

### **Ideal sailing conditions for the final day of downriver series at Frostbites**

With a brisk easterly wind, a bit chilly but bright, ten Norfolk Dinghies approached 'A' start line for a race downstream under the supervision of Race officer Paul Tegerdine assisted by Pat Tegerdine as time-keeper.

From the start David Mackley in Lucifer crewed by Olivia Archer led the race and won after 40 minutes. This involved a long beat up Whitlingham Reach, past the boatyards and under the flyover. David Yapp in Dodman crewed by Julia Deary got close to Mackley being closely followed by Bernie Woodcock in Echo crewed by Jean Board. Premature starter Sam Woodcock in Kelpie crewed by Sam Archer recovered well to pass Bernie and sit on the tail of Yapp all the way to the finish way up towards Waters Edge at Bramerton.

After a break for the rest of the fleet to arrive the return was started and once again Mackley made the best of it and led the fleet for the tricky beat against the tide initially followed later by a run as far as Thorpe Ferry where the race finished and crews were able to take refreshments. In second place was Sam Archer now helming Kelpie and in third place was Stephen Ellingham in Willa crewed by Geoff Coulthard.