

Woodcock dominates sailing at Frostbites

On an overcast Sunday at Frostbites a somewhat reduced fleet of five Norfolk Dinghies started the 10.55am race in a gusty force 3 to 4 north-westerly. With a simple course, top mark to port and lower mark to starboard, Sam Woodcock crewed by Sam Archer in B20 "Kelpie" led the beat from the start and extended his lead finishing the shortened two and a half lap race in 33 minutes, three minutes ahead of Kevin Edwards crewed by Ellie Edwards in B19 "Minnie" who temporarily suffered gear failure after the start but managed to fix it and get close to Woodcock. In third place was Danny Tyrrell, crewed by Bruce Thompson in B53 "Twinkle", the only boat to have wisely reefed. On handicap the positions remained unchanged.

In the second race six boats started and followed the same pattern. Initially Kevin Edwards lead but was later overhauled by Sam Woodcock. The four round race was tough particularly towards the end with an increasing wind. Pat Woodcock, crewed by Steven Ford in B61 "Echo" was lying third when her mainsheet horse broke and she had to retire. First place again went to Sam Woodcock, with Kevin Edwards second and third was Bernie Woodcock, crewed by Geoff Coulthard in B71 "Wild Duck". On handicap Sam Woodcock and Kevin Edwards held their time to keep hold of first and second places but in third place was Stephen Ellingham, crewed by Karen Maran in B30 "Willa". Next Sunday Frostbites are holding an ever more popular Open Event for helms aged 18 or under for the "Junior" Challenge Cup.