

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.

Dear all

A brief update for July. I had promised to get this out by 30th July and I have beaten the deadline by almost 10 days. Remarkable!

It is time to take your National 12 on holiday. If you don't do it soon you will miss whatever we get for a summer this year. On offer from the National 12s this summer is a mix of weekends, one days, long weekends, or weeks. Take your pick.

Gill Series 5 – Hunstanton / Norfolk Week

This coming weekend 26/27 July.

Make a long weekend or even a week by doing the rest of Norfolk Week. [Here](#) is the entry form and the notice of race. Sailing on Saturday and Sunday starts at 14:00. Come along and augment what will already be a strong 12 fleet doing the entire week. Children and family are not obligatory – but if they come they will have a great time. Rumour has it that family Stewart and family Camm will be joining the regulars for the week. Will this be the end of the Sallis / Gore dominance of the week?

Gill Series 6 - Grafham

On Saturday 13 September. More Gill Series details including results click [here](#)

Burton Week

Tim Gatti will be bringing his vintage 12 to Burton Week and there is now much debate going on about others coming for the Burton. Please do think about this. Our boats were built to sail these races. Don't leave the boat sat in the Dinghy Park or in the garage on these days that they were built for.

Entries are still trickling in – but the Royal Harwich old boys have still to get their forms in. Have you done yours?

Burton Week form guide

With the start of Burton Wk 2008, the annual championship for the National 12 class, now only one month away it is time to look at the runners and riders vying to take the illustrious title.

Graham Camm and Zoe Ballantyne 3492 (Numinous): Almost too obvious, and the clear favourites to win again in 2008, are the current title holders. With great consistency, astonishing light weather speed, and having won together three times already it would be brave to bet against this combination. There is, however, at least one new challenge to overcome, the presence of the delightful Anya Camm with the ability to wake the house at any time of the night. Is it possible that in joining the family wing of the class the Camm's might have sown the seeds (as it were) of their own defeat? Odds on favourites: 4-6.

Rich Williams and Lesley Iles 3450 (Chapter): Missing in 2007 and second in 2006, best known for their blistering speed upwind in a blow. This combination are probably not consistent enough to win the week, but will take more than their share of race wins. A windy week would put them in contention for the title if Rich can concentrate on the way downwind as he does on the way up.....
2nd Favourites: 3-1

Jon Ibbotson & Charlotte Stewart 3494 (Foolish): Jon and sister Char are a very consistent pair that have been together since birth or thereabouts and were second back in 2001. 2008 has seen something of a return to form, and if the Camm family struggle this might be the combination waiting in the wings to win the week. With no real weaknesses, they are better than the Camm's in the breeze and quicker than Williams/Iles in the light, this team could finally pull it together. 4-1 3rd favourites.

Others to watch:

Paul & Guy Pelling: Looking to add to their Burton Cup win in 2007 with a title, before Guy moves to the back of the boat for a rumoured 2009 campaign. Paul has done it before and would dearly love to win with his son, but probably should have sailed the boat a bit more since last summer to make this campaign more of a threat.

Steve Norbury & Andy Hill: Popular returnees with a borrowed boat last year, and planning to launch their all new Foolish before August 17th. Steve has been too busy in big boats this summer to put the 12 together, but this team have a habit of practicing in secret and pulling it together. A better bet for 2009.

Jo Richards, who turned up last year with his beautifully restored 'Bouncer' and, crewed by Holly Scott, showed that he had not forgotten the skills that made him one of the top helms in the class in the late 1970s (winning the Championship in Bouncer in 1977). On the form shown last year Jo is another that seems to favour lighter weather and could prove one to watch. Of course Jo being a talented designer and boat builder he could surprise us all by turning up with some new creation from a secret shed on the Isle of Wight....

John & Katy Meadowcroft: Will the Paradigm design come of age with the two new boats built this year? Is this the boat to get team Meds beyond their uncanny knack of leading at the first mark of almost every race? Has a fall in a brewery put paid to the practice that was crucial to getting the base out of this new boat?

