

Young helms show their mettle in Norfolk Dinghies at Frostbites

A bright and sunny Sunday morning at Frostbites greeted 9 Norfolk Dinghy helms and crews. There was only a faint easterly breeze contrasting significantly with some forecasts for the day. After a 10 minute postponement hoping for more wind the first race was set with a downriver start against the incoming tide for an optimistic 3 rounds. There were many dead spots and it was difficult to get around the course at all. Such were the conditions that the race officer wisely shortened the torture to just one round and this took the leading boat 36 minutes to complete with the last boat finishing ten minutes later. Kevin Edwards crewed by his daughter Ellie sailing B19 "Minnie" lead throughout and came in first, Mike Lees crewed by Jill Fisher in B15 "Wee Simby" was second and in third place was Sam Woodcock crewed by Sam Archer in B20 "Kelpie". Adjusting race times for personal handicaps in first place was Mike Lees, second Kevin Edwards and third was John Atkinson crewed by Linda Pargeter in B28 "Mayfly".

By 12.20pm there was some improvement in the breeze and a reduction in the tide. The same course was set and 3 rounds were completed. Mike Lees made the best start but was first overhauled by young Ellie Edwards crewed by her father Kevin in B19 "Minnie" and went on to win after 43 minutes, followed by an even younger Sam Archer crewed by Sam Woodcock in B20 "Kelpie" who was second and Mike Lees (not so young) crewed by Jill Fisher in B15 "Wee Simby" came in third. On handicap Sam Archer was first, Ellie Edwards second and Mike Lees again third.

This coming Sunday 2nd December Frostbites are welcoming visitors from Waveney & Oulton Broad Yacht Club for the second leg of the annual team race competition between the two clubs. During the summer Frostbites visited Oulton Broad to sail Waveney's and came away equal on points. A good result on Sunday will enable them to regain the Ramuz Trophy for the event.