

## **Mackley takes silverware at Norfolk Dinghy Annual Championships**

On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October Norwich Frostbite Sailing Club hosted the Norfolk Dinghy Annual Championships for 2022 having last done so ten years ago. Nine owners entered for the event with boats ranging in age from B6 (91 years) built in 1931 to B78 (68 years) built in 1954. Members and guests were interested to see the entry of a prototype fibreglass Norfolk, not yet in Class having been completed just last week.

The plan for the day was to run three races with the best two results to count for the various trophies. After a short postponement, Race Officer Paul Tegerdine, himself a former owner, assisted by his wife Pat, set a downstream course to a lower mark near Commissioner's Cut. This proved tricky due to having to sail against the incoming tide in variable to non-existent wind conditions. After quite some time the race had unfortunately to be abandoned.

Following a break in the Clubhouse for coffee and cake the second race was started just after midday with an upstream course and the same nine boats set off with David Mackley sailing B6 "Lucifer beyond repair" and crewed by Olivia Archer taking an early lead. The beat up to the top mark proved tricky due to the fluky conditions. Mackley rounded first but behind him places changed on the approach and the rest of the fleet bunched together to get around the mark. However everyone managed to round and apart from Mackley the rest of the fleet stayed in fairly close contact. The 4 lap course was shortened to 3 and after 45 minutes Mackley crossed the line first followed just under a minute later by Geoff Coulthard sailing B71 "Wild Duck" crewed by Geoff Evans and in third about 2 minutes later by Sam Woodcock sailing B20 "Kelpie" and crewed by Sam Archer. The fleet followed these three leaders almost 10 minutes later!

After a lunch break the final race started at 14.10hrs and followed the same course. Mackley again lead from the start. This time it was Richard Kinder sailing B43 "Otter" and crewed by his brother John who managed to break away from the rest of the fleet in very difficult conditions to move into second place followed by Woodcock and Coulthard battling for third. After almost 42 minutes Mackley took the win, with Kinder second and Woodcock third.

For the overall results Mackley was clearly the winner with two wins but second place was tied between three boats all with six points. Using the last race rule Kinder was second overall and Woodcock third. Coulthard was fourth. The plastic Norfolk although not placed would have been sixth and seemed to perform on a par with the other boats.

Trophies awarded on the day were as follows:-

21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Cup (Overall winner): David Mackley/Olivia Archer

Jimmy Turner Trophy (Overall runner up): Richard Kinder/John Kinder

Perci Memorial Tankard (Winner of first race): David Mackley/Olivia Archer

Patria of Waipu Trophy (Over 70's handicap): Geoff Coulthard/Geoff Evans

Novices Trophy (highest placed helm not having won anything before): Dominic Horner/Harrison Horner

The Norfolk 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cup (NFSC): David Mackley/Olivia Archer