

Norfolk Dinghies out in force at Frostbites with the Mayor in attendance

On a crisp, cold sunny Sunday morning at Frostbites, twelve Norfolk Dinghies started the 10.55am race in a light and variable west-south west wind. With such a crowded start line Sam Woodcock was pushed over the line and having to go back was never able to recover. Danny Tyrrell sailing B53 "Twinkle" and crewed by Bruce Thompson made the best start and lead for most of the first lap but was overtaken first by Kevin Edwards sailing B19 "Minnie" and crewed by Ellie Edwards and then by David Mackley in B6 "Lucifer beyond repair" crewed by Linda Allen. Having set a three lap race, such were the conditions the race officer shortened the course to two laps and Edwards finished in 47 minutes followed by Mackley and Tyrrell within the next three minutes. The rest of the fleet after many place changes in the variable wind conditions eventually finished with the last boat taking over an hour to complete the course. On adjusting for personal handicaps, Tyrrell came first, Edwards second and third was Mike Lees sailing B15 "Wee Simby" crewed by Jean Board.

The second race at 12.25pm saw thirteen Norfolks starting in even lighter wind conditions. Kevin Edwards made the best start followed closely by his father Derek sailing B58 "Rum'un" and crewed by Pippa Edwards. They finished in that order followed in third place by George Curtis sailing B64 "Penelope Jane" and crewed by Glen Curtis over the one and a half lap course shortened from two set at the start. On corrected time the positions remained the same, somewhat of a triumph for the Edwards family.

In the Junior Race at 01.30pm just three competitors had a pretty good race in spite of the conditions which were made more difficult by the ebb tide. George Curtis in "Penelope Jane" lead for the first lap before being overtaken by Sam Archer sailing B20 "Kelpie" and crewed by Sam Woodcock. In third place was Tom Filshie in "Twinkle" and crewed by Danny Tyrrell. The Junior Trophy for the event was presented to Sam Archer by John Fisher, the Mayor of Thorpe St Andrew.