

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.

RYA Dinghy Show

The RYA Dinghy Show is at Alexandra Palace on 6 and 7 March. Chris Day and Sophie Richards are organising our stand again. Tom Stewart will be unveiling his new version of *Dead Cat Bounce* at the show. It is apparently going to be boring white (come on Tom!) but I don't think anything else will be boring about it! Elsewhere at the show you will also find Michael Airey's brand new *Dead Cat Bounce* from Composite Craft alongside Tim Gatti's 74 year old N341 'Mat'. Your help at the Show would be greatly appreciated – find out more [here](#)

The National Twelve Handbook

Have you seen Howard Chadwick recently? He has been busy updating the history of the National 12 Class for publication in the National Twelve Handbook 1936-2010. Last published in 2000 this is an essential for anyone with a love of sailing National 12s. Class Association members can expect to see something arriving in the post this month. There will also be stocks available for sale to Non NTOA members. Watch this space.

Burton Week 2010

Time to enter! There are 24 entries in at the time of writing and on 28 February all entries received will go into a draw for a brand new jib supplied to be supplied by Burton Week sponsors P&B.

NTOA members should already have received their Notice of Race and Entry Form. There are further details on the excellent event website at www.burtonweek.org

We are fortunate to have a number of sponsors already committed to Burton Week 2010 including:

[P&B](#), [GILL](#), [Aardspars](#), [Fuller's Brewery](#), [Designs 42](#)

Need Burton Week Accommodation? Click [here](#)

And whilst you have got the cheque book out...

... NTOA subscriptions for 2010 were due on 1 January 2010. If you don't have a standing order in place then click [here](#) to find a link to the form.

Alverbanks Sails

Last months deliberate typo was that Alverbanks Sails new premises are near to J25 (not J15) of the M1. Never been north of Watford myself... More details on www.alverbanks.co.uk Please continue to advise of further typos!

New Rules

NTOA members will remember voting on a proposed change to the length rule at Burton Week last year. After a large amount of drafting some new rules were recently approved by the General Committee of the Class having been proposed by Jon Brown and the Technical Committee. A lot of work has gone into getting the best wording, the inclusion of the phrase "normal rudder fittings" in the old rule having been replaced in Rule 4 and specific rules about rudders added to Rule 7. The rules are effective 1 February 2010 and can be found [here](#)

Winter Pursuit Races

It was clearly too cold for 12s at The Bloody Mary. Steve Norbury and Andy Hill at least entered but were not recorded as finishers. I have not seen them since – hope they are OK! There were 8 12s at the Steve Nicholson Memorial Race at Northampton including a strong contingent from Olton Mere. Kevin Iles and Jane Wade had the best results.

2010 Fixtures

The **2010 Fixture List** has been published on the website, click [here](#) to link to it. A printed copy is on its way to you. A reminder of the important GILL Series dates below:

Saturday 27 March	Burghfield SC
1 – 3 May	Salcombe YC
29 May – 1 June	Weymouth & Portland NSA– This is also Burton Week
26 – 27 June	Hykeham SC – This is also the Summer Event
28 – 29 August	Solway YC – This is also the Scottish Championships
18 – 19 September	Grafham Water SC – This is also the Inland Championships
Saturday 2 October	Ripon SC
6 – 7 November	Northampton SC

Family sailing weeks – Popular links:

Salcombe YC Regatta Week [here](#)

North West Norfolk Week [here](#)

Births, marriages and deaths

Felix Camm was born on 5th January in the hours before snow descended on the Camm residence. Anya is delighted, Zoe is very happy and Graham is probably wondering what hit him. Remarkably Felix weighed in at 8lbs 10oz. How does that happen? Congratulations. Zoe is already back in training for Burton Week.

Welcome to new members of the NTOA

Stuart Cartwright, Kingsbridge, Devon, N3295

Peter Starr-Martin, Leeds, Yorkshire, N1954

Louisa Mamakou, Ryde, Isle of Wight, N3220

Alan Pope, St Albans, Hertfordshire, N3456, N1832

Forthcoming Events

February

14th Ranelagh SC, Royal Thames YC Trophy – and Thames Area Lunch and Prizegiving. Persuade the crew to drive and enjoy some Fuller's beers before Burton Week... Mike Day and Annie Murch are organising again – and they always do a fantastic job. Not to be missed. More details [here](#) or call 020 8783 9243

March

13-14 Hamble River SC, Hamble Warming Pans – A joint event with Merlin Rockets and Fireflies. You never know – winter may be over by then!

14th Tynemouth SC, Blaydon Race – We all know the Northern fleet are tough enough to sail at this early time of year. Contact Howard Steavenson for more details or call 0191 258 0193

27th GILL SERIES 1 at Burghfield SC, Reading. Three races on a Saturday by the M4 in Berkshire. Easily accessible puddle with strategically placed islands to navigate around. Great facilities. See you there! More details Jeremy Carey on 07784 269601

And Finally...

Anyone who thinks that it has been too cold to sail recently then check [this](#) out from the archives!

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