

### Third race of downriver series at Frostbites

Five Norfolk Dinghies set off at 11.00am on Sunday in bright, breezy, gusty conditions following a similar pattern to previous weeks. A downstream start from "C" line into the south westerly wind proved tricky especially as all crews stayed together all the way up to the Postwick flyover where all were bunched making it difficult to make any progress. It was then a short beat in better wind until the dreaded tree lined grove. David Mackley sailing B6 "Lucifer beyond repair" crewed by Olivia Archer emerged and headed off towards Bramerton where the finish line was drawn. Mackley was 5 minutes ahead of everyone else and finished in 45 minutes. The remaining four boats finished within a minute of each other with Bernie Woodcock second in B61 "Echo" crewed by Pat Woodcock and Wendy Bush third in B54 "Coot" crewed by Pip Norton.

After a short break a buoy was laid for crews to sail from the start for a short beat before rounding to begin the run back to the Clubhouse. It took Mackley just under an hour to get back and finish in the lead, Stephen Ellingham sailing B30 "Willa" and crewed by Shirley Hagger was second under a minute later and in third place was Sam Archer helming B28 "Mayfly" crewed by John Archer.

Next week the return race will finish at Thorpe Ferry for lunch and refreshments, a now regular and pleasant stop for all crews.

NORWICH FROSTBITE SAILING CLUB - DOWNRIVERS RACE SHEET				Date	5-Apr-26			
NORFOLK.O.D.CLASS DOWNRIVER				Boat Handicaps only				
Course: B; downriver				LEIGH TROPHY		Start		11:10:00 am
Sail no.	Boat name	Helm	Crew	Finish	Elapsed	Pos		
B54	Coot	Wendy Bush	Abi Stevenson	11:59:58	0:49:58	4		
B53	Twinkle	Danny Tyrrell	Shirley Hagger	11:58:39	0:48:39	3		
B61	Echo	Bernie Woodcock	-	12:00:08	0:50:08	5		
B6	Lucifer	David Mackley	Stephen Ellingham	11:53:49	0:43:49	2		
B20	Kelpie	Sam Woodcock	Sam Archer	11:54:21	0:44:21	1		
COMBINED ALLCOMERS UPRIVER				Boat Handicaps only				
Course: T-S, upriver				REEDHAM TANKARD		Start		12:15:00 pm
Sail no.	Boat name	Helm	Crew	Finish	Elapsed	Pos		
B6	Lucifer	Stephen Ellingham	David Mackley	13:07:00	0:52:00	2		
B20	Kelpie	Sam Archer	Sam Woodcock	13:04:54	0:49:54	1		
B53	Twinkle	Danny Tyrrell	Shirley Hagger	13:10:58	0:55:58	3		
B54	Coot	Wendy Bush	Abi Stevenson	13:15:40	1:00:40	4		
B61	Echo	Bernie Woodcock	-	13:28:25	1:13:25	5		

