

## **Easterly chill for sailors at Frostbites**

Six Norfolk Dinghies started another downriver race on Sunday going against the chilly easterly breeze but with the ebb tide. Sam Woodcock in B20 "Kelpie" and crewed by Geoff Coulthard made the best start closely followed by David Mackley in B6 "Lucifer beyond repair" crewed by Linda Allen. Just under the flyover Mackley took the lead briefly but lost it again in the grove. Woodcock went on to win the race which finished half way up the stretch to Bramerton. Mackley finished second roughly 30 seconds later and third was Danny Tyrrell in B53 "Twinkle" crewed by Bruce Thompson over 3 minutes after.

On the return, Pat Woodcock sailing B61 "Echo" and crewed by Jan Hubbard made by far the best start and sailed through the grove still in the lead until the flyover but then chose the wrong side of the river and was passed by all of the others! Tyrrell made the best of it and led the run down Whitlingham Reach improving his lead all the way and finished first at the clubhouse. Behind him in the chasing group was Linda Allen sailing B6 "Lucifer beyond repair" crewed by David Mackley. She broke away from the others towards the finish to come in second behind Tyrrell by only 16 seconds. The remaining 4 boats finished within 8 seconds of each other, led in third position by Stephen Ellingham in B30 "Willa" whose crew Jet fell asleep in the bottom of the boat, such was the excitement!