Kevin Iles & Jane Wade: Were rank outsiders until recently, when a few bursts of real speed made them worth a long odds bet if you can get better than 20-1.

Antony & Jo Gifford: 1998 Champion Antony would love to win with his Mrs, but is probably a bit past his prime. There are circumstances that could occur to leave the title to this team, but as the

author of this piece I am struggling to work out exactly what they would be. Arguably the nicest colour of any boat at the regatta, we call it Lilac.....

Antony Gifford

Burton Week – Feeling Foolish Party

Those who were at Brixham will remember – if you need reminding click [here](#). Come as a Twelve, past or present, boat name or boat design. The boat you own, owned or wished you had owned. It does not matter who you are, but you must come. Paul Pelling will be obliged to make a special effort this year. Will Felix and Lottie Newall-Smith be there in their one pair of Baggy Trousers to defend last year's title? What does an *Alpha Male* look like?

Latest sail number

N3519 – whose is it? what design is it?

Burton Week – Merchandise Party

Saturday night at Burton Week is a time for renewing old acquaintances and also for listening to the briefing from the PRO. **This year it is also N12 merchandise night.** Steve Sallis claims to have t shirts from the early 70s so the challenge has been set. The winner will be the wearer of the oldest t-shirt worn which is not worn by anyone else eg one person wearing a 1974 Pevensey Bay t-shirt beats 2 people wearing a 1972 Scarborough t-shirt... Extensive prizes available for those with the best wardrobe. Let's see Steve's kit. Bruce Johnson should have a few as he never throws anything away – but will he be able to find them.

Last minute.com – links to your favourite notice of race / entry forms.

[Norfolk Week NOR](#) and [Entry](#)

[Salcombe Week](#) - Note there are 2 weeks of racing at Salcombe. The second week, which is the Salcombe Yacht Club Regatta tends to get the larger fleet of 12s and its own start. The other week is Salcombe Town Regatta. There are many other events going on that week in addition to the sailing, although frankly sun and a nice beach is enough for most...

[Burton Week](#)

AGM

Members of the NTOA will have received your AGM papers in the post – I look forward to seeing you there.

A Welcome to new members of the NTOA...

Dirk Bougard, Southwold, Suffolk, N3317

Stephen Read, Halifax, N3355

Jennie Clark, York, Associate

2008 Merchandise

Available at Gill Series events and Burton Week – email Jeremy Carey on jcdesigns42@btinternet.com

John Meadowcroft

N3515 Email: chairman@national12.org

Forthcoming events.....

July	Club	Region
5th & 6th	Solway Y.C.	Scotland
12th & 13th	Filey S.C.	North
12th & 13th	Frensham Pond S.C.	Vintage
20th	Yorkshire Dales SC	North
26th & 27th	Hunstanton SC	
26th to 2nd	N.W. Norfolk	
August	Club	Region
2nd to 10th	Bassenthwaite S.C.	
4th to 8th	Salcombe Town Regatta	
9th & 10th	Norfolk Broads Y.C.	Vintage
10th to 15th	Salcombe Y.C.Regatta	
17th to 22nd	Teignmouth Corinthian YC	
23rd & 24th	Scottish Sailing Inst.	Scotland
23rd & 24th	Royal Harwich Y.C. Regatta	
26th to 30th	Royal Harwich Y.C. Junior Week	
30th	Derwent Reservoir S.C.	Vintage / 4 plank
31st	Ranelagh	Thames
September	Club	Region
6th	Olton Mere	Midland
6th	South Cerney S.C.	Thames / South West / Vintage / 4 plank
6th & 7th	Yorkshire Ouse S.C.	North
13th	Grafham Water S.C.	East
14th	Up River Y.C.	East
20th	Trent Valley S.C.	Vintage
20th & 21st	Loch Tummel	Scotland
21st	Henley S.C.	Thames
27th	Spinnaker S.C.	Thames
28th	Derwent Reservoir S.C.	North / Scotland