

TURNER COLLECTION

My thanks to all those who have been keeping an eye out for "first of" Vintage National 12s; a brief summary of where we are with the various boats which seem to be collecting in my barns!

Boat	Name	Status
1650	Smuggler	<p>Initial planking repairs by Brian Herring and subsequent tidying up by Tim Gatti. Re-launched at TVSC at the Vintage Open 2012 sailed by Allan Brunton and Tricia Peacock. Been sailed by various trainee helms at TVSC at the end of last season.</p> <p>Perfectly serviceable and ready for Graham Camm to sail at the Vintage champs this year, but may fully strip down hull next winter.</p> <p>http://www.national12.org/boats/index.php?action=view&value=1650</p>
1664	Squid	<p>Collected from Chris Bailey of the CRDVA who had picked the boat up from Richard Roscoe. Looks in good condition and may only need some minor repairs; the oddity is that the original mast has been shortened by a foot or so.</p> <p>I have been in contact with Richard and there is lots of info to post to the database when collated.</p> <p>http://www.national12.org/boats/index.php?action=view&value=1664</p>
2020	Starfish	<p>Collected from a garage in Nottingham and sailed on a number of occasions including opens at Olton Mere, Aldeburgh and Trent Valley, plus competed by Angus at the Thorpe Bay Burton. In lovely condition with original mast, boom, toe rails etc. Only damage was a hole in the foredeck expertly re-veneered by John Poulson.</p> <p>http://www.national12.org/boats/index.php?action=view&value=2020</p>
2359	Shotgun	<p>This is a very strange "one-off" designed and built by Mike Nokes. Was in a rough state having been in his garden for many years but didn't take long to tidy up for sailing. Has been sailed regularly including at two Burtons, and NWNW plus a number of opens. Sported a winged rudder for a season. Now used regularly as a training boat at TVSC.</p> <p>http://www.national12.org/boats/index.php?action=view&value=2359</p>
2399	Mr Jones	<p>Collected from Richard White several years ago; decks required stripping down and re-gluing before use. Sailed (and nearly lost at sea) by Angus at the Weymouth Burton. Sailed at several TVSC opens and by me at Attenborough. Major hull problems were identified Easter 2012 and after stripping down hull and interior now with Tim Gatti for major repairs. Hopefully to be ready for the Vintage Champs in June.</p> <p>http://www.national12.org/boats/index.php?action=view&value=2399</p>

2403	China Doll	<p>Just returned from planking repairs and re-spray (to original Wedgewood Blue). Entered for this year's Burton. Now sporting a carbon tiller and stock (copied from the original, but just a little lighter!) and carbon boom and dangly awaiting fitting. Decks will require full strip and epoxying this winter but temporary taping and varnishing of foredeck will allow a full season's sailing this year; already booked in for the Burton.</p> <p>http://www.national12.org/boats/index.php?action=view&value=2403</p>
2492	Whisper	<p>Rescued from a field near Worcester. In appalling state with decking, buoyancy tanks and hull coming apart; the gunwales are rotten – but at least we have the original Needlespar (with no spreaders!). This is a long term project.</p> <p>I just wish that Kevan hadn't mentioned in front of our reception staff at the office that I had acquired a "China Doll for Fatties!"</p> <p>http://www.national12.org/boats/index.php?action=view&value=2492</p>
2750	Cheshire Cat	<p>Not a vintage clinker but too important a boat to see lost to the class; and it's an original! Now collected from Gerry Ledger having been totally re-decked plus major repairs to the bow where water inside the front tank had rotted the bow and the bottom of the tank at the mast foot. Awaits varnishing of the decks and re-painting of the hull.</p> <p>http://www.national12.org/boats/index.php?action=view&value=2750</p>
3192	Micro clipper	<p>Ok so not strictly part of the vintage collection being an AC boat but this was the one that got me interested in "odd" boats. One of only two Micro clippers, this is my club boat up-rated with carbon mast, boom, dangly pole and mast ram.</p> <p>http://www.national12.org/boats/index.php?action=view&value=3157</p>

For the 1st Vintage National Championships at Burton SC this June the following boats will hopefully be there:

	"Booked" helms
1650 Smuggler	Graham Camm
2020 Starfish	Dave Peacock
2359 Shotgun	Chris Veal
2399 Mr Jones	Hugh Welbourn has been offered this boat to sail!
2403 China Doll	Me and Christine Preston
2487 Dolly Daydream	Nick Gill (but needs a crew please)