

High turnout at Frostbites despite forecast

On Sunday there was very little in the way of wind in the forecast, however a season's best turnout saw 11 Norfolk Dinghies and a solo Enterprise on the water for the first race. Race Officer Paul Tegerdine assisted by Pat Tegerdine set an upstream course from "B" start line into a light and variable north-westerly breeze.

In the first race the start line was congested but nevertheless everybody made a clean getaway and it was Bernie Woodcock in B61 "Echo" crewed by John Bayldon who made the best of it closely followed by Sam Woodcock in B20 "Kelpie" crewed by Sam Archer. Bernie Woodcock managed to retain his lead for the first lap of the 4 lap race (later shortened to 2½) but was then overhauled by Sam. Danny Tyrrell sailing B53 "Twinkle" and crewed by Bruce Thompson was a close third with the rest of the fleet having many place changes. At the finish it was Sam Woodcock who was first after 45 minutes on the water, followed by Bernie Woodcock 4 minutes later and Tyrrell third just 15 seconds behind. The fleet were well spaced out there being 17 minutes elapsed between the first and last boats. On handicap Bernie Woodcock took first position, Stephen Ellingham sailing B30 "Willa" crewed by Jet was second and in third place was Kelpie.

In the second race with one less Norfolk there was another clean start and Tyrrell was away and lead throughout the first lap only to be overtaken by Sam Archer now helming "Kelpie" and crewed by Sam Woodcock. Geoff Coulthard sailing B71 "Wild Duck" and crewed by Geoff Evans got free from the rest of the fleet and followed closely. The fleet were again well spaced out, so much so that at one stage Archer was passing the clubhouse heading downstream as the stragglers were passing upstream! The boats finished in that order, after another shortened course. Archer was first in just under 40 minutes, Tyrrell 1½ minutes later and then Coulthard just 10 seconds behind. On handicap however, it was Ellingham who took first place with some amazing jib-sheet work by Jet, and second was Paul Armitage in B60 "Jane" crewed by Karen Armitage and in third it was again Kelpie.