

## **Last of series races for the season at Frostbites**

A light south-westerly breeze and an ebb tide greeted Frostbite sailors on Sunday and Race Officer Bernie Woodcock assisted by Shirley Hagger had difficulty setting a good course upstream.

In the first race from "B" start line 7 Norfolk Dinghies and 1 Enterprise made a clean start and it was Sam and Pat Woodcock in B20 "Kelpie" and Stephen Ellingham sailing solo in B30 "Willa" who battled for the top mark. Ellingham was ahead briefly and behind him Wendy Bush sailing B54 "Coot" crewed by Ray Johnson, Geoff Coulthard in B71 "Wild Duck" crewed by Bruce Thompson and David Yapp sailing B15 "Wee Simby" crewed by Julia Deary struggled with each other to get into third position. During the 3 round race, Mike Readhead in Enterprise E22222 and crewed by Jess Readhead came through the fleet to compete on handicap. The 2 leading boats left the rest some distance behind with Woodcock finishing the race in just over one hour and Ellingham 2 minutes behind. On the final beat to the line Yapp got the better of Bush and Coulthard to finish third beating Bush by just 10 seconds but 8 minutes behind Ellingham! On handicap Ellingham was first, Readhead second and Woodcock third.

The second race followed with another clean start. This time Yapp came off the northern shore on starboard and put many boats about appearing to be in the lead after tacking back onto port. However Pat Woodcock now helming "Kelpie" with Sam Woodcock crewing came travelling at speed upwind of Yapp and soon took the lead. After another good start Ray Johnson now helming "Coot" and crewed by Wendy Bush overtook both the leading boats up the beat to take the lead. The race was shortened to 2 laps and Johnson finished first after 46 minutes followed ½ a minute later by Woodcock and nearly 5 minutes later by Yapp, he having been overtaken by the Readheads again. On handicap Pat Woodcock was first, Ray Johnson second and David Yapp third.