

The Latest Chapter

News from the National Twelve Owners Association

MAY 2011

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.

Getting the boat out and sorted

Our season started this last weekend with the Open Meeting at Salcombe... Possibly as much wind as we will see for the season. Remarkably everything held together OK and the only weak links were Katy and myself. I think that everyone racing had a swim at some point, so with only one capsized ourselves we probably did better than most. It has certainly got me excited for the sailing ahead. I look forward to seeing many of you at Northampton at the end of the month!

For those interested in the racing new combination of Tom Stewart & Zoe Ballantyne delivered a master class to the rest of the fleet despite numerous capsizes. One allowed Jon and Juliet Brown to win a race but otherwise they dominated. There were 3 more Ballantines – all from Salcombe in the top six! Tom and Peter in 4th and 5th ahead of dad Simon in 6th overall. Zoe says they could do better if they just changed one letter in their name – or maybe they should be crewing? Lots of fun was had by all.

Trent Valley GILL Series Meeting – 7/8th May

The second GILL series meeting of 2011 is on the River Trent at Trent Valley SC, Long Eaton, Nottingham. This two day meeting is also celebrating 125 years of Trent Valley SC! The club premises and waters should be experienced by all 12 sailors. There are very few sailing clubs of this ilk remaining but long may they continue.

There is a dinner on Saturday night and numbers need to be confirmed by Thursday lunchtime latest. Please email to Christine on christinepreston@talktalk.net or call her on 07914786391.

More details [here](#). Fancy dress is optional!

75th Anniversary Meeting and Dinner

The Notice of Race for the 75th Anniversary Meeting at Whitsun has been published and can be found [here](#), with an entry form [here](#). Naturally we want 75 boats to celebrate 75 years. We look forward to seeing you! At the time of writing we have 35 entries. You have got to be in it to win it apparently!

NTOA members will already have received their invitation to the Anniversary Dinner to be held on the evening of Sunday 29th May at Highgate House, Creaton just 4 miles from Northampton SC. Tickets are available for £36 (£25 if you are under 21). Highgate House is also offering a reduced accommodation rate for those attending the dinner. It will be a great opportunity to see, meet and listen to members of our Class, past and present. For further details about tickets click on the link [here](#). All our welcome for what will certainly be a fun evening. Please be aware that no tickets will be available on the day.

We are seeking to arrange transport from Northampton SC to and from the venue for all those who are camping. As it is a bank holiday weekend this needs a bit of planning. Please get in touch with Howard Chadwick on chairman@national12.org to get your name on the list.

Burton Week

The Burton Week Notice of Race has been published and can be found here, with an entry form here. The Burton Week website is also live and is <http://national12.org/burtonweek/2011/>

GILL Series 2011 – a reminder of the important dates

The GILL series dates for 2011 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 th	Leigh and Lowton	Finale

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 GILL series prize giving after racing on Saturday.

Other Fixtures

The full fixture list is published [here](#). Be aware if you print things off now that dates can change, and that the website will always be up to date. The hard copy list previously circulated is a little inaccurate. The website is correct in the event of a conflict.

Second hand Boat List / bits and bobs / wanted

If you have something to sell this is the time of year to put it on the market. The second hand list is [here](#) so add your old kit etc.... There is a Dead Cat Bounce if you want one...

NTOA membership renewal – last orders as it were.

Yes, it is May and NTOA subscriptions for 2011 were 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. If you have read this much of the Latest Chapter and you have not done the necessary yet then you really should have. Fingers out please.

Welcome to new members of the NTOA

Paul Bradstock, Goring, Oxfordshire, N2999

Jonathan Moon, Eastleigh, Hampshire, N3415, a welcome return

Geoff Camm & Amelia Hall, Sandy, Bedfordshire, N3414, a welcome return

Mark McArthur, Camberley, Surrey, N3345

Births Marriages and Deaths

John Hoyle passed away last Thursday, 28th April. John was a stalwart Twelve sailor and a long time member of Henley SC. He was also NTOA Chairman from 1972-1973, winning the Canter Trophy for the first time in 1964 and then again three more times. In 1968 he won a Championship race, finished sixth overall and took the old boats prize, and was still on hand ten years ago attending Burton Week and assisting with measurement. John was awarded the Decanter Trophy in 2001 for his services to the Class. John owned numerous boats including N207, N2799, N2489 and N1830.

Forthcoming Events

May

7th-8th	GILL	Trent Valley SC
14 th		Desborough SC, Open Meeting
21 st		Olton Mere SC - Coaching
28th-30th	GILL	N12 75th Anniversary, Northampton SC

June

4th-5th		Yorkshire Ouse SC, Naburn Paddle
11 th		Spinnaker – Coaching
12 th		Spinnaker – Open Meeting
11 th -12 th	GILL	Annandale SC, Scottish Championships
18 th -19 th		Royal Harwich YC – Open Meeting
25-26 th		Grafham Water SC – Open Meeting
25-26 th		Filey SC – Filey Regatta

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