

## **Forecast strong winds didn't disappoint Frostbites sailors**

Despite the very gusty conditions on Sunday, six Norfolk Dinghy helms took up the challenge and a single reef was ordered. In the first race the north-west wind provided a good beat to the top mark up the cut followed by a hairy reach to run back down past the clubhouse. The bottom mark was to port so involved a gybe, however most crews opted for the safer route of going past the mark and tacking. The two leading boats, Kevin Edwards, crewed by daughter Ellie sailing B19 "Minnie" and David Mackley, crewed by Linda Allen in B6 "Lucifer beyond repair" enjoyed some close tacking from the bottom mark, past the clubhouse and up to the top mark during the first round but at the bottom mark in the second lap an untimely gust hit "Lucifer beyond repair" and she broached and capsized leaving "Minnie" to take the win by some margin. Behind them B53 "Twinkle" helmed by Danny Tyrrell and crewed by Bruce Thompson and B61 "Echo" helmed by Bernie Woodcock and crewed by Wendy Bush had a close race with "Twinkle" coming in third, just under a minute ahead of "Echo". B71 "Wild Duck" came in fourth helmed by Geoff Coulthard and crewed by Pat Woodcock. John Atkinson sailing B28 "Mayfly" and crewed by Linda Pargeter was hit by a particularly vicious gust up the cut and decided to retire. Positions were unchanged after adjusting for personal handicaps.

In the second race only three boats ventured out but the conditions had apparently improved slightly. The bottom mark was changed to a starboard rounding which took out the gybe. Danny Tyrrell led for most of the race but was overhauled on the final beat by Geoff Coulthard who went on to win in "Wild Duck" with Tyrrell second in "Twinkle" and Bernie Woodcock third in "Echo".