

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.

If you have not seen this yet, stop right now!

It was windy at Grafham... Click [here](#). If you have seen it before it is worth running it again. Rumour has it that the Ibbotson boat has finally made it back to the shore.

What's coming up...

There is only one big opportunity left to sail your National 12 in a large fleet before 2010. This is as stark a warning as it gets. Northampton SC, The Inland Championships and GILL Series Finale – 7th and 8th November – see below

The National 12 forum is littered with gifted young people volunteering to crew for you, so now is the time to make your plans and either hook up with your usual crew or make an arrangement with someone new.

Back in the day Bonfire Night at Middle Nene SC was the time for reliving the summer and making plans for next year – as well as making new friendships! That is why you need to be at Northampton for bonfire night.

Rumour has it that our National Champion will have his boat back from the Vets after its nasty accident at Grafham Water in the hands of P&B's finest. Meanwhile, if you need a new boat, Tom Stewart's Feeling Foolish is for sale. Just the one careful owner as they say...! To get a full list of secondhand boats click [here](#)

GILL SERIES AND INLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS – NORTHAMPTON

The GILL Series finale will be at **Northampton SC on Saturday 7th November** to be followed by a prize giving with NTOA Treasurer and Hon Records Officer Mr Michael Brookman booked to be in charge of it all. Fireworks and disco will follow the prize giving. There will be more racing on the Sunday and the results of the whole weekend will constitute the 2009 Inland Championships.

There will be a briefing at 11.15am on Saturday with first of 3 races at 12 noon (likely to be back to back due to the shortage of daylight). Race 4 on Sunday starts at 10.30am with Race 5 back to back.

A nearby hotel, Sedgebrook Hall, have a guaranteed rate of £70 / room for the Saturday night - they have limited rooms free due to another function so it is a good idea to book early. Call them on

01604 821666 quoting "Northampton Sailing Club Event". Alternatively there is free camping at the sailing club.

A Notice of Race can be found [here](#)

Trophies and Prizes up for grabs in our Junior and Youth section at Northampton in November

The weekend of the 7th & 8th November at Northampton Sailing Club not only sees the final GILL event of the season and the Inland Championships but also provides THREE prize-winning opportunities for our keen young 12 sailors .

ONE: The Gill event on the Saturday will determine who is the winning under 21 Junior Helm in the Gill Series and the lucky winner will be rewarded with the Secretary's Cup at the Gill Prizegiving - a cup first presented to the NTOA exactly 40 years ago in 1969 and which has an impressive list of names already engraved upon it.

TWO: The Inland Championships taking place on the Saturday and the Sunday represents the final event for the '25 and Under Series' organised this season by Sam Childs. There could be up to 10 qualifiers. The winning helm and crew will be announced at the Sunday prizegiving and Gill have kindly offered to donate some extra prizes for the winners and runners up in this series.

THREE: Finally - any helm sailing at the Inlands who was under 21 on January 1st 2009, will automatically be entered for the Midlands Junior Trophy which will be awarded to the highest placed Junior in the overall Inland Championship results. This is the first time for some years that this trophy has been awarded on the results of an Open meeting - but this was how it was done when the event was first instigated at Trent Sailing Club exactly 50 years ago - in 1959.

So - three great reasons for getting down to Pitsford Reservoir and having a great weekend's sailing!

Burton Week 2010

Make sure that this is in your diary. The venue is confirmed as Weymouth over the late May Bank holiday weekend. This is Saturday 29th May to Tuesday 1st June. The NTOA Committee are visiting Weymouth soon to confirm arrangements and we will then have an event website up and running with all the necessary information.

Annual Newsletter 2009

I would love to receive your contributions for an Annual Newsletter. If you have an idea please drop me an email. I have realised that the latestchapter@national12.org email address has not been working, so please resend anything previously sent to john@2baileyclose.net . I will acknowledge receipt. I need ideas soon with copy to follow for a Christmas publication!

Welcome to new members of the NTOA

Simon Newton, Stratford Upon Avon, N1612

Vintage Series-a battle to the end for the Witchcraft Bailer!

The 2009 Witchcraft Bailer Series concluded last weekend and it has been one of the closest series in recent years with places changing right up to the last race held at Yeadon. Injury took its part with Bernard Clark laid up for the last 4 events. Paul Turner took the lead with two races to go but then had a shoulder injury whilst I managed to twist my knee the week before the final weekend sailing at Grafham Water during the very wild Saturday. In the event Paul was unable to compete at Ripon and I managed to strap up well enough to sail in the fortunately light winds at Ripon and achieved a win just beating Brian Herring to draw level on points and take the trophy from Paul on countback. Paul came to support the event sitting in the sunshine with Bernard, both planning for the 2010 series no doubt. Nine boats qualified for the series, seventeen boats took part and we sailed nine of the ten scheduled events sadly losing Derwent when a low entry was further reduced by illness and a crew failure resulting a late cancellation. Four different helms scored event wins demonstrating just how competitive the series has been and two places had to be decided on count back including first/second!

Final points and results for the series being:-

Helm	Boat Name	Sail No.	Position	Points
Howard Chadwick	Triarda	2266	1	2.75
Paul Turner	Dolly Daydream/Starfish	2487/2020	2	2.75
Philip David	Little Meg	2545	3	5.75
Brian Herring	Let's Go/Suzy Wong	1673/2468	4	6
Bernard Clark	Xanthus	2149	5	8
Brian Kitching	Just Lucky	1657	6	8
Tim Gatti	Purely Platonic	2255	7	12
Alan Mason	Dilly Dally	1607	8	13
Ian Purkis	My Little Margie	1483	9	17

Apologies to all crews as several boats sailed with more than one crew in the series and crew names were not always available from the events.

Three events have also been run for ribbed boats this year at Yeadon, the latest one (this weekend) using the same 5 boats but introducing 4 new helm/crew combinations. The winners on this occasion were Philip David with Katie McInnes who won four out of the five races, no mean feat with crews changing boats after each race. Hopefully in 2010 the ribbed boat activities can be extended to include other boats and venues.

Ribbed Boat Trophy

The Ribbed Boat Trophy has this year been awarded to Beryl Higgins who, after having restoration work done by Ian Duffill on her boat Rapsallion N1137 has re launched her. Interestingly the photograph she submitted was taken when she was sailing with her crew Mary Railton, both ladies

are now in their eighties and last sailed together regularly from 1949 to 1956 including competing in two Burton Weeks! Beryl has also been sailing with four of her six grand children, clearly a great National 12 supporter.

Next year...

The vintage series for 2010 is now taking shape although some dates are still to be finalised in order to fit in with Gill and club events etc. We have unfortunately had to drop Derwent for next year due to poor support in recent years however we will be adding Aldeburgh as a new venue. Burton will once again be a 4 day event over the late May Bank Holiday sailed at Weymouth and we are hoping for good support from the vintage fleet for this event, we now have our own points trophy for the event and a trophy for the first vintage boat in the Burton Cup race. More details will be available as plans are finalised in the coming months and details as always will be on our web site so please watch out for the information appearing.

Howard Chadwick
Vintage Wing Representative

Forthcoming Events

November

7th – 8th Northampton SC, GILL Series Finale and Inland Championships

15th Tynemouth SC, Newburn, Tate Winter Trophy

“And finally....”

Whilst Gavin is convinced that all these pictures have something to do with a vet, in fact the person hidden underneath the National Twelve in the splendidly equipped garage was Tim Gatti

My favourite caption was:

It's the sailing equivalent of Cluedo - the world's best planned murder
"It was the wife who did it, in the garage with the National 12"

John Meadowcroft

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