

Kelpie gallops away during Sunday sailing at Frostbites

With a light to moderate south-easterly breeze and bright sunshine seven Norfolks and one Enterprise enjoyed the racing at Frostbites. Flags were at half-mast due to the recent death of the Club President Alan Mitchell.

In the first race OOD Geoff Evans assisted by Wendy Bush set a beat downstream from "A" start line to the lower port hand mark. Despite the "Blue Peter" flag being stuck all competitors made a clean start and Sam Woodcock sailing B20 "Kelpie" and crewed by Sam Archer got away first closely followed by Danny Tyrrell in B53 "Twinkle" crewed by Bruce Thompson. The rest of the fleet were way behind but Bernie Woodcock sailing B61 "Echo" for the first time in a while, crewed by Pat Woodcock, soon pulled out from the bunch and maintained third position till the end. Sam Woodcock finished first in 38 minutes 19 seconds followed by Tyrrell in 39 minutes 41 seconds. On handicap Tyrrell was first, second place went to Stephen Ellingham in B30 "Willa" crewed by the faithful "Jet" and Bernie Woodcock was third.

In the second race over the same three lap course Sam Archer this time helming "Kelpie" and crewed by Sam Woodcock was soon away and increased his lead throughout the race finishing in just over 40 minutes. Second and only a little over 2 minutes later came Tyrrell and third was Stephen Ellingham almost 9 minutes behind the leader. On handicap the order was the same. Mike and Jess Readhead's Enterprise, despite being third over the water in the second race, was fourth on handicap.