associate member of the Class since ceasing to sail Twelves in 1977. John owned a number of 12s including N1958, N2301 and N2660. John co-presented the Tubs Trophy to the Class in 1969, to be competed for by heavier crews at Burton Week

### **Second hand Boat List / bits and bobs / wanted**

If you have something to sell this is the time of year to put it on the market. The second hand list is [here](#) so add your old kit etc....

## **GILL Series 2011 – a reminder of the important dates**

The GILL series dates for 2011 are as follows.

May 28-30 <sup>th</sup>	Northampton	Anniversary Regatta and 75 <sup>th</sup> Dinner
June 11/12 <sup>th</sup>	Annandale	This is also the Scottish Championships
July 16/17 <sup>th</sup>	Aldeburgh	
August 27-30 <sup>th</sup>	Brightlingsea	National Championships and Burton
October 22/23 <sup>rd</sup>	Salcombe	
November 5 <sup>th</sup>	Leigh and Lowton	Finale

To draw the Gill Series to a close the final event will be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 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**

May

21st	Olton Mere SC - Coaching
28th-30th	<b>GILL</b> N12 75th Anniversary, Northampton SC

June

4th-5th	Yorkshire Ouse SC, Naburn Paddle
11th	Spinnaker – Coaching
12th	Spinnaker – Open Meeting
11th-12th	<b>GILL</b> Annandale SC, Scottish Championships
18th-19th	Royal Harwich YC – Open Meeting
25-26th	Grafham Water SC – Open Meeting
25-26th	Filey SC – Filey Regatta

July

2nd	Ripon SC Vintage Meeting
3rd	Ranelagh SC Open Meeting
3rd	Welland SC Open Meeting
9-10th	Tynemouth Bailer Open Meeting
16-17th	<b>GILL</b> Aldeburgh YC Open Meeting
24th	Yorkshire Dales SC Open Meeting

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