

Minimum numbers make a race at Frostbites despite menacing weather

The forecast in the days leading up to the club racing at Frostbites on Sunday 16th February led many to give up any idea of sailing again, as was the case on the previous Sunday. However conditions for the first race at 10.59am were ok albeit a little wet. Just two boats came to the “B” start line for the 4 lap course set by Officer of the Day Sam Woodcock, assisted by Sam Archer as timekeeper and flag puller. David Mackley sailing B6 “Lucifer beyond repair” and crewed by new member Heather Drysdale made the best start but was closely followed by Bernie Woodcock sailing B61 “Echo” crewed by Wendy Bush. On the beat up the cut Woodcock twice got into the lead but seemed to lose out on the run falling into dead patches whilst Mackley pulled away. However Woodcock recovered and at the finish after 52 minutes and 52 seconds Mackley crossed the finish line just 26 seconds ahead of Woodcock. On handicap the places were reversed.

The second race at 12.24pm followed the same pattern but was for 3 laps this time and in more rain. The difference between the competitors at the finish was very close to 2 minutes Mackley having pulled away from Woodcock. However on handicap Woodcock again took the win.