

Frostbites tie with Waveney & Oulton Broad Yacht Club in annual team race competition

With a gentle to moderate south to south west wind and very mild conditions 9 Norfolk Dinghies rigged for the 10.55am club race on Sunday at Frostbites. The race officer set an upriver start with the changeable wind creating at times a beat but otherwise a reach. Around the bend into the new cut produced a tricky beat up to the top mark and places were won and lost on the port rounding. The run back past the clubhouse to the lower mark was good for the spectators as was the beat back. The race was shortened from 4 rounds to 2.5 in order to make time for the team races that followed. In first place was Sam Woodcock, sailing B20 "Kelpie" and crewed by Sam Archer, second was David Mackley sailing B6 "Lucifer beyond repair" and third was Danny Tyrrell in B53 "Twinkle" crewed by Bruce Thompson. On handicap Sam Woodcock held his time coming first, second was Danny Tyrrell and third Mike Lees sailing B15 "Wee Simby" and crewed by Jill Fisher.

Visitors from Waveney & Oulton Broad Yacht Club were welcomed and after a briefing two back to back races were organised in an increasing breeze, gusty in places but overall ideal conditions for the event. Alan Cone for the visitors, crewed by Gordon Royall in B50 "Dodman" took an early lead in the first race but eventually lost out to Geoff Coulthard for the home team, crewed by Sam Woodcock in B6 "Lucifer beyond repair". Geoff went on to win the race with Ian Keely for the visitors second, crewed by Pete Matthews in B53 "Twinkle" and Alan Cone third. At the end of the race Frostbites had 11 penalty points and WOBYC had 10. After changing boats the second race was again competitive and closely contested. Frostbites held the first three places for a time but then Ian Keely sailing B15 "Wee Simby" got through two of the Frostbites boats and came in second behind Sam Woodcock for the home team crewed by Geoff Coulthard in B50 "Dodman". In third place was Pat Woodcock crewed by David Mackley in B53 "Twinkle". Frostbites 10 points, WOBYC 11. The overall result for the day was a tie as was the case when Frostbites visited Oulton Broad in the summer! A tie overall and WOBYC, being current holders of the Ramuz Trophy, retain it for another year.

Resident chef Bernie Woodcock, with his team of helpers, provided an excellent meal for members and visitors which rounded off a very enjoyable days sailing. Tony Calver the WOBYC Commodore toasted the Frostbites and Paul Tegerdine for the home side returned the compliment.