

Welcome visitors swell numbers for Rum Punch Sunday at Frostbites

This traditional event for sailors at Frostbites, being the last competition for the 2025 series and also racing for the annual Claude Heath Trophy, provided good spectator sport. Including four visitor helms, ten Norfolk Dinghies were on the water during the two closely contested races.

Race Officers Ray Johnson and John Reid set a two lap course for the first race in light winds and against an incoming tide using the "A" start line. First away and hugging the Whitlingham bank was Sam Woodcock in B20 "Kelpie" crewed by Sam Archer. He held this lead and finished first after 36 minutes. In second place came the first of the visitors Will Pank sailing B54 "Coot" and crewed by Ginge Williams a minute and a half later. In third place came another visitor, Thommie Grint sailing B78 "Jimmy" crewed by Fin Cambell. The handicap results for the home boats only, saw Woodcock saving his time in first, second came Olivia Archer in B6 "Lucifer" crewed by David Mackley and in third, Harrison Horner in B31 "Bittern" crewed by Dominic Horner.

In the second race with a bit more wind and a four lap course, later shortened to three, this time Will Pank took the lead and went on to win after nearly 39 minutes. Second was Woodcock and third Grint. On handicap Woodcock was first, Archer second and in third was Danny Tyrrell sailing B53 "Twinkle" and crewed by Bruce Thompson.

The official winner of the Claude Heath Trophy for the Frostbite members went again to Sam Woodcock, second place to Olivia Archer and third to Danny Tyrrell. Interestingly at the end of the two races Sam Woodcock and Will Pank were tied on points and as winner of the last race Will Pank, had he been a Frostbite member, would have won the trophy!



