

Frostbites take advantage of light wind conditions

Sunday saw a team from Wells Sailing Club arrive for the first leg of the annual competition for the Braconash Trophy, first sailed for in 1952. Three boats were allocated to each side and Officer of the Day, Mike Lees, made the most of the conditions.

In the first race the best start was made by a Wells boat, helmed by Tim Gibbs and crewed by Andrew Cracknell. However within half a lap they were overtaken by two Frostbite boats and these three held positions to the end, with two others from opposing sides battling for fourth place, eventually taken by another Frostbite. That gave a lead for Frostbites of 7 points to 14.

The second race was led away by a boat from each team. Keith Painter and Simon Neale for the visitors started well but with the wind dropping racing was becoming difficult and they were overtaken by two Frostbite boats. These went on to take first and second positions and in the closing stages a fourth placed Frostbite picked up a useful lift to gain the third place.

The final points for the combined races were Frostbites 13 to Wells 29, a useful lead to take up to Wells for the second leg in the summer.

In the earlier club race, Sam Woodcock crewed by Sam Archer sailing B20 "Kelpie" and David Mackley crewed by Olivia Archer sailing B6 "Lucifer Beyond Repair" both got good starts at either end of the line. At times Mackley drew close to Woodcock, however Woodcock finished with a good lead of 2½ minutes. Danny Tyrrell crewed by Pip Norton in B53 "Twinkle" and Paul Armitage crewed by Karen Armitage in B60 "Jane" battled for third with Tyrrell taking that position at the end.

On handicap Armitage moved up to second and Mackley relegated to fourth.

