

Woodcocks control racing at Frostbites

On Sunday 6th November sailing was delayed until midday due to torrential rain and a complete lack of wind on the river at Whitlingham. Some members stayed in their cars in the car park the rain was so heavy!

Eventually Race Officers Pat and Bernie Woodcock set a short 4 lap course starting upstream against the tide and four of the five entrants started on time and together to attempt the tedious first beat. Unfortunately due to late preparation David Yapp sailing the prototype fibreglass Norfolk and crewed by Shirley Hagger were out of time and rated a DNS (did not start) and despite sailing the course could not feature in the results.

Sam Woodcock sailing B20 "Kelpie" crewed by Sam Archer soon took the lead whilst behind them Danny Tyrrell in B53 "Twinkle" and crewed by Bruce Thompson battled it out with Mike Gilbert sailing one of the club boats B15 "Wee Simby" and crewed by Judy Fisk.

After 34 minutes Woodcock crossed the line in first, 2½ minutes later came Tyrrell in second with Gilbert, having last sailed here some 40 years ago, 3 minutes later in third.