

Frostbites 90th Anniversary Open Event for Norfolk 14ft One Design Dinghies

In 2021 as a celebration of 90 years since the first Norfolk Dinghies came to be, an Anniversary Cup was presented at Frostbites for an annual competition. On Sunday the event commenced with a light sprinkling of rain and a very light and flukey wind. Race Officer Danny Tyrrell, with Assistant Bruce Thompson set a short course of starboard rounded marks, starting down tide and (what turned into) downwind.

In the first race it appeared that Sam Archer sailing B28 Mayfly with Sam Woodcock crewing would romp away, but David Mackley crewed by Olivia Archer in B6 Lucifer beyond repair showed that experience counts in the very tricky conditions, and came through to win by just 11 seconds. Ray Johnson in B54 Coot with Wendy Bush crewing for their first sail at Frostbites in this season came through to third.

For the second race the start was upstream against the tide, and this time Mayfly did get away from the fleet. Lucifer was a clear second, whilst Bernie Woodcock sailing with Pip Norton in B61 Echo came through to a well deserved third (second equal on handicap with Lucifer).

The final race started promptly afterwards, and very quickly turned into a heated dual between Lucifer and Mayfly. Lucifer triumphed, - by three seconds. A hard fought battle! Ray Johnson once again proved the value of the cigar wind indicator, with another third place.

Overall the Special Anniversary Cup went to Mackley with two wins, Archer was second and Johnson third.