

Challenging gusts and flukey winds at Frostbites



Sunday saw six Norfolk Dinghies come out to play on the River Yare on a fine, sunny day with a variable south, south-westerly breeze. Supervised by Shirley Hagger and Abi Stevenson in the box a course of four rounds starting upstream was set for the first race.

David Mackley sailing B6 “Lucifer beyond repair” crewed by Olivia Archer led from the start followed closely by Sam Woodcock sailing a refurbished B20 “Kelpie” crewed by Sam Archer and, Danny Tyrrell in B53 “Twinkle” crewed by Bruce Thompson. In the flukey and sometimes gusty winds positions changed and for much of the race it was Woodcock who took the lead. However Mackley retook the lead in the third lap and after shortening to three and a half laps and after 33 minutes Mackley took the win with Woodcock 20 seconds behind and Tyrrell almost 5 minutes after that. On handicap Mackley and Woodcock retained their first and second positions with third place going to Stephen Ellingham in B30 “Willa” crewed by Joe Savage.

In the second race the start was very close, all six boats on the line or thereabouts. Sam Archer now helming “Kelpie” moved into first position whilst following boats fought behind. After 45 minutes Archer took the win with Tyrrell second and Ellingham a close third. On handicap the winner was Olivia Archer now helming “Lucifer” and crewed by David Mackley. Ellingham moved up to second and Tyrrell third.

