

Remembrance Day and little wind at Frostbites

On Sunday 13^h November following a two minute silence racing was postponed hoping for some wind later. At around midday a very light but consistent south-west breeze enabled Race Officer David Yapp an opportunity to set a downstream course against the incoming tide to the lower port mark. Four Norfolks plus the prototype glass boat together with an Enterprise started the beat. Sam Woodcock sailing B20 "Kelpie" crewed by Sam Archer made the best start and set off followed closely by Steven Ford sailing B73 "Condor" and crewed by Bernie Woodcock and then came Danny Tyrrell sailing B87 the plastic Norfolk "Epoxy Lady" crewed by Bruce Thompson. Almost two minutes late crossing the line was Mike Readhead in his Enterprise crewed by Jess Readhead.

First round the lower mark was Woodcock, then Ford closely followed by Geoff Evans sailing B71 "Wild Duck" and crewed by Geoff Coulthard. At the mark Commodore Philip Board sailing B49 "Pixie" crewed by Jean Board got the inside of Tyrrell who then regained 4th position on the slow run back past the clubhouse. Woodcock increased his lead and rounded the top mark first and commenced the tedious beat to top middle placed near the railway bridge. Ford and Evans followed in that order.

After 18 minutes Woodcock commenced the second lap of a three lap race, later shortened to two. Evans managed to close in on Ford as they passed the clubhouse to start the second lap. Some minutes later Tyrrell, followed closely by Readhead with Board coming after started their second laps. Readhead rounded the lower mark in front of Tyrrell. At the other end of the course Evans got the better of Ford on the beat to top middle and continued in second place to follow Woodcock who finished in 33 minutes followed 6 minutes later by Evans and less than a minute later by Ford in third.

On handicap, Woodcock held his time, Board moved into second position and Ford was third. In the clubhouse members were saddened to hear of the death of Malcolm Hale, former owner of B73 "Condor" after a long battle against cancer. Thoughts were with his partner Rosie at this time.