

## **Mackley wins Power Station Race at Frostbites but narrowly misses a ducking**

On Sunday, five Norfolk Dinghies competed in a long beat upstream towards Norwich as far as Carrow Yacht Club and near to the site of the former Power Station, before rounding the mark and running back to the clubhouse. Geoff Coulthard sailing B71 "Wild Duck" and crewed by John Wood made the best start and commenced tacking up the cut only to be overtaken by David Mackley in B6 "Lucifer beyond repair" crewed by Linda Allen. Later David Yapp sailing B50 "Dodman" crewed by Nigel Gutteridge moved into second place followed by Bernie Woodcock sailing B54 "Coot" and crewed by Ray Johnson. On the way back Mackley was hit by a strong gust which required all his skill to prevent a capsize but he went on to win and claim the Breydon Challenge Cup, with Yapp second and Woodcock third.

In the club race earlier, the forecast had obviously reduced numbers but five Norfolks started in relatively quiet conditions, if a little drizzly and enjoyed a full three round course. Sam Woodcock soon took the lead in B20 "Kelpie" crewed by Sam Archer followed by David Mackley in B6 "Lucifer beyond repair" crewed by Linda Allen and they finished in that order. There were place changes between Ray Johnson sailing B54 "Coot" crewed by Wendy Bush and David Yapp sailing B50 "Dodman" crewed by Nigel Gutteridge. Johnson went on to take third place. On handicap the positions remained unchanged.