

Tyrrell wins Founders' Trophy at Frostbites

With a light north-westerly breeze on Sunday, Race Officer Graham King set a simple course around the top and lower marks. The water was low so care was needed not to run aground near the riverbank. It was good to see increased numbers and eight Norfolk Dinghies appeared on the water.

In the 10.55am race the beat upper-river was led by Commodore Sam Woodcock in B20 "Kelpie" crewed by Wendy Bush, making a very good start and going on to win the three lap course in just over 42 minutes. In second place and over a minute later came Kevin Edwards sailing B19 "Minnie" crewed by Ellie Edwards and third was David Mackley in B6 "Lucifer beyond repair" and crewed by newcomer Tony Day. On handicap Woodcock held his time and first position, second was Pat Woodcock sailing B61 "Echo" crewed by Jan Hubbard and Edwards dropped to third.

In the second race at 12.15pm Edwards got clear away at the start and carried on to win in just over 40 minutes. For the first two rounds he was closely followed by Danny Tyrrell sailing B53 "Twinkle" crewed by Bruce Thompson, but in the final round Mackley came through and finished in second place just four seconds behind Edwards, leaving Tyrrell third. The handicap race this week included competition for the Founders' Trophy which in 2003 was presented by Wendy Smith in memory of her father Ted Chamberlin. On corrected times the winner was Danny Tyrrell, second was Wendy Bush sailing Kelpie and crewed by Sam Woodcock, and third was Mike Lees in B15 "Wee Simby" crewed by Jill Fisher.

Next week the Frostbites are holding an Open Day from 11.00am to 3.30pm at which visitors will be able to watch the racing and have taster sails with the usual welcome and refreshments provided by club members.