

Second race of the downriver series at Frostbites

With a good easterly breeze Sunday morning was cold but lovely and bright for the 8 Norfolk Dinghy crews starting another race downstream against the direction of the wind. Stand in Race Officers Ray Johnson and Wendy Bush set off in the safety boat after the start to overtake the fleet and decide upon a finishing line beyond the Southern Bypass flyover. Tacking all the way the two leaders battled it out with Sam Woodcock in "Kelpie" crewed by Sam Archer winning just 2 minutes ahead of David Mackley in "Lucifer beyond repair" crewed by Olivia Archer. Another 2 minutes later in third place came Danny Tyrrell in Twinkle crewed by Bruce Thompson.

After a short break to allow everyone to finish the return leg was commenced involving a fast run with the wind behind. A buoy laid upstream of the clubhouse provided a short beat to the finish line and 3 boats were in contention. Tyrrell rounded first and went on to win. Mackley got an inside overlap to gain second place from Sam Archer now helming Kelpie who came in third. All 3 boats finished within the 29th minute of the race!

Penny Joy provided fantastic doorstep sandwiches in the Clubhouse for the grateful crews who also thanked the Race Officers and the second safety boat crew of Abi Stevenson and Shirley Hagger.