

## **WOBYC retain Ramuz Trophy at Frostbites by a single point**

On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December Norwich Frostbite Sailing Club welcomed visitors from Waveney & Oulton Broad Yacht Club to compete in the second leg of the annual team race between the two clubs. In the summer Frostbites came away with a one point lead.

In the first race six Norfolks, three helmed by each of the clubs, started the downstream course in a light northerly wind, keeping close to the south bank but having to put in a few tacks to keep away from the shallow spots on the way down and around the corner to the lower mark. Ian Keely sailing B71 "Wild Duck" crewed by Uzair Athur got away and lead for a while closely followed by David Yapp sailing B6 "Lucifer beyond repair" crewed by Sam Archer. On the run back upstream Yapp passed Keely rounding the lower middle mark and started the slow progress against the tide. Most of the fleet closed in, hugging the south bank to keep out of the tide. Yapp managed to retain his lead past the clubhouse and up to the top mark whilst second position was taken up by David Mackley sailing B50 "Dodman" crewed by Bernie Woodcock. The second round was much the same with positions changing behind but on the approach to the top mark for the second time Mackley, sailing Yapp's boat, managed to overtake his own boat sailed by Yapp and went on to win for NFSC, Yapp was second also sailing for NFSC and in third place sailing for the visitors was Pete Matthews sailing B53 "Twinkle" crewed by Alan Cone. The visitors also took fourth and fifth places with the last boat home being from NFSC. After this first race therefore Frostbites lead by 3 points.

In the second race in even lighter conditions the visitors took control. Alan Cone, not normally regarded as a "river rat" but now sailing B6 "Lucifer beyond repair" and crewed by Pete Matthews shot ahead and won the two course race by some five minutes followed by Bernie Woodcock from Frostbites sailing B47 "Brambling" and crewed by David Mackley. The visitors also took third and fourth positions and so won the second race by 5 points. Overall taking into account the one point lead held by Frostbites at the start the end result was that WOBYC won the "Ramuz" trophy by 31 points to 32 and after lunch took the trophy back to Oulton for the second year running.