

Commodore Sam Archer wins the Breydon Challenge Cup at Frostbites

On a pleasant Sunday morning in a light easterly breeze seven Norfolk Dinghy crews launched for racing. Ray Johnson, OOD for the sixth time, assisted by Tony Day as timekeeper, set a simple three lap course around the lower and top buoys for the first race. Sam Woodcock sailing B20 "Kelpie" crewed by Sam Archer started well and pulled away from the fleet sailing in clear air and finished three minutes ahead of Danny Tyrrell in B53 "Twinkle" crewed by Bruce Thompson. Paul and Karen Armitage in B60 "Jane" finished a close third. On handicap Armitage took the win with Woodcock second and Tyrrell third.

The second race was the annual "Power Station Race" where crews sail up towards Norwich to a buoy strategically placed near to where the Wensum splits off from the Yare. After a short beat to the lower mark to divide crews the long run upstream was congested at times with the seven boats taking up the entire width of the river. Sam Archer now sailing "Kelpie" fought with Tyrrell in the early stages until the rest of the fleet caught up. At the turn David Yapp in B50 "Dodman" crewed by Julia Deary had to give Archer water for the rounding to commence the long beat back to the Club. Several were in the mix but Archer and Yapp pulled away until Tyrrell got close towards the final bend. After just under an hour Archer finished first followed by Yapp just over a minute later. Tyrrell was third.