

Frostbites record big numbers for the Arthur Mann Memorial Trophy

On Sunday 19th January thirteen Norfolk Dinghies came to the line for the first start at 10.55am. Race Officer Paul Tegerdine set an upstream course against an ebb tide and in a fickle, light, northerly breeze. Despite the congested start line, Kevin Edwards sailing B19 “Minnie” and crewed by Ellie Edwards took the lead, closely followed by Sam Woodcock in B20 “Kelpie” crewed by Sam Archer. Also in the mix was David Mackley sailing B6 “Lucifer beyond repair” crewed by Bernie Woodcock. At times during the race David Yapp in B50 “Dodman” crewed by Julia Deary challenged the leaders and moving into third position for a while. However, Mackley re-established his third position during the second lap and Sam Woodcock got past Edwards to take the win after 38 minutes with Edwards almost 2 minutes behind and Mackley just over 2 minutes behind him. On handicap the first two positions remained the same but in third place was Pat Woodcock sailing B61 “Echo” and crewed by Jan Hubbard who finished the shortened course just 20 seconds behind Yapp.

The second race at 12.25pm was a Class Race for the Norfolks, a series race for the allcomers (boat and personal handicaps applied), and also a sealed handicap race for the popular Arthur Mann Memorial Trophy. This time the competitors included young Angus Windsor-Wright sailing the Club Leader and crewed by Jamie Manners. Once the race got under way, Mackley and Edwards soon took first and second positions for a battle and behind them places changed especially during the slow beat back from the lower mark against the ebbing tide. The race was shortened from 3 laps to 2 and a half. Mackley finished in first place after 37 and a half minutes with Edwards a minute and a half later. About 20 seconds later came Danny Tyrrell sailing B53 “Twinkle” crewed by Bruce Thompson. On handicap Tyrrell moved into first position with Mackley second and Edwards third. Applying the sealed handicaps gave exactly the same result so this year Danny Tyrrell won the Arthur Mann Trophy for the second time having first won it in 2018.