

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.

Christmas 2010

Christmas is here already, so best wishes to all, and whilst you enjoy a well earned break it is time to make plans for 2011. Some of us (probably most of us!) will be wishing that we had managed to find more time for our National 12 sailing in 2010. I will be getting the diary out over the coming weeks to put the important dates into our family's diary for the coming year. You will find them detailed below.

And on to the news...

Jon Ibbotson & Charlotte Stewart completed a memorable year for them with a 2nd place at the Inland Championships, at Northampton, which gave them the GILL series for 2011. Tom Stewart & Rachel Williamson won the Inlands with a fine display of consistent sailing.

In the subsidiary competitions the winners were:

Admirals Cup and Junior prize – Nick Copsey and his various crews – a different one every time!

Family Cup – Steve and Jo Sallis

2011 – 75 years of National 12 sailing

As 2011 represents 75 years of National 12 sailing we have planned some special events for the year, in particular:

May 7-8th Trent Valley Sailing Club 125th Anniversary

Trent Valley SC is celebrating its 125th Anniversary in 2011 and having had a very long association with the National Twelve Class they are hosting a special two day GILL Open Meeting. The weekend will include a dinner at the club to celebrate the club 125th and the Twelves 75th anniversaries.

May 28-30th 75th Anniversary Regatta

For many the highlight of 2011 will be our 3 day Class Anniversary regatta to be held at Northampton. The weekend will include a GILL event running over Saturday and Sunday, a crew's race and some other racing (still under development!) and on the Monday we will have our grand pursuit race. On the Sunday evening we will be holding a Gala Dinner to celebrate our 75 years, this will be an evening to remember. There will be keen racing for all and we are hoping to have a good

fleet of vintage boats competing, including N1. Weather permitting there will be the opportunity for any competent helms to try a ribbed, vintage, or a modern 12. A unique opportunity for a combination of serious racing and fun competition linked to a gala dinner and a time to mix with good friends, make new ones and perhaps meet some of the class legends.

August 27th-30th Burton Week 2011

Burton Week 2011 is being held at Brightingsea, Essex over the August bank holiday weekend. Racing will be from Saturday to Tuesday, which means only one day of work for most. It also falls in the summer school holidays well away from exam fever, so we hope to see the youth of the class out in full force.

The Burton Week committee have visited recently, and are delighted to report that everything is in place for another excellent event. There are camping facilities next to the dinghy park (early booking advised). The Burton Dinner being catered for at the club, as well as other social activities, so this looks set to be another bumper event. Look out for the notice and entry details arriving soon and information on the Burton website early in the New Year.

GILL Series 2011

The GILL series dates for 2011 have all been announced and are as follows.

March 12/13 th	Hamble Warming Pan	
May 7/8 th	Trent Valley	TVSC 125 th Anniversary Celebrations
May 28-30 th	Northampton	Anniversary Regatta and 75 th Dinner
June 11/12 th	Annandale	This is also the Scottish Championships
July 16/17 th	Aldeburgh	
August 27-30 th	Brightlingsea	National Championships and Burton
October 22/23 rd	Salcombe	
November 5/6 th	Leigh and Lowton	Final Gill event and Inland Championships

To draw the Gill Series to a close the final event will be held on Saturday 5th November followed by a dinner and prize giving whilst the Inland Championships will run over both days of the weekend with a prize giving after racing.

Other Fixtures

The full fixture list has now been published [here](#). Be aware if you print things off now that dates can change, and that the website will always be up to date. We will advise of any changes via the Latest Chapter and the website as and when we are aware of them.

N12 Website

Well done to Graham Camm who has recently completed a little refresh of our website. The content remains the same, and the hard work has been done on the homepage. I am sure that you will agree that it looks great. www.national12.org

2011 – the first Open Meeting has already been held!

The first 2011 open meeting has already been sailed! Difficulties with scheduling the right sort of tide with the right sort of weather with the race finishing at the right sort of time so that a nice meal could be enjoyed afterwards led to the 2011 Royal Thames YC meeting and 2010 Thames Area Lunch / Prize giving being held at Ranelagh on 5 December 2010. Inevitably, the UK including London had remarkably been snow bound in the preceding week yet some how 14 intrepid sailors (fools?) took part. Many more came for an excellent lunch and to celebrate John & Mandy Thornton winning the 2010 Thames Area series. For good measure John also won the meeting with Katy Meadowcroft crewing. Full report and photos [here](#)

Ties

It has been suggested that the 75th anniversary of the Class is a fine time to commission a new National 12 tie. These do appear to date, but we hope to come up with something contemporary. There had been some hope that these might be ready for Christmas, so apologies to Santa... I hope they will be available for the 75th anniversary dinner. The plan is that they will be made to order so please don't shilly shally around! More details to follow, or email John Meadowcroft on latestchapter@national12.org or add to the forum [here](#)

Second hand Boat List

The second hand boat list has a number of interesting craft on it, ranging from a Dead Cat Bounce – avoid the waiting list! – to a range of Vintage boats. Have a look [here](#)

For sale /wanted list

In addition to the boat list don't forget the bits for sale / wanted sections on our website which should be a good way to move on the old sails and other paraphernalia in your garage. Doing this might appease others in your family and be the key to being allowed that extra weekend away sailing in 2011!

