

Light southerly winds at Frostbites

With a forecast of very light winds crews were initially slow to turn out but six Norfolks took to the river and all but one were sailing before the 5 minute signal. Stand in Race Officer David Yapp assisted by Ray Johnson set a downstream reaching course with three laps initially set.

In the first race Sam Woodcock sailing B20 "Kelpie" and crewed by Sam Archer made the best of a competitive start by sailing close to the Clubhouse to lead to the lower mark. The blanket of trees slowed everyone down to a drift bunching together. Woodcock rounded first and led the way back upstream closely followed by Danny Tyrrell in B53 "Twinkle" crewed by Bruce Thompson and then Bernie Woodcock in B61 "Echo" crewed by Jean Board. The top mark was extremely difficult to get to due to an ebbtide and fickle winds exacerbated by those confounded trees! Sam Woodcock held his lead but Tyrrell drew level as they passed the clubhouse to start the second lap. After rounding the lower mark for the second time a tedious beat took time and the course was shortened to a lap and a half with Sam Woodcock first, Tyrrell second and Bernie Woodcock third. On handicap Tyrrell took the win, Stephen Ellingham sailing solo in B30 "Willa" second and Bernie Woodcock third.

In the second race two full laps were completed in 45 minutes by 7 boats and this time the winner by some margin and taking both Class and Handicap races was Paul Armitage in B60 "Jane" crewed by Karen Armitage. Second on both counts was Ellingham and third over the water came Tyrrell but losing out on handicap to Bernie Woodcock.

Next Sunday the Club will run their annual "Power Station Race" upstream towards Norwich.