Woodcock wins the Clabburn Trophy for the Three Race Day at Frostbites

First thing in the morning and Race Officer Geoff Evans was seen looking for the wind. What wind? And where was the water? Not a great start for a three race day for the Clabburn Trophy. After a short delay, B53 "Twinkle" with Danny Tyrrell and Bruce Thompson on board got smartly off the start line but was overtaken by B20 "Kelpie" sailed by Sam and Pat Woodcock who went on to win by nearly three minutes. Tyrrell remained in second place and in third came B6 "Lucifer beyond repair" helmed by David Mackley with Olivia Archer. On handicap Tyrrell came first, Woodcock second and Mackley again third.

The second race, started on the now flooding tide, saw the fleet seeking out the best of the light and fickle wind as the breeze came and went. The Woodcocks once again secured first place. B78 "Jimmy" helmed by Pip Norton learned the value of not hitting anything, as they ran aground and bounced around a rounding mark and finally hugged a floating branch of a tree! Tyrrell again came in second with Olivia Archer now helming Lucifer in third. On handicap the results were unchanged.

The final race, which started immediately after the second, saw the most exciting finish with Mackley taking the lead to stave off challenges by Woodcock, who was frantically tacking in hot pursuit, to win by a mere three seconds. Pip Norton came in third. Interestingly on handicap Pip Norton was first, Mackley second and Woodcock third.

For the Clabburn Trophy the points were calculated using the best two results from three and the winner was Sam Woodcock with David Mackley and Danny Tyrrell tying for second place.