

Good start to downriver series at Frostbites

Five Norfolk Dinghies set off at 11.00am on Sunday, everyone having taken note of the clock change. It was cold but bright with a decent westerly breeze as Stephen Ellingham as OOD, assisted by Alex and Christine Savage, sent the crews downriver. Passing the recently opened Thorpe Café and ferry and on under the Southern Bypass flyover, crews then fought their way through the wooded grove out into the clear air beyond.

The race was finished near the start of the waterskiing area and David Mackley in B6 "Lucifer beyond repair" and crewed by Olivia Archer got there first in 42 minutes, followed 3 seconds later by Danny Tyrrell in B53 "Twinkle" crewed by Pip Norton. In third place came Sam Woodcock in B20 "Kelpie" crewed by Sam Archer.

After a brief rest when crews devoured their packed lunches and beers the return race was started which proved to be a long, strenuous beat into the increasing westerly wind. This time Sam Archer now helming "Kelpie" got back to the Clubhouse in 51 minutes followed just 2 minutes later by Wendy Bush sailing B54 "Coot" crewed by Shirley Hagger. In third position it was Olivia Archer now helming "Lucifer beyond repair".

The return race qualified for the Darley Cup and was won by Sam Archer, runner up Wendy Bush and in third Olivia Archer. Thanks were given to Joe Savage and Linda Pargeter for manning the accompanying safety boat.

NORWICH FROSTBITE SAILING CLUB - DOWNRIVERS RACE SHEET				Date	29-Mar-26		
Course: T-P, downriver				Boat Handicaps only			
NORFOLK.O.D.CLASS DOWNRIVER				LEIGH TROPHY		Start	11:00:00 a
Sail no.	Boat name	Helm	Crew	Finish	Elapsed	Pos	
B6	Lucifer	David Mackley	Olivia Archer	11:42:44	0:42:44	1	
B20	Kelpie	Sam Woodcock	Sam Archer	11:44:08	0:44:08	3	
B53	Twinkle	Danny Tyrrell	Pip Norton	11:42:47	0:42:47	2	
B54	Coot	Wendy Bush	Shirley Hagger	11:46:23	0:46:23	4	
B61	Echo	Bernie Woodcock	-	11:51:06	0:51:06	5	
COMBINED ALLCOMERS UPRIVER				Boat Handicaps only			
Course: upriver				REEDHAM CHALLENGE CUP & DARLEY CUP		Start	12:05:00 p
Sail no.	Boat name	Helm	Crew	Finish	Elapsed	Pos	
B6	Lucifer	Olivia Archer	David Mackley	12:58:30	0:53:30	3	
B20	Kelpie	Sam Archer	Sam Woodcock	12:55:59	0:50:59	1	
B53	Twinkle	Danny Tyrrell	Pip Norton	12:58:55	0:53:55	4	
B54	Coot	Wendy Bush	Shirley Hagger	12:57:50	0:52:50	2	
B61	Echo	Bernie Woodcock	-	13:16:55	1:11:55	5	
DARLEY CUP		1st Sam Archer	2nd David Mackley	3rd Bernie Woodcock			



