

Gusty winds and a full river at Frostbites bring a welcome change

On Sunday 12th January Frostbite sailors were greeted by a gusty south-westerly wind which proved tricky at times. Race Officer Geoff Coulthard set an upstream start for the ten Norfolk Dinghies competing with thankfully a full tide giving ideal sailing conditions. Kevin Edwards sailing B19 "Minnie" and crewed by daughter Ellie made the best start and lead the way for the first round. Later on Sam Woodcock in B20 "Kelpie" crewed by Sam Archer caught up and alternated the lead with Edwards. David Mackley in B6 "Lucifer beyond repair" and crewed by daughter Kate George joined in the battle for the remainder of the four lap race and after three quarters of an hour these three boats finished within a minute and a half of each other with Woodcock taking first bell, Edwards second and Mackley third. On handicap Woodcock and Edwards held their positions but Pat Woodcock sailing B61 "Echo" crewed by Jan Hubbard took a creditable third. Behind them there were five retirements, one following a coming together between Danny Tyrrell and John Clabburn resulting from a sudden unplanned gybe.

In the second race the conditions gave rise to stronger gusts and just five boats came to the line for the start at 12.20pm. Sam Woodcock and Kevin Edwards again battled it out around the three lap course with Woodcock winning after 30 minutes followed just 40 seconds later by Edwards. Tyrrell was third two minutes after the winner.