

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.

GILL Series

Meeting 2 is at Salcombe YC from 2-4 May. The Notice of Race and Entry Form will be published on www.national12.org shortly. The key message is that entries in advance are requested. If you want more details contact John Murrell on JohnMurrell@salcombeyc.org.uk or telephone number in the yearbook. The schedule of race is as follows:

4 Races, 3 to count

Race 1	Saturday 3rd May	13.50 hrs
Race 2	Sunday 4th May	10.30 hrs
Race 3	Sunday 4th May	14.00 hrs
Race 4	Monday 5th May	11.00 hrs

Please remember that displaying Gill Series stickers on each side of the bow is a requirement. There is already a supply of stickers in Salcombe but it is your responsibility to sort this out – important to remember if you are a Salcombe boat and the boat is on the beach... Most visitors will launch from Batson Boat Park in Salcombe and there will be a supply of stickers there

In the first GILL series meeting it was business as usual at Burghfield for Graham Camm and Zoe Ballantyne who fought off determined challenges from Jo & Antony Gifford, Jon Ibbotson & Charlotte Stewart and Tom Stewart & Elisabeth Ross. If you think that it always goes wrong for you and never for anyone else you would have enjoyed watching Tom & Elisabeth making their final approach to the finish line to deservedly win the final race and to be greeted by a header so large that they capsized to windward... They recovered for third place, just.

Burton Week – 23 to 26 May – Thorpe Bay YC

I know that there are still some more entries to come. All entries after 1 May 2008 will be at £100 so enter now. £80 is the entry fee, £40 for Juniors.

Note that we will be drawing a lucky entrant (and crew) from all those entered by 1 May 2008 to enjoy a complimentary drink purchased with me at TBYC bar after sailing on Saturday. Do you need further incentive...? If you are a crew reading this check that the excitable person at the back of your boat who holds the tiller has sent in an entry form if that is also their job.

If you have entered but have not booked into the dinner (Monday 25th) and will want to attend then please get in touch with Janet Bloor at your earliest opportunity. You will need a cheque to secure

your booking but by the time you arrive in Thorpe Bay it will be too late so we need your commitment in advance. Assuming we have completed the Burton Cup on the 25th it will be presented after the dinner.

Remember; don't be put off coming by accommodation logistics. There will be plenty of space for camping at the sailing club so that really is not an excuse. If you are worried about the lack of competition for you then do not fear. With more than 50 boats spanning 5 decades of construction there will be plenty of competition for everyone.

There are a few people out there looking for crews – Kevin Iles can help you with this match making.

Antony Gifford has also convinced some leading Lark sailors from the East Coast to come to Burton Week. They are looking to borrow modern boats. If you cannot make Burton Week yourself but realise that your boat does deserve to go then please also contact Antony Gifford on antonygifford@aol.com and he can put you in touch.

Welcome to new members of the NTOA

Naomi Bilton, Solihul, N2823, N3193

Kevin Rose, Solihul, N2947, N3077, N3171!

Terry Curtis, Buckinghamshire, N3236

Chris Flewitt, Fareham, N3300

Christopher McGlennon, Bridge of Weir, Scotland, N1626

Michael Lavington, London, N3286

London Marathon – this weekend

Gavin Willis is running the London Marathon this weekend in aid of the NSPCC. A year ago Gavin could not even remember running for a bus let alone any further. If you want to sponsor Gavin then go to <http://www.justgiving.com/gavinwillis1> Perhaps surprisingly for Gavin he appears to have taken a pretty conventional approach to preparing for this challenge. Good luck!

Have you seen N2279?

This boat is 'lost'. If you know where it is please call Geoff on 07973 522749.

Forthcoming Events

25th April – Coaching Day at Spinnaker Club

Led by Phil Brown come and learn and practice some new skills. Contact N12s@spinnakerclub.co.uk for more details.

25-26th April – Annandale SC – Scottish Championships

John Hugo at Annandale SC is organising. See discussion forum thread [HERE](#)

2-4th May – Salcombe YC – GILL Series Event 2

Contact John Murrell – details above

9-10th May – Aldeburgh YC

Enjoy a weekend racing on the Alde. Those who can manage consecutive weekends at Salcombe and Aldeburgh will be in National 12 sailing heaven! The basic plan is racing on the estuary. Saturday - 2 races back to back starting approx 13.30, briefing at 12.45. Sunday - 1 race at 11.00 and then 2 from about 13.30. The social plan on Saturday night is at the Gifford residence, in a village called Iken that is about 15 minutes or so drive inland. Food will be available, please bring a bottle. There is camping (a slight slope) and floor space available. It would be helpful to have some idea of numbers for the evening. More details contact Antony Gifford antonygifford@aol.com

10th May - Trent Valley Sailing Club

TVSC is once again welcoming competitors to its Annual Open Meeting on Sunday, May 10, racing for the Challenge Trophy. This is an event which has been held every sailing year since 1937. The BREAKING NEWS - (though this may be an inappropriate term!) - is that Network Rail has started to repair the awful access road alongside the railway line, which has been such a deterrent to members and visitors. So, no excuse now for not attending! In addition to the main trophy and its associated historic crew's trophy, there is a new Trophy for the first Admiral's Cup boat. Call Ken Goddard for details - 01332 521168

16th May – Ripon SC Vintage Meeting

This is your last tune up before Burton Week gents. Be there to ensure that you are properly prepared! Bernard Clark is the man on the case teamrolymo@btinternet.com

17th May – Desborough SC

There may not be much wind at Thorpe Bay... If you want to be properly prepared for a drifter on the Thames Estuary then why not a drifter further up the Thames at Desborough SC. Easy access from the M25 / M3 – this could turn out to be a master stroke!

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

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

We are aware of potential entry limitations at Hunstanton SC and a decision will be made well in advance as to whether this will be part of the GILL series or not. It is not the intention that it will form part of the GILL series if entry limitations have to be applied.

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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