

## **Frostbites enjoys Spring conditions for Sunday sailing**

With a light northerly wind and bright sunshine seven Norfolks and one Enterprise enjoyed a couple of races on a rather different course from usual including some fast reaches downstream well beyond Commissioners Cut.

In the first race OOD Stephen Ellingham, assisted by Bruce Thompson set an initial beat upstream to the top part hand mark. Sam Woodcock sailing B20 "Kelpie" and crewed by Pat Woodcock made the best of it, leading from the "C" line start but followed closely by Mike and Jess Readhead in their Enterprise. Behind them came Paul and Karen Armitage sailing B60 "Jane" who were welcomed back after a few years away and Geoff Coulthard sailing B71 "Wild Duck" and crewed by Geoff Evans. The boats finished the three lap course in that order. On handicap however, due to close sailing it was the Armitages who took first place. In second came Sue Grief sailing B47 "Brambling" crewed by husband David and third was Steven Ford putting in a rare appearance in B73 "Condor" and crewed by Bernie Woodcock.

In the second race over the same course the Readhead's Enterprise made a terrific start and powered away from the fleet finishing in just over 36 minutes, about 7 minutes ahead of their closest rivals! Adjusting for handicap they still won the race. The remaining Norfolks had a close race again with Geoff Evans now helming "Wild Duck" and crewed by Geoff Coulthard finishing just 4 seconds ahead of Karen Armitage now helming "Jane" and crewed by Paul. Less than a minute later came Pat Woodcock helming "Kelpie" and crewed by her son Sam. On handicap in first place was the Enterprise, in second "Jane" and in third place it was Harrison Horner sailing B31 "Bittern" crewed by Dominic Horner. The results on corrected time revealed that four boats had finished within a 30 second time period.