

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.

National 12 Summer Event Hykeham Sailing Club 26/27 June 2010

The Summer Event is always a popular meeting and in particular is a great introduction to the Class for those who have never been to an Open meeting before. You can be assured to find boats of all ages and competitors of all ages.

The event is a GILL series qualifier so you can also get more points towards this too. There will also be a grand pursuit race with the older boats starting first. The favoured handicapping system is used is known as "ABC" - Anyone But Camm.

We visited Hykeham two years ago and had such fun that a quick return was guaranteed. There is camping on site and you do not need to leave the premises until it is time to go home. Click [here](#) for the Notice of Race, click [here](#) for the Entry Form, and please sign up on the discussion forum [here](#) if you are coming to assist with organisation. From prior experience it is best to turn up as early as you can to bag the best spot in the campsite!

Burton Week

76 Twelves made it to Portland for Burton Week and enjoyed a variety of conditions with Graham Camm and Zoe Ballantyne pulling it out of the bag on the final day with a first place and a second in the last two races which was enough to secure the overall points trophy. For good measure they had won the Burton Cup the previous day, picking their way through the fleet to eventually win by a comfortable margin.

At the AGM, Howard Chadwick was duly elected Chairman of the Class for the next year and he was also awarded the Decanter Trophy for his outstanding contribution to the Class in the last twelve months during which he compiled the updated version of the Class History which was published in February.

Good stories from the week include Graham & Zoe losing the wings from their rudder on day one. They were fortunately able to purchase a spare from Tom Stewart on getting back to the shore. Richard Williams and Lindsey Iles completed the first race having broken the tiller extension at the first windward mark. Even more unbelievably they finished third! There was a high attrition rate with lots of untested gear getting a pretty comprehensive testing. Not many boats completed all races and it was great to see some new faces appearing in the top ten.

Thanks to the excellent club entries, in particular from Spinnaker Club (8 boats), and Salcombe (9 boats).

Further details, including full results can be found on www.burtonweek.org The website also shows the depressing countdown to Burton Week 2011. Only 431 days...

Some stunning photographs from the week can be found on both www.fotoboat.com and www.championmarinephotography.co.uk

Burton Week Feedback

As ever, we are keen to receive feedback on Burton Week. Please post on [this thread](#) on the discussion page or email Tim Gatti directly on Tim@smallboatcraft.co.uk

Yvonne McInnes

On 8th June Yvonne sadly lost her battle with cancer and passed away on Tuesday 8th June, and our condolences go to Neil, daughter Katie and son Ali. Yvonne was a past committee member and a keen National 12 sailor and winning crew in the Shotgun Trophy in 2009. Cards were sent to Yvonne from Burton Week and we know that these were a great boost to her and we have been asked to thank all her friends in the fleet for thinking of her.

Yvonne will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

John Holttum

It was with great sadness that we report that John Holttum has passed away suddenly. He was a well-known sailor on the open circuit, at North Norfolk Week and Burton Week.

He was Class Chairman in 1969/70 and after stepping back from competitive sailing became the Associations Principal Race Office at Burton Week for many years during the 1980's and 1990's. He was made an Honorary Member of the Association in 1988 for his services to the Class.

Our thoughts go to his wife Polly, his children Richard and Audrey and all his family. Anyone requiring further information about the funeral arrangements or donations in John's memory (family flowers only) can contact Kevan or Janet Bloor, ntoa@ndirect.co.uk or 01332 882620.

You would never have guessed it, updated!

Another postscript to recent comments about successfully retro fitting a foiled rudder: Gosh they do seem to make the Feeling Foolish go fast! However, be sure to take stabilisers and spare shackles, blocks and rope! Seriously, if you are contemplating retro fitting a winged rudder to an older boat there is plenty of experience to fall back on with Richard Williams in his Final Chapter and Steve Norbury in his Foolish both making their craft go quicker.

N12 Merchandise

There are 5 GILL Burton Week 2010 Rash Vests left. Assorted sizes, available now at the BARGAIN PRICE of £20

National 12 burgees – various colours, £7.50

The National Twelve Handbook 1936 – 2010, £15

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

Burgees remain especially popular – it must have been a windy season so far...

2010 GILL SERIES

The **2010 Fixture List** has been published on the website, click [here](#) to link to it. A reminder of the five remaining GILL Series dates below:

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 Champs
Saturday 2 October	Ripon SC
6 – 7 November	Northampton SC

Family sailing weeks – Popular links:

Salcombe YC Regatta Week [here](#) – The entry form is [here](#), closing date is 25th July
North West Norfolk Week [here](#) – The entry form is now on the website

Welcome to new members of the NTOA

John Clarke, Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim, Associate Member

Steve Culpitt, Chichester, West Sussex, N3422

James Firkins, Leek, Staffordshire, N2987

David Glentworth, Sheffield, N3024

Graham Keen, Weybridge, Surrey, N3122

L Arrowsmith, Macclesfield, Cheshire, N2626

Forthcoming Events - July

3rd Vintage Meeting at Frampton on Severn. Contact Brian Kitching

4th Midlands Area Open at Welland SC. Contact Andy Prior

10/11th Eastern Area Open at Aldeburgh YC. Contact John Chalker

10/11th Northern Area Open at Tynemouth SC. Contact Howard Steavenson

11th Thames Area Open at Ranelagh SC. Contact Chris Edwards

17/18th Scottish Area Open at Castle Semple SC. Contact Duncan Elder

And finally...

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