

# 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**

I cannot quite believe that it is already the end of June! Much sailing has been done already this year, but there is still a lot more to come be it at the Gill Series events, Norfolk Week, Salcombe Week or Burton Week or at your local open meeting or club events. Sadly I have missed the last month of sailing due to a fractured elbow. Hopefully should be good for Hunstanton though.

## **Royal Harwich Junior Week**

Do your children like messing about on the water? There are few better introductions into sailing than Royal Harwich Junior Week. This year 26-30<sup>th</sup> August. Paul Pelling, Bruce Johnson and many others can let you in on the details. Find their contact details in the year book. Previous graduates from this week include Tom Stewart, Jon Brown, Jo Gifford, Richard Williams, Chris Mayhew... Click [here](#) for a link to the RHYC website

## **Summer Event / Gill Series**

The Summer Event at Hykeham was an excellent weekend, enjoyed by the 35 boats that attended. It was a great cross section of the Class with a strong Vintage boat and modern fleet attendance. The Camms emerged as the winners having to fend off Tom Stewart/Liz Ross, Jon Ibbotson/Charlotte Stewart and Antony/Jo Gifford... Phil David and Rachel Conway in their China Doll were able to hold off Graham and Zoe in the Grand Pursuit Race though

The next Gill event was at RHYC, the Camms did not have to fend off any challengers as they were the only consistent boat all weekend. The Sunday was very windy and those who sailed enjoyed and a season's worth of swimming in one day (Camms included!).

The next event is at Hunstanton SC and coincides with the start of NW Norfolk Week. Details are [here](#) Racing 1400 each day.

Round 6 is at Grafham on Saturday 13 September. More Gill Series details including results click [here](#)

## **National 12 Forum**

We held a forum at Hykeham, in recognition that the Burton Week AGM has an audience which is not entirely representative of our Class. Notes from this will be posted on the website and will also

be included in the forthcoming AGM papers. Thank you to all who contributed. There is a great deal of passion out there out there.

### **They are Talking About Us Again**

This is one of the most popular threads on the N12 Forum in recent months. Click [here](#). It is an offshoot from a topic on the Yachts & Yachting website which was asking which Classes would be around in 10 years time. From the Y&Y audience the N12 comes out as under pressure but a sure bet to survive, but a wider range of views is exhibited from the N12 audience. Dare Barry, who in my book always talks a lot of sense, wrote to me last week enclosing this thought provoking piece 43 years on from his first Burton. These thoughts make interesting reading:

*THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT US AGAIN.*

*This has made interesting reading over the past few days. Many interesting comments but no real way forward.*

*My first Burton Week was at Thorpe Bay in 1965 with a very old 1057, since then I have sailed in 25 Burton Weeks and built about 15 boats. I have enjoyed sailing 12's and hope they continue to find a way forward.*

*The comment was made that we need to sail our boats, I feel that was one of the most valid comments made. If we were to put 100 boats on the water at Teignmouth that would be a fantastic start, I for one will again be staggering around the course.*

*As to the way forward, I do not feel we should be changing the sail plan, making the boats longer or fundamentally changing the concept of what the class aims to do. I do however think it is perhaps time to remove some rules within the current framework. Length, beam, rise of floor, and sheer line cannot be moved. But how about, 4.3.1 deck not to be more than 52mm outboard from sheerline and 4.3.3 hollows, could these not go? - 5.2, why do we need a transom rule? - 5.3 Topsides, do we need this? - 7 Centreboard. Except for the section 7.4 do we need this? Does it matter how long it is or how it goes up or down?*

*These are only some of my thoughts and there may well be some very good reasons as to why they are not sound. Taking out 10k of weight will make no difference as to how the class prospers in the future, but it may help by letting designers and builders make the difference by doing something different.*

*Hope to see lots of boats at Burton Week*

*Dare Barry*

### **Burton Week**

Those entries so far in full...

John Meadowcroft, Antony Gifford, Dare Barry, Paul Pelling, Kevin Iles, Graham Camm, Matt Stiles, Andy Bayliss, Gavin Willis, Steve Norbury, Terry Cooke, Tim Laws, Steve Sallis, Dave Peacock, Caroline Martin, Richard Williams, Jo Richards, Nigel White, Matt Burrows, Jon Ibbotson

We need the rest of you!

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

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

[Salcombe Week](#)

[Burton Week](#)

**Births Marriages and Deaths**

Nigel May and Jane Boardman got married on 28 June. Congratulations.

**Boats for sale**

Double bottomed boats include a Feeling Foolish, Final Chapter, a Pudding, a Wild Front Ear and a Big Issue 2. Alternatively choose the Crusader, Baggy Trousers, Freak Out or one of 5 vintage boats. The choice is yours. Click on the ads on the website homepage...

**A Welcome to new members of the NTOA...**

*Ian Stables, N3404, Chandler's Ford*

*Phil Brown, N3398, Salisbury*

**2008 Merchandise**

Available at Gill Series events and Burton Week – email Jeremy Carey on [jcdesigns42@btinternet.com](mailto:jcdesigns42@btinternet.com)

**John Meadowcroft**

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Forthcoming events.....

<b>July</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Region</b>
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	
<b>August</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Region</b>
2nd to 10th	Bassenthwaite S.C.	
4th to 8th	Salcombe Y.C.	
9th & 10th	Norfolk Broads Y.C.	Vintage
10th to 15th	Salcombe Y.C.	
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
<b>September</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Region</b>
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