

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

Given that the clocks went back last weekend, the snow that landed in our garden last night (and which is still there tonight), I guess that Summer is now officially over. Yes I know it never started. It is appropriate then that it is the Gill Series finale on Saturday at Northampton SC. First race 12pm Saturday. There will be 3 races. There will be fireworks and Gill prizegiving on Saturday evening and then on Sunday a further 2 non Gill series races. The five races over the weekend will form the Inland Championships. More details click [here](#). The youth of Olton Mere SC are descending on Northampton this weekend. Come and meet them, they want to meet you!

So if you blinked and missed the 2008 summer, in summary:

- Graham Camm & Zoe Ballantyne won Burton Week and Norfolk Week in their Numinous. Apart from being Norfolk Week debutants, plus ca change?
- John & Mandy Thornton won Salcombe YC Week for the second year in a row in a Final Chapter
- John & Katy Meadowcroft won the Burton Cup in the new Paradigm 2. Who said that fat can't be fast in a National 12? Who said foiled rudders won't work? Crew weight 22 stone, smile very big...
- Three vintage boats entered the Burton Cup for the first time in years. Who says vintage boats can't enjoy thrashing around the Burton course – it is what they were built for.

In other classes:

- Steve Norbury and Andy Hill win the Commodores Cup for GBR Red
- Tom Stewart places second at the Merlin Rocket Nationals
- Arthur Henderson is the winning helm at the Cadet Nationals
- Some bloke called Paul Goodison who started sailing in a National 12, aged 4, with his father wins a Gold medal in the Laser Class at some event called the Olympic Games
- Graham & Zoe place 3rd at the Endeavour "Champion of Champions" Trophy

New NTOA Chairman

Dare Barry has been elected as the new Chairman of the NTOA. You can contact him via the details in the Yearbook or on chairman@national12.org Dare reminds me that he is a wooden boat builder and accordingly the best way to get in touch is by telephone, although he does crank up the internet from time to time! I will continue to write the Latest Chapter – contributions please to latestchapter@national12.org

Gill Series 6/7/8 - Grafham / Ripon / Northampton

Last Saturday was disappointingly windless and no sailing was possible. Ripon on the other hand was roaringly windy. More Gill Series details including results click [here](#) Come along to Northampton this weekend. I believe that you can find a crew by searching the discussion forum on the N12 website. There were certainly volunteers earlier this week.

Burton Week 2009

The NTOA General Committee have agreed that this will be a 4 day event to be held over the late May bank holiday weekend at Thorpe Bay YC near Southend. Saturday 23 – Tuesday 26 May 2009. More details will be coming your way soon. Sign up on the list of preliminary entrants here

Fotoboat Calendar 2009

This Calendar is very popular with 12 sailors and is now available for stocking fillers from www.fotoboat.com Hopefully they will notice that the front page says 2008 and not 2009 before it goes into publication...

Midland Area Dinner

Paul Turner or Nigel May are the men to speak to about this. The dinner is at Trent Valley on 15 November. More details click [here](#)

Northern Area Prizegiving

Still hungry? Well maybe the Northern Area prizegiving on 6 December. Contact Brian Herring.

Thames Area Lunch

If dinner is not for you, or maybe you just live in the Thames Area there will be a Thames Area Lunch at Ranelagh SC on 11 January 2009 after the Royal Thames YC Trophy at the same venue. Race starts c. 1130 with meal to follow. Details to be confirmed in the near future. Organisers are Mike Day / Anne Murch.

Up River YC

Have lost an Open Meeting trophy from the last millennium. If you know where it is Gerry Ledger or Ian Gore would be pleased to hear from you.

Winter handicap events

The two major Christmas/New Year events are:

The Grafham Grand Prix on 28 December. The Notice of Race has yet to be published but you will find it at www.grafham.org In previous years advance entry has been essential.

The Bloody Mary (Queen Mary SC, nr London) is on 10 January – make a weekend of it with the sailing at Ranelagh on the 11th. Click [here](#) to find the Notice of Race. You can enter on the day for this one.

The Bloody Mary event in particular often attracts a good fleet of Twelves. I plan to be there and it would be good to see many of you too. Put one of these in your diary. They are good fun.

Burghfield Winter Series

If you are in the South then you may be interested in the Burghfield winter series which is running on the following days. More details [here](#)

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Congratulations to Jon & Juliet Brown on the birth of Sam, a brother for Maya and Abi, on 7 August. I am sure that Jon has become desperate for male company in the household but I think that this was a pretty high risk, if in the end successful, move.

A Welcome to new members of the NTOA...

Jeremy Farrow, Evesham, N2760

Greg Pitt, Dumbarton, N3473

Ian Bryant, Bedford, N2973

Daniel Gilmour, Bristol, N2888

Christopher Palmer, Stockport, N3244

Ben Purser, Torquay, N1092

Stephen Robinson, Stalybridge, N3309

Nick Rogers, Romsey, N3415

Chris Dimmick, Berkshire, N2501 – A welcome return to the Burton Cup winner of '71&'72 in N2501

Kevin Marsh, Norwich, N1721

Martin Miller, Leeds, Associate

Simon Moss, York, N3349 – A welcome return

Tristram Squire, Salcombe, N3182 – A welcome return

Annual Newsletter

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