

Seven entries for the rescheduled Ladies Challenge Trophy Race

At Frostbites on Sunday members were greeted to a lovely warm sunny day but unfortunately, to start with, no wind at all. Race Officer Mike Lees hoisted the postponement flag and this gave the opportunity to welcome Sophie Little and David Whiteley from Radio Norfolk who used the Club as a location for one of the clues for their Sunday morning "Treasure Quest". With a light breeze picking up the first start went off at 11.05am just ten minutes later than scheduled and eleven Norfolk Dinghies set off downstream. It was soon the top three sailors who were battling for first position some way ahead of the rest of the fleet. The three lap course was reduced to two and first helm home was David Mackley sailing B6 "Lucifer beyond repair" and crewed by Linda Allen. Second was Kevin Edwards in B19 "Minnie" crewed by Ellie Edwards and third was Sam Woodcock in B20 "Kelpie" crewed by Sam Archer. On handicap it was fourth placed Ray Johnson sailing B54 "Coot" and crewed by Wendy Bush who moved into first place with Mackley second and Edwards third.

In the second race the same eleven boats started with some crews taking the helm. John Atkinson sailing B28 "Mayfly" and crewed by Linda Pargeter made the best start followed by David Yapp in B50 "Dodman" crewed by Julia Deary and Bernie Woodcock in B73 "Condor" and crewed by Steven Ford. There were many place changes in the fickle winds but eventually Yapp came in first, followed eleven seconds later by Atkinson with Woodcock nine seconds after him. On corrected time taking into account personal handicaps the finishing order was Atkinson, Yapp, Woodcock.

There followed the annual ladies race for the Ladies Challenge Trophy. This event had to be rescheduled due to poor conditions on the original date and spectators were pleased to see seven competitors taking part. After an almost lively start the fleet were all virtually becalmed under the first section of trees but soon Ellie Edwards crewed by her father emerged in "Minnie" to take the lead which she held to the finish. Second place went to Linda Allen crewed by David Mackley in "Lucifer beyond repair" and third place went to Olivia Archer crewed by Sam Woodcock in "Kelpie". A discussion took place as to whether a Gentleman's Race could be held but it was found that no gentlemen were present.