

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.

Burton Week 29 May – 1 June

Just 10 days to go and 69 entries at the time of writing, sign up now for the premier N12 event of the year via www.burtonweek.org

The highlights of the social programme are:

Saturday night: BBQ and drinks party at WPNSA. Tickets are available for £7.50 per head. Make your life easy and order in advance by email to Janet Bloor on ntoa@national12.org The menu is 6oz Beef Burger/Vegetarian Burger with Sautéed Onions in Bap , Thick Pork or vegetarian sausage, Potato salad, mixed leaf salad, coleslaw, Various dips and dressings. Make sure that you state whether if you want the veggie option.

Sunday night: OLYMPIC WANABEES PARTY - Replacing the 'Feeling Foolish Party', in honour of the venue the main party this year will be the 'Olympic Wannabees' party. Dress as an Olympian of the past or present or as an Olympic sport. Will Jo Richards come as himself once more? Prizes will be awarded for the most creative and entertaining costumes paraded before panel of dedicated judges! Prizes for both youth and adult entries. We also have a fantastic live band – Pondlife – who will do two one hour sets as we all complete our Burton Cup preparation!

Monday night: Burton Week Dinner and presentation of the Sir William Burton Cup and other Burton Cup prizes. Tickets only available in advance from Janet Bloor at £19 head. Call 01332 882620 or email ntoa@national12.org now to confirm your tickets.

Tom Gruitt from Fotoboat will be following the weather and out looking to take photographs on Saturday, Sunday or Monday. Don't forget your make up, and don't forget to smile. I will endeavour not to repeatedly capsize in front of the camera boat this year.

Need a crew for Burton Week?

Don't miss out on the biggest N12 event of the year... Details of some available crews can be found [here](#)... Don't hang about, just do it!

Is your Burton Week crew aged under 18?

If so a parental consent form will need to be completed for this person. This is a WPNSA requirement not a National 12 requirement. We have only recently been made aware of this. Please help us to help you by completing the form which can be found [here](#)

Are you legal? – OK, is your National 12 legal?

This [link](#) should help you ensure that your boat is legal before you get to Burton Week. Any questions just post them on the N12 discussion forum and someone will help sort you out. Thanks to Kevan Bloor.

Burton Week Facebook / Twitter

Now the election is all over I now know that you all have Twitter and Facebook accounts. Burton Week has accounts on both:

Become a Facebook fan [here](#)!

Twitter users can follow Burton Week too on @BurtonWeek and we will use Twitter to provide instant news to the friends and family that you leave at home to come to Burton Week. No, I don't know how it works either.

New Boat News

N3533 was spotted at Salcombe – a new Paradigm for Mike Day... alongside the unfitted hull of a Dead Cat Bounce – rumoured to be the future N3531 for Steve Sallis. Steve used to own N3231 which he sailed with great, but without the ultimate, success. How exciting is Burton Week going to be?

N3532 – Gavin Willis' Curiosity design also featured at Salcombe. Second round the windward mark before getting comprehensively lost with Tom Stewart. Then Gavin fell out of the boat, damaged his knee and that was that.

And, Dead Cat Bounces scored 1,2,3 at the Salcombe Gill series in the hands of Tom Stewart / Nicky Bass, Jon Ibbotson / Charlotte Stewart and Jo Richards / Sophie Mackley. Jon and Charlotte also won the Glyn Charles Pursuit Race at Hayling Island in front of a big fleet. Well done.

Latest sail number is N3535 and has yet to be seen... What will happen at Burton Week?

You would never have guessed it, updated!

A postscript to last months comment about successfully retro fitting a foiled rudder: Be sure that the transom is sufficiently reinforced to deal with the loads. Further enquires to Steve Norbury...

N12 Merchandise

Order now to guarantee your Burton Week requirements as stocks are being depleted...

GILL Burton Week 2010 Rash Vests. From XS to XL, £25. Kids sizes to order

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

It appears that burgees were especially popular at Salcombe with Jon Brown getting through two over the weekend...

2010 GILL SERIES

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

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](#) – *The entry form is now on the website*

Welcome to new members of the NTOA

Noel Bosjwick, Pulborough, West Sussex, N3387

Charlie Lloyd, Yelverton, Devon, N3534

Nigel Fordyce, Cranbrook, Kent, N3535 (previously an Associate Member)

Nigel Reece, Salisbury, Wiltshire, N2134

Dan Smithers, Epsom, Surrey, N3342

Sandy Allen, Grantown-on-Spey, Morayshire, N3106

Alex Tulloch, Edinburgh, N3223

Rit Walton, North Shields, Tyne & Wear, N2452

Steven Creasey, Broadstone, Dorset, N3343

Philip Philpott, Helston, Cornwall, N2558 / N3191

David Talbot, Norwich, Norfolk, N3454

Forthcoming Events

Royal Harwich 12/13th June

http://www.national12.org/events/2010/RHYC_N12_Firefly_Lark_open_2010_poster.pdf

England v USA, Camping on site, Breakfast, lunch and supper available. 5 races 2 Sat, 3 Sun. Joint meeting with Larks and Fireflies. Won't be dull.

Yorkshire Ouse, Naburn Paddle Meeting, 12/13th June

Classic sailing on the River Ouse in York. Contact Vince Phillips. Not sure if they have the big screen lined up for the football or not!

Spinnaker 19th June – Coaching

Spinnaker 20th June – Open Meeting

Improve your skills on the Saturday and show how much you have learned on the Sunday. Contact Ian Stables. It's ok, England play Algeria on Friday night...

GILL Series Meeting 4 and SUMMER EVENT. Hykeham SC, 26/27th June

More details to follow shortly.

Contact Steve Sallis. The football is now more complex. You either a) did not care b) if England are poor will no longer need to care c) if England win their group, they play Saturday evening or d) play Sunday 3pm if they come second,

And finally...

This month's caption competition.

<http://www.national12.org/cgi-bin/Blah/Blah.cgi?m-1274222332/>

And really, finally...

Fran's big adventure. Aply assisted by Sophie Mackley, currently "on vacation" N12 sailor Frances Gifford has set sail on her round the UK in a Wayfarer expedition. The RNLI are on stand by. I am told that she has some elderly charts and a hand held GPS in addition to the obligatory Ordnance Survey map and SatNav. She has a website at www.fransbigadventure.com and is writing something called a blog on <http://blog.fransbigadventure.com/> There is a Where is Fran Now? GPS tracker service which tonight records her location as Rye. Somehow whilst managing to sail by day, by night the website will continue to be built and will one day host an itinerary and the facility to sponsor Fran and raise money for the RNLI (she may need them!) and Shining Life Children's Trust. Rumour has it that her departure was timed so that she may be in Weymouth in two weeks time, but I think she will be well past at the current rate of progress!

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