

Sam Woodcock takes the last race to win the Clabburn Trophy

At Frostbites the traditional "Three Race Day" took place on a bright and sunny Sunday morning with nice easterly breeze. A downriver start for the 11 Norfolk Dinghies taking part provided a testing beat to the lower mark. As usual the trees lining the river make for tricky conditions in which luck can often play a part. Nevertheless as is frequently the case, the top three sailors managed to take the first three positions in each of the three races. The first race was won by David Mackley, crewed by Linda Allen in B6 "Lucifer Beyond Repair". Second was Kevin Edwards crewed by his daughter Ellie in B19 "Minnie" and third was Sam Woodcock crewed by Sam Archer in B20 "Kelpie". In the second race the winner was Sam Woodcock, second was David Mackley and third Kevin Edwards. At this stage these three were equal on points so the third and final race could have gone to any of them. However Sam Woodcock made the best start and went clear. David Mackley and Kevin Edwards eventually broke free of the others but could not catch the leader and the final race was won emphatically by Sam Woodcock, with Kevin Edwards second and David Mackley third. Taking the best two results out of three races the Clabburn Trophy went to Sam Woodcock with David Mackley second and Kevin Edwards third. Pat Woodcock crewed by Jan Hubbard in B61 "Echo" came in a creditable fourth.

After adjusting race times for personal handicaps, the results of the first race remained unchanged. In the second race, the winner was Pat Woodcock crewed by Jan Hubbard in B61 "Echo". In second place was Sam Woodcock and third Danny Tyrrell crewed by Bruce Thompson in B53 "Twinkle".

The falling tide meant that after racing with the water well below the slipway, many hands were required to retrieve the Norfolk Dinghies from the water and put them away. It is a well known fact that the older you get the heavier your Norfolk becomes!

This coming Saturday Frostbites are offering trial sails and training to new members and potential new members as a follow on from the recent Open Day.