

Oulton Broad visitors retain the Ramuz Trophy for another year at Frostbites

Originally scheduled to take place on 26th November last year but postponed, this second leg of the 2023 team race between Waveney & Oulton Broad Yacht Club and the home Club took place on Sunday. The wind was ideal for exciting racing but at times very gusty.

In the first club race 7 Norfolks took to the water and Race Officer Ray Johnson assisted by Wendy Bush set a good beat upstream. Prior to the start there were some heavy gusts and as the fleet approached the lower gybe mark on the run an almighty gust pushed two boats well beyond the mark, one headed up into wind and moored up whilst another capsized. Sam Woodcock sailing Kelpie and crewed by Sam Archer thought nothing of it and won the 2 lap course after 25 minutes. In second place just 2 minutes later came Paul Armitage in Jane crewed by Karen Armitage and in third was David Mackley in Lucifer crewed by Olivia Archer. On handicap Woodcock held his time, Armitage was second and in third place was Danny Tyrrell sailing Twinkle and crewed by Bruce Thompson.

In the first of the team races Simon Becket for the visitors took the lead in Lucifer crewed by Jamie Dobson. This he held without much opposition over the 3 lap course until the very end whilst beating to the finish line Sam Woodcock for the home team in Twinkle and crewed by Sam Archer took the win. In third place came David Mackley in Echo crewed by Karen Armitage. In this race Frostbites won by 10 points to 11 for the visitors.

In the second team race sailed immediately after the first but in different boats this time Sam Archer in Kelpie crewed by Sam Woodcock made an indifferent start but on returning from the top mark passed the clubhouse first. He went on to win. However the visitors took second and third places and in the end the result was a reverse of the first meaning that there was a tie for this second leg. The visitors brought a 4 point lead from the first leg sailed in Waveney on Oulton Broad in June 2023 and as a result they retain the trophy.