

On the 50th Anniversary of the first Annual Team Race Competition with Waveney & Oulton Broad Yacht Club the visitors to Frostbites take a convincing win

On Sunday Frostbites (NFSC) hosted the second leg of their Annual Team Race against Waveney & Oulton Broad Yacht Club (WOBYC) for the Ramuz Trophy, first sailed for in 1937 against the Thames Estuary Yacht Club and re-presented for this fixture in 1972. (50 years ago)!

With almost flat calm conditions Race Officer Ray Johnson assisted by Wendy Bush as timekeeper had doubts about running the event at all. However at 12.30pm the first race started going upstream to the port hand top mark and back to a lower starboard mark a short distance downstream. Six boats took part, three for each side and the slow beat to top saw most of the crews bunched together. On the downstream leg an infringement occurred between Kyle Beamish helming B20 "Kelpie" crewed by Veronica Falat for WOBYC, and Sam Woodcock in B78 "Jimmy" crewed by Sam Archer for NFSC, resulting in Woodcock doing penalty turns. Beamish went on to win the race with Woodcock recovering well to take second, and in third was George Madin helming B49 "Pixie" crewed by James Nourse also for WOBYC. At the end of the race WOBYC incurred just 8 penalty points against NFSC's 13.

In the second race held at 01.20pm in similar conditions but a little worse than in the first, the fleet arrived at the top mark with Veronica Falat helming B53 "Twinkle" crewed by Kyle Beamish for WOBYC, asking for mark-room having an overlap on several boats. In the conditions it was difficult to give mark-room and Falat actually rounded last. James Nourse helming B15 "Wee Simby" and crewed by George Madin for WOBYC by this time was away followed by Jordon Levett in B78 "Jimmy" crewed by Alan Cone also for WOBYC. In third place came Sam Archer helming B20 "Kelpie" crewed by Sam Woodcock for NFSC after attempting to motivate the home team to take the first three places without success. The finishing order remained giving NFSC 12 points against WOBYC's 9.

The results for the day showed NFSC 25 WOBYC 17, a convincing win for the visitors and when added to their small 2 point advantage from the summer, meant that with NFSC's total points of 47 and WOBYC's 37 the Trophy was retained by WOBYC.

In the class race earlier, Stephen Ellingham sailing B30 "Willa" and crewed by Ella Francis and Jet won with a "fast" reach from a congested lower mark with Sam Woodcock in "Kelpie" crewed by Sam Archer second and Danny Tyrrell sailing B53 "Twinkle" crewed by Bruce Thompson third. On handicap Ellingham held his time, in second was Commodore Philip Board helming B49 "Pixie" crewed by Pat Woodcock and third again was Tyrrell.