Ribbed Boat Trophy

The Vintage Section of the Class award the Ribbed Boat Trophy annually to the best restoration of the year and this year it was awarded to John Chalker of Aldeburgh for his painstaking, thorough and well-documented restoration of his Landamore designed 'Bobtail' N760. Find out more on Bobtail's blog <http://www.n760.blogspot.com/>

Vintage Census

Ken Goddard is conducting a census of Vintage Boats to ascertain in some detail how many of the clinker built 12s are still in active use and where they are. If you have a clinker 12, or indeed if you know of one, then please send some information to Ken. He is after:

- Sail Number(s)
- Owner's name
- Location (ie, home, club, or elsewhere – I don't need full addresses)
- A few words to summarise the condition of the boat, eg, "seaworthy/ in racing condition/under restoration/abandoned", or whatever.

Please address your email to goddards.peartreehouse@btinternet.com or write to me at my address in the Annual Booklet. For more information, click [here](#).

National 12 – Social Media

It is apparent that the "Facebook Generation" is starting to spread its wings and penetration into our lives. Somewhat bizarrely my father is now "friends" with my wife. I think that if it has got this far then it must be a pretty good way of helping people stay in touch with each other. As a result we have established a National 12 Facebook page. Try clicking [here](#). Please sign up if you are a member of Facebook. We hope that it will provide an opportunity for both National Twelve sailors to communicate with each other and to recruit other people who are interested in sailing to our Class. We should be able to send reminders to people about certain events using the calendar functions. It will only work if a critical mass get together and want to make it work, so please sign up.

A new home for Punkarella

Recent postings on the website forum from spies on the Isle of Wight ferry suggest that N3012, Punkarella, the smooth skinned boat that caused a revolution in the Class back in 1978 has changed hands again. 5 years ago, Nigel Waller, who had originally built the boat (having got home from the pub after a heated discussion involving a beer mat as a 1/20th scale model as the story goes) had repurchased Punkarella and he has now sold the boat back to Graham Bailey who helmed her to three of her four Burton Cup wins between 1978 and 1982. Punkarella now lives on the Isle of Wight, and we hope to see Graham and the Punk at the 75th anniversary meeting in May.

The Endeavour Championship 2010

The Endeavour Championship is the UK dinghy Champion of Champion events which this year celebrated its 50th running at the Royal Corinthian YC in Burnham, Essex. Burton Week winners, Graham Camm & Zoe Ballantyne were our representatives and at the end of the first day were in a very strong position overall, leading with 5 top 3 finishes from six tricky light winds races. On the final Sunday the wind arrived and Graham & Zoe were blown away (almost quite literally I am told) and had to settle for 4th place overall.

Summer regatta week dates 2011

North West Norfolk Week runs from 30 July to 6 August. <http://www.norfolkweek.co.uk>

Salcombe YC Regatta Week runs from 7-12 August <http://www.salcombeyc.org.uk/>

N12 dinghy database

Are your records up to date? <http://www.national12.org/boats/index.php> Christmas is a great time to dig out some old photos.

NTOA membership renewal

NTOA subscriptions for 2011 are due on 1 January 2011. If you don't have a standing order in place then click [here](#) to find a link to the form.

NTOA – now on Paypal, but not for membership renewal, yet...

In order to improve the services, we have recently launched on-line payments for some of the Association's services. You can now do the following quickly and easily on-line.

- Re-Registration of a boat (if you have just bought a second hand boat you can register it in your name)
- Replace a missing or lost certificate
- Re-issue of Certificate (current certificate full)
- Order a sail number for a new boat

Payments can be conveniently made on-line securely by PayPal using a credit/debit card or PayPal account.

Visit: <http://www.national12.org/ntoa.shtml>

N12 Merchandise

Burton Week rash vests – SOLD OUT...

National 12 burgees – various colours, £7.50 – stocks are running low!

The National Twelve Handbook 1936 – 2010, £15

For more details, please email Katy Meadowcroft on merchandise@national12.org

Welcome to new members of the NTOA

Richard Barrett, Colchester, Essex, N3217

Keith Tierney, Colchester, Essex, N3179

Colin Cumming, Frodsham, Cheshire, a welcome return with a new boat on order!

Steve Gent, Ruscombe, Berkshire, N3536, a welcome return

Simon Hipkin, Walton on the Naze, Essex, N3364, a welcome return

Matt French, Solihull, West Midlands, N2933, a welcome return

Suzanne Davies, Bramerton, Norfolk, N3280

Births Marriages and Deaths

David Peacock and Tricia Wood married at Great Malvern on 30 October 2010. Congratulations!

Forthcoming Events

There are a number of events over Christmas and New Year for the brave...

January

8th Queen Mary SC, Bloody Mary Pursuit Race – 12s got 2,3,4 in 2009. The last two years have been very cold. What are the prospects for it being any warmer this time? I guess you never know.... www.queenmary.org.uk/

29th Northampton SC, Steve Nicholson Memorial Race – By the end of January it could be summer, but I would bank on it still being winter. I remember hearing a long-term weather forecast a couple of weeks ago that said that overall it would be a mild winter. I thought that the idea that anyone could come up with some kind of forecast was a little preposterous then and I have yet to change my mind. However, this is a great meeting with two races with lunch to warm up in between them and a large handicap fleet. 12s tend to get a little lost in the middle of the pack but in the right conditions we get to the windward mark with the Fireballs, which is amusing. Proceeds go to Asthma Research. www.northamptonsailingclub.org/

30th Blydon Race, Tynemouth SC. The first meeting of 2011 in the North of England. I have managed to make it to Newburn for this event on one occasion (not bad for a Southerner in February, although I have to admit other circumstances caused me to be in the area). Fortunately there was a pub close to where we were launching and given that there was so much snow and little

wind we decided to go there rather than launch. I have seen pictures of the ice being broken in order to sail at Newburn. Maybe this will be repeated in 2011!

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