

At Frostbites on Remembrance Sunday sailors were greeted to a fair southerly breeze which made course setting for the OOD difficult. The vast number of trees planted on the bank opposite the clubhouse made an otherwise decent wind, gusty and unpredictable.

After hearing The Last Post, two minutes silence and Reveille (naval version), eight Norfolk Dinghies set off downstream. Places changed as conditions around the four racing buoys were fluky to say the least. The wind direction and the effect of the trees prevented any proper beats. After 45 minutes for the three lap course Danny Tyrrell crewed by Bruce Thompson finished first, followed a minute and twenty seconds later by Sam Woodcock crewed by Sam Archer and just five seconds later by David Mackley and Linda Allen having pulled back from last earlier in the race. On handicap Danny Tyrrell held his time and retained his first position, Pat Woodcock and Jan Hubbard were second and in third place was Stephen Ellingham with his competent crew Jet, a black retriever!

In the second race an upstream start was set for the remaining seven boats and after three laps of seemingly better racing David Mackley overhauled Danny Tyrrell near the finish to win by five seconds. In third place was Mike Lees crewed by Mario Tinge. On handicap, the winner was young Sam Archer, crewed by Sam Woodcock having finished a creditable fourth over the water, Stephen Ellingham with supercrew was second and Danny Tyrrell third.

Next week will be Three Race Day and competitors will sail for the Clabburn Trophy.