

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

Less than 100 days until Burton Week – time to make those plans for the spring and summer!

Dinghy Show – New Boat on show, please help

The Dinghy Show at Alexandra Palace on 7th and 8th March 2009 will see the unveiling of a new National 12 built by Rondar Raceboats, builders of the Firefly, 505, Enterprise, 420 among many others. This is a new production boat built to the Paradigm 2 design.

The build of the boat is nearing completion – come along and see it first. More build slots are scheduled for March. You could be at this year's Burton Week in a brand new boat to the same design as the 2008 Burton Cup winning design!

Chris Day and Sophie Richards are organising our stand. Contact them on christian.day@hotmail.co.uk to offer your help either setting up on the Friday or manning the stand during Saturday and Sunday. Please help – these things don't happen on their own! Thanks to all those who have already volunteered.

Dinghy Show – Exhibiting equipment required !!!

The NTOA are about to buy an upright TV stand suitable for a large flat screen TV for the Dinghy Show – this is a last call for anyone who is able to lend us one – please make yourself known – email john@2baileyclose.net

Burton Week - Enter early and win a P&B jib – Website launched

Entries need to be with Janet Bloor by 28th February to go into the draw for a new P&B jib. I hear many people have been scrambling for a cheque book in the last few days!

Burton Week – Crew needed / Helm needed ?

If you need a crew for Burton Week then get in touch with Kevin Iles – see year book for the number – and he will see if he can set you up with locals from Thorpe Bay Y.C. And if you are a crew looking for a helm – why not contact Kevin too?

Burton Week – Can't come?

Would you be prepared to lend/charter your 12 to someone else? If so please contact Antony Gifford who is co-ordinating sailors and boats. Number in the year book or contact via the website forum...

Burton Week website

We have a website with lots of information about the event. www.burtonweek.org Show it to the rest of the family to persuade them to come along. Thanks to Jeremy Carey for putting this together.

Births Marriages and Deaths

Rachel (nee-Tomlinson) and Roy Nicol report the recent birth of Sophie, a sister for Jamie and another grandchild for Tim Tomlinson. No doubt a future member of Middle Nene Sailing Club too.

For sale

Noted on the website – a variety of boats at a variety of prices. . . Go on – have a look - The second hand list is a little short at the moment and many boats seem to sell very quickly – if you know of a boat that should be on the list then see if you can get the owner to put it on.

If you are thinking of selling your boat – maybe you fancy a new Rondar boat ? – then this is the time of year to get your advert up on the NTOA website in time for the Dinghy Show.

Events in March

14-15th March – Hamble River SC

The Hamble Warming Pan is a 2 day meeting. Racing starts and finishes on the sailing club line which is in the midst of the marinas. Sailing down river it quickly widens and the racing area extends into Southampton Water. A shared event with Merlins and Fireflies who tend to greatly outnumber us. A good opportunity to get some early season competition and likely to either be surprisingly warm or thunderously cold! Kevin Iles, Jon Ibbotson and Gavin Willis are amongst those who have already expressed an interest. Need to get the Spinnaker crowd out too. More details from John Meadowcroft – john@2baileyclose.net

28th March – Burghfield SC – GILL Series Event 1

The event is a one day event with three races over the course of the day. Burghfield is located just outside Reading and less than five minutes off junction 12 of the M4. There are two options for entry for the event:

Enter on the day £16 per boat, or

Pre-register between now and Midday 27th March for a reduced entry of £13 per boat

Pre-registration **does not require pre-payment** and so if you register now but are unable to make the event on the day then you will not have lost your entry fee. The pre-registration is purely to aid the club organise the day. So if you are planning, considering, intending to come to the first of this year's Gill Series events please **both** show your intention on this string **and** pre-register by clicking www.burghfieldsailing.org/p343 8 boats already signed up...

There will be prizes for both AC's and DB's and should we get sufficient Vintage too then prizes will be there providing you pre-register. Any queries about the event please contact Jeremy Carey - details in the handbook or sailing@burghfieldsailing.org

Norfolk Week – Hunstanton entry is restricted!!!

Don't forget that the Hunstanton meeting is restricted to 65 boats across all classes. Last year there were 69 entries. This has been imposed by the NWNSA without consultation with the National Twelves after last year they told us that it was the 60th anniversary of the first event and that they really wanted us to come! We only heard about the restriction once the Notice of Race had been published. We are in discussion with NWNSA about this and it clearly may cause a problem with the first weekend being a Gill event but first of all we need to know numbers. Please enter now if you are doing the full week and let Tom Stewart know if you may only be a weekend traveller. Email tom on gillseries@national12.org. Entry form – [click here](#)

A reminder of the 2009 GILL Series dates are as follows:

Saturday 28 March	Burghfield SC
2 – 4 May	Salcombe YC
23 – 26 May	Thorpe Bay YC – This is also Burton Week
27 – 28 June	Leigh and Lowton SC – This is also the Summer Event
1 – 2 August	Hunstanton SC – This is the first weekend of Norfolk Week
29 – 30 August	Tynemouth SC
Saturday 3 October	Grafham Water SC
Saturday 7 November	Northampton SC – This is the first day of the Inlands

Your favourite Links

2009 NTOA Fixture List www.national12.org/events/2009/events.shtml

Burton Week website www.burtonweek.org

Norfolk Week website www.norfolkweek.co.uk

Salcombe YC website www.salcombeyc.org.uk

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