

## **Good racing conditions at Frostbites – best of the season so far**

On Sunday the wind, a moderate north to north westerly, provided excellent conditions for spectators and the nine Norfolk Dinghies starting the first race at Frostbites. A good hard beat from the start to the top mark sorted out the fleet with Sam Woodcock in B20 “Kelpie” crewed by Sam Archer pulling out a good lead and going on to win the three lap race in 33 minutes. Woodcock was followed by David Mackley in B6 “Lucifer beyond repair” crewed by Linda Allen some 7 minutes later. Ray Johnson in B54 “Coot” and crewed by Alex Powell, in third position as they tacked up to the top mark, unfortunately were hit by an untimely gust and capsized, a rare event at Frostbites and they had to retire. Kevin Edwards in B19 “Minnie” crewed by daughter Ellie came in third. On handicap Woodcock held his time and was first, Pat Woodcock in B61 “Echo” crewed by Jan Hubbard was second and Mackley third.

The traditional “parish notes” during the break were announced with a superb piercing whistle produced by the timekeeper for the day Kirsty Youngman which brought the clubhouse to instant silence to hear the announcements.

The second race started at 1205hrs with the same course and slightly windier conditions. 6 boats came to the line and this time Mackley made no mistake and went off at the start to win. Edwards was second and in third place was Bernie Woodcock in B71 “Wild Duck” crewed by the owner Geoff Coulthard. On handicap Mackley held his time to win, as did Edwards who was again second but third place went to Mike Lees sailing B15 “Wee Simby” and crewed by Jill Fisher.

This coming Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018 will be the traditional “Rum Punch Sunday” with a visit from Father Christmas, presents for the children, a huge raffle but first of course, sailing for the “Claude Heath” Trophy.