

New Year Activity at Frostbites

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Following a two week lay-off racing at the Frostbites resumed with competition for two Allcomers trophies. With the wind swinging from west to northwest, a competitive course was set, although as usual there were winners and losers due to the shifts. Nine Norfolk Dinghies competed for the “Moore Trophy” and “The 2000 Shield” over three races, the best two results to count.

In the first race Kevin Edwards crewed by his daughter Ellie in B19 “Minnie” made a clean start, and steadily increased his lead to win after 48 minutes. Sam Woodcock crewed by Pat Woodcock in B20 “Kelpie” and David Mackley crewed by Linda Allen in B6 “Lucifer beyond repair” fought it out to finish in that order. Ray Johnson crewed by Wendy Bush in B54 “Coot” was in third place for a period of time but eventually retired due to his buoyancy tanks being full of water following his capsize