

The Latest Chapter

News from the National Twelve Owners Association

EXTRA HIGH SUMMER EDITION - 2008

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

You wait 6 weeks for a Latest Chapter to arrive and then you get 2 in 2 weeks...

It appears that the mystery of N3519 has been solved. Jo Richards has been busy and if you buy the current edition of Dinghy Sailing Magazine you can find out more.

Norfolk week is over – 29 boats for the first weekend at Hunstanton and half of them stayed on for the full week. Graham & Zoe were the team to beat and they did not have it all their own way but were still the clear winners. Dave Peacock and Tricia Wood launched the latest Paradigm 2 – N3518 – at Hunstanton too.

There are already 19 entries for Salcombe YC regatta. We are off there tonight

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. Richard White and Paul Turner are declared runners, but Paul needs a crew. 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 – arriving early...?

Don Harrison PRO for Burton Week writes, “We always anticipate that we will get some early arrivals on the Friday afternoon of any event, so Alec our Beachmaster will be on duty from 14.00 - 17.00 that day at The Point and will be able to let boats in for parking, at competitor's own risk of course. When he leaves at 17.00 he locks the road bollards in place, which provides a degree of security as cars can't then get in. We mark out Upper Den Carriageway in numbered slots and people also get given a trolley tally with the same number to fix on their launchers. This will also be their tally number for launch/recovery. If anyone arrives after 17.00, they can either take the boat to their digs or park it on the promenade below our clubhouse. There is a gate at the entrance to

that part of the promenade, but it isn't locked, just bolted. I will put up the directional signs on lamposts, etc, to guide people to The Point on Thursday evening."

Burton Week social programme

Saturday night – Championship briefing at TCYC

Sunday night – TCYC reception, meet the Mayor and where your old N12 Merchandise

Monday night – Mystery night

Tuesday night – TCYC Games night

Wednesday night – Burton Week Dinner – town centre location

Thursday night – Feeling Foolish party – come as a N12 past or present

Friday night - Prizegiving

The Lairwell Trophy 2008 – the story so far

We are now over half way through the meetings which form the 2008 Scottish Series and already we are up on last year's entries, with 13 boats having taken part in the series so far against 12 last year. Five boats have already qualified for the series and we have 2 further meetings to go.

Annandale hosted our Champs this year and put on a wonderful weekend for us. Sadly our meeting at East Lothian YC was a definite miss for the fleet, but as the races were to be run as part of their regatta weekend rather than a special event for us it means we have not blotted our copy book too much. Solway Yacht Club always put on a good show for us and we repaid that by turning out the largest fleet for this meeting for many years, which involved some of our Vintage boats sailing on the sea in pretty hairy conditions.

As we head towards our 4th meeting of the series the series is led by 'Homer and Marge' with Team Roly Mo just behind on the basis of last race sailed against each other. Tim and Seb Gatti are showing just how competitive vintage boats can be, lying 3rd overall.

We have 2 meetings left in the series – the first being a visit to the SSI meeting at Largs. This will see a race round the cans on Saturday and then a race round Great Cumbrae on Sunday. Sounds great fun, and again one of the meetings which is being run within another event. Our final meeting sees us visit Angus and Rohan Beyts at their home club and we look forward to that immensely.

I am delighted that Angus has agreed to co-ordinate the 2009 series.

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?

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.

[Burton Week](#)

AGM

Members of the NTOA will have received your AGM papers in the post – I look forward to seeing you there. Note that it is an 09:30 start. The sooner we finish, the sooner we go sailing.

2008 Merchandise

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

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Forthcoming events.....

| August | Club | Region |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| 17th to 22nd | Teignmouth Corinthian YC | BURTON WEEK |
| 23rd & 24th | Scottish Sailing Inst. | Scotland |
| 23rd & 24th | Royal Harwich Y.C. Regatta | |
| 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. | GILL SERIES 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 |