

## **Clabburn takes emphatic win at Frostbites**

Fresh to strong winds were forecast on Sunday but by the time of the first race at 10.55am they had abated to a decent westerly breeze providing reportedly the best sailing conditions for the season so far. Race Officer Sue Grief set an upstream course off the "A" start line which proved difficult for timekeeper Penny Joy viewing the line straight into the sun. Birthday boy John Clabburn sailing B78 "Snoopy" and crewed by Kirsty Youngman made the best start and was away up the beat and sailed the three lap course without challenge to win after 40 minutes. Also sailing a good race but finishing over a minute later came John Atkinson sailing B28 "Mayfly" crewed by Linda Pargeter. Half a minute later came Danny Tyrrell in B53 "Twinkle" and crewed by Bruce Thompson to take third place. On handicap first and second positions remained the same but young Sam Archer sailing B61 "Echo" and crewed by Bernie Woodcock took third.

In the second race numbers reduced to four boats and the start was won by Danny Tyrrell this time crewed by Jean Board and went on to win after 40 minutes extending a big lead over the other three who as a group followed some three minutes behind. In second place was Stephen Ellingham crewed this time by Nigel Gutteridge and third was Geoff Coulthard in Wild Duck changing to Philip Board as crew. On handicap the first two places remained the same but again, Sam Archer moved up to third.

Next week will be Rum Punch Sunday when Frostbites provide a seasonal welcome to all and competition for the Claude Heath Trophy, a visit by Father Christmas and the traditional raffle.