

## **David Mackley wins the Claude Heath Trophy at Frostbites**

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 Frostbites held their traditional “Rum Punch Sunday” with two races to count for the Claude Heath Trophy. In contrast to last year when there was so little water, racing had to be abandoned, this year the first to arrive needed deep wellington boots to get to the club such was the height of the tide.

Angela Mackley arrived by car to bring her equipment for the rum punch and decided to make half the quantity as it was certain that fewer people would actually get down. Five pairs of boots were provided for visitors on arrival for those that needed them.

Officer of the day Stephen Ellingham set a simple course and at 11.00am seven Norfolk Dinghies set off upstream against the ebb tide. Sam Woodcock sailing B20 “Kelpie” crewed by Sam Archer lead from the start and went on to win after some 40 minutes. In second place was David Mackley twenty seconds later sailing B6 “Lucifer beyond repair” crewed by Linda Allen and some five minutes later came John Atkinson in B28 “Mayfly” and crewed by Linda Pargeter. Adjusting for personal handicaps the results were the same.

In the second race at 12.25pm just six boats started this time and again it was a competitive race at the front with Woodcock and Mackley changing places many times. For much of the race David Yapp sailing B50 “Dodman” crewed by Jean Board was in the mix moving on several occasions into second position. However on the final beat it was Mackley who was victorious followed closely by Woodcock with Yapp about a minute behind. On handicap Yapp was first, Mackley second and Woodcock third.

The Claude Heath Trophy was awarded to David Mackley with Sam Woodcock second and David Yapp third.

Despite the conditions there were a good number of visitors who stayed to enjoy the famous raffle and partake in the rum punch accompanied by mince pies and sausage rolls. Other refreshments were available.