

## **New Year Activity at Frostbites**

### **New Years Day**

Following a two week lay-off, racing at Frostbites resumed in calm conditions with competition for two Allcomers trophies. After a short postponement due to lack of wind, Race Officer Bruce Thompson eventually set a simple downstream course and started the eight Norfolk Dinghies some 25 minutes after normal start time. In the fickle winds David Mackley sailing B6 "Lucifer beyond repair" and crewed by Olivia Archer soon took the lead, followed by Sam Woodcock in B20 "Kelpie" crewed by Sam Archer. Behind them came B9 "Minnie" helmed by Kevin Edwards, crewed by Jo Edwards. The race finished in that order with Mackley winning almost three minutes ahead. On handicap Mackley held his time but second place went to Stephen Ellingham in B30 "Willa" crewed by the faithful Jet and in third place was B61 "Echo" helmed by Bernie Woodcock, crewed by Jan Hubbard.

In the second race this time it was Edwards who established a good lead early on and went on to win the two round course to finish in nearly 24 minutes closely followed by Geoff Coulthard sailing B71 "Wild Duck" crewed by Geoff Evans just one second behind the leader. In third place was David Yapp sailing B50 "Dodman" crewed by Pat Woodcock just three seconds ahead of Mackley in fourth. On handicap the first three finishers held their times.

In the final race with a discard available for each trophy, competition was fierce. Mackley made no mistake and was off from the start leading all the way to finish first after almost 25 minutes. Second was Edwards and in third place was Sam Woodcock. On handicap Mackley held his time. Bernie Woodcock moved into second place and Edwards was third. The Moore Trophy was won by David Mackley with two firsts, Edwards was second with a first and a second, and Sam Woodcock with a second and a third, came third. The 2000 Shield, a trophy based on handicap results, was also won by David Mackley, Kevin Edwards was runner-up and Bernie Woodcock was third.

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020 Wells Team Race and first club race**

Visitors from Wells Sailing Club were welcomed to Frostbites for the first leg of the annual team match between the two clubs for the Braconash Challenge Cup currently held by Frostbites. This cup was first sailed for in 1952 and competed for every year since.

The wind was a very light westerly demanding extreme concentration by the six helms to make the best of every little puff, particularly as the tide was significant throughout. In the first race, Pat Woodcock (NFSC) crewed by David Mackley in B53 "Twinkle" was away from the start and built up an unsurmountable lead. Woodcock was followed by Stephen Ellingham (also NFSC) crewed by Sam Woodcock in B61 "Echo" who, after a bit of a battle with Andrew Cracknell (WSC) sailing B50 "Dodman" crewed by Justine Cracknell, eventually broke free to move into second place. Danny Tyrrell (NFSC) sailing B47 "Brambling" and crewed by David Yapp, had close encounters with John Corney sailing B20 "Kelpie" crewed by William Fillingham for much of the race but eventually Tyrrell moved away and at the final mark also passed Andrew Cracknell to take third place. In the second race, after a congested start line, David Yapp (NFSC) sailing B6 "Lucifer beyond repair" crewed by Danny Tyrrell broke away to take the lead and maintained that position until the finish. Yapp was followed closely at times by David Mackley (NFSC) sailing B20 "Kelpie" and crewed by Pat Woodcock. Sam Woodcock (NFSC) sailing B50

“Dodman” crewed by Stephen Ellingham was in last position for much of the race but on the final beat to the top mark managed to overhaul three Wells boats to come in third at the finish. With a clean sweep Frostbites take a lead of 18 points to take up for the return match at Wells in June sailing in Sharpies.

In the club race earlier nine Norfolk Dinghies came to the line for the 10.55 start arranged by Race Officer for the day Paul Tegerdine. In first place was Kevin Edwards crewed by Ellie Edwards in B19 “Minnie”, second was Sam Woodcock in B20 “Kelpie” crewed by Sam Archer and third was Danny Tyrrell crewed by Bruce Thompson in B53 “Twinkle”. On handicap the winner was again Kevin Edwards, Tyrrell was second and Sam Woodcock third.