

## **Sam Archer retains the Junior Challenge Cup**

It was a busy weekend at Frostbites. On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020 a Sailing Session had been organised with the hope of giving less experienced members and crews a taste of helming in non-race conditions. In the event the wind on that day was very strong. Danny Tyrrell took a few people out in his Norfolk with two reefs which proved exciting for them and the spectators. Sam Archer also braved the elements in the Club's newly acquired Laser Pico but even he found the conditions too hairy. Instructional material was provided in the clubhouse by Sam Archer and Geoff Evans which was appreciated by all who attended.

On Sunday normal racing was resumed. The first race at 10.55am was held in a very light easterly breeze and Race Officer David Yapp, assisted by Julia Deary, set a downstream course with the tide and 11 Norfolk Dinghies came to the line. Due to the tide there were 4 boats on the wrong side of the line at the start and it was some minutes before they were eventually able to start. Meanwhile the rest of the fleet drifted down to the bottom port hand mark and attempted the beat back against the tide. Many places changed and for a while it seemed that no-one would be able to get back. However David Mackley sailing B6 "Lucifer beyond repair", crewed by Olivia Archer made the best of it and returned through the finish line at the clubhouse after 28 minutes. Five minutes later came Pat Woodcock sailing B61 "Echo" and crewed by Jan Hubbard both ecstatic about beating Pat's son Sam Woodcock by over a minute in third place. Sam was sailing B20 "Kelpie" crewed by Sam Archer. Some of the remaining boats took nearly a further 20 minutes to finish the race. On handicap David Mackley and Pat Woodcock held their time but third place went to Glen Curtis sailing B64 "Penelope Jane" crewed by Rowan Curtis who finished just one second behind Kelpie.

The second race at 12.20pm was better in that the wind as forecast had come in from the west and provided a good beat upstream for the 11 Norfolks returning after the coffee break provided by Jenny Broom. Geoff Coulthard sailing B71 "Wild Duck" crewed by Geoff Evans made a terrific start and was away up the beat followed by Kelpie, this time helmed by Sam Archer and crewed by Sam Woodcock. In third position was John Atkinson sailing B28 "Mayfly" crewed by Linda Pargeter. By the time the boats came back down past the clubhouse Danny Tyrrell in B53 "Twinkle" crewed by Bruce Thompson had moved into second position with Coulthard third. On the second lap Woodcock continued his lead but was followed now by Tyrrell and also Glen Curtis in "Penelope Jane". By the end of the second lap the order was Woodcock, Curtis and Coulthard and that is how it remained for the final lap until the finish. All three boats finished within two minutes of each other. On handicap the positions remained the same.

At 1.20pm the much anticipated race for the Junior Challenge Cup took place in increasingly gusty conditions resulting in only two competitors. At the start Angus Windsor-Waite made a very good start. He was sailing B61 "Echo" crewed by Bernie Woodcock. Close behind up the first beat was Sam Archer sailing B20 "Kelpie" and crewed by Sam Woodcock. On rounding the top mark, Archer got into the lead and came downstream on the run, with jib goose-winged, almost planing in the gusts but still followed by Windsor-Waite not far behind. During the second lap Archer increased his lead and after two laps the race was won by him with a 3 minute lead. On handicap, Archer kept his time still with a two minute margin based on corrected time.

Archer was presented with the Junior Challenge Cup for the second year running.

