

## **The two “Sams” Woodcock and Archer dominate gusty conditions at Frostbites**

Despite the testing conditions in a strong, gusty north-west wind 11 Norfolk Dinghies, one reefed, shared a congested start line. Sam Woodcock sailing B20 “Kelpie” and crewed by Sam Archer were first away leaving the rest of the fleet initially in a bit of a log jam. The beat to the top mark was very difficult both in terms of the strength of the gusts but also the varied direction of the wind. Once round the mark the leaders had to be wary of the other boats still beating up but happily there were no incidents. The bottom mark lay in a lull under the trees, giving respite and enabling some helms to catch up and others to lose their positions. After three rounds Woodcock came in first after 41 minutes, followed within a minute by David Mackley sailing B6 “Lucifer beyond repair” crewed by daughter Kate George and in third place was Kevin Edwards in B19 “Minnie” crewed by his daughter Pippa. On handicap Woodcock held his time in first place, second was Danny Tyrrell in B53 “Twinkle” crewed by his son Jonathan in a rare but welcome visit and in third place was Ray Johnson sailing B54 “Coot” and crewed by Wendy Bush.

After a drink and time to recover, 6 Norfolks started the second race at 12.20pm. The conditions were much the same and the start was something of a lottery. Johnson in “Coot” was last over the line but after tacking onto port experienced a lift and cleared the fleet followed closely by Lees in “Wee Simby”. They rounded the top mark in that order. By the time the bottom mark was rounded Woodcock had moved into second place and both he and Lees overtook Johnson on the first beat back to the clubhouse. Woodcock pressed on up the beat to the top mark once again gaining a good lead, Johnson got back to second and Lees third. They finished the three round course in that order Woodcock winning by one and half minutes over Johnson and Lees a full minute behind him. On handicap Johnson moved into first position, Lees second and Woodcock third.

On Saturday Frostbites will be running an Open House offering members the opportunity to helm sailing boats and safety boats in a non-racing environment, discuss matters around the table and enjoy some refreshments. Also there will be a Table Top Sale of Boat Jumble. See website [www.norwichfrostbitesailing.club](http://www.norwichfrostbitesailing.club) for more details.