

## **Frostbites starts its winter series**

Sunday marked the first day of Club racing at Frostbites after their summer break. With boats away at the Norfolk Dinghy Championships at Beccles and series racing carrying on at Norfolk Broads Yacht Club and Horning Sailing Club, incoming Commodore Sam Woodcock was pleased to see five Norfolks coming to the line.

In the 10.55am race a downriver start was set and Mike Lees sailing B15 "Wee Simby" crewed by Steven Ford made the best start, followed closely by Danny Tyrrell in B53 "Twinkle" crewed by Bruce Thompson. Conditions were testing with trees in leaf on both sides of the river and an incoming tide. Tyrrell read the tide well and soon passed Lees and on the way back past the clubhouse built up an unassailable lead which he held to the finish. Two rounds of the course took him just short of an hour. Lees came in second and in third place was Pat Woodcock in B61 "Echo" crewed by Jan Hubbard. On handicap Tyrrell held his time and was still first, second came Stephen Ellingham in B30 "Willa" expertly crewed by Jet, his faithful crew and Woodcock was again third.

In the second race at 12.35pm Tyrrell and Woodcock started together followed by Lees, who travelling quickly, overhauled both and took the lead just before the first mark. A good beat up past the clubhouse extended Lees' lead and he went on to win. Stephen Ellingham did well to come through the rest of the fleet and came in second just under a minute later. In third place was again Woodcock. On handicap the leading places reversed so Stephen Ellingham came first, Jet was well chuffed, Lees second and Woodcock again third.

Next week the racing will include a special race for the Founders' Cup, won last year by Mike Lees in Wee Simby.