

First of downriver series at Frostbites

At 11.00am on Sunday 9 Norfolk Dinghies set off downstream from the Clubhouse with crews having to navigate past two canoes and avoid a Norfolk being towed across the river. Following in one of the safety boats Race Officer David Yapp assisted by Julia Deary eventually overtook the fleet just past the flyover and led them through the dreaded "grove" to finish the race in open water at the 6 mph signs. In first place after 42 minutes it was Sam Woodcock in Kelpie crewed by Sam Archer. In second, less than a minute later, came David Mackley in Lucifer crewed by Olivia Archer and in third some five minutes later came Paul Armitage sailing Jane and crewed by Karen Armitage.

After some timing confusion the return race was started involving a short beat to a downstream port mark before a run back to the clubhouse. Despite both Kelpie and Lucifer being called back as premature starters, Sam Archer now helming Kelpie worked his way through the fleet to finish first and winning the Darley Cup for the second time. In second place was Danny Tyrrell in Twinkle crewed by Bruce Thompson and in third it was Olivia Archer now helming Lucifer and crewed by David Mackley.