

Minnie dominates with two wins at Frostbites

Despite very light winds and low tide the boat numbers at Frostbites were good with eleven Norfolk Dinghies starting the 10.55am race. Race Officer Bruce Thompson assisted by Leona Levine as Timekeeper set an upstream course around three marks which were difficult to place in the conditions. Kevin Edwards crewed by daughter Pippa in B19 "Minnie" lead from the start followed by Stephen Ellingham crewed as usual by the faithful Jet in B30 "Willa". Ellingham was soon overhauled by David Mackley and Wendy Bush in B6 "Lucifer beyond repair" and later by John Atkinson and Linda Pargeter in B28 "Mayfly" and that is how the race finished after three rounds and a little under the hour for the first two and a little over the hour for the third. On handicap with corrected finishing times Edwards retained first place, as did Mackley in second but Sue Grief and Bernie Woodcock sailing B47 "Brambling" moved up to third.

Nine boats went out for the second race at 12.40pm starting on a different line and in the opposite direction from the first race. This time Sue Grief lead from the start followed by Danny Tyrrell and Nigel Gutteridge in B53 "Twinkle" with Olivier Archer crewed by Sam Woodcock in B20 "Kelpie" in third. During the single round course, Edwards came through to overtake and win the race, with Sue Grief second and third place was shared in a photo finish between Tyrrell and Wendy Bush who helmed "Lucifer beyond repair" crewed by Mackley. Two boats retired no doubt due to the frustrating conditions made worse by the trees. On handicap, Grief took the win with Edwards second and Bush third.

This coming Sunday is Remembrance Sunday which will be marked by a two minute silence commencing with the preparatory signal at 11.00am.