

High tides and fresh westerly winds at Frostbites

Long boots if not waders were required as sailors ventured down to the Club on Sunday and racing wasn't for the rusty or faint hearted. Happily launching and retrieving the boats was a doddle due to the high tide and 5 boats prepared for the first race in the sunshine. Race Officer Danny Tyrrell assisted by Bruce Thompson set an upstream course which turned out to be a testing beat.

In the first race the racing was close with David Mackley taking the lead in B6 "Lucifer beyond repair" and crewed by Olivia Archer. Close behind was Sam Archer sailing B28 "Mayfly" back from repair and crewed by Sam Woodcock. That is how the first boats finished, Mackley in just over half an hour and Archer just under a minute behind. Stephen Ellingham in B30 "Willa" crewed by Pip Norton came in 25 seconds ahead of the remaining fleet in third place. On handicap Archer took the win, Ellingham second and Mackley third.

In the second race in an increasing wind and rising tide 6 boats ventured out in quite gusty conditions resulting in two retirements. This time Sam Woodcock took over the helm of Mayfly and had a convincing lead of 3 minutes over Mackley at the finish. Paul Armitage sailing B60 "Jane" crewed by Karen Armitage came in third 2 minutes later.

On handicap Woodcock kept his lead, Armitage moved up to take second and Mackley was again third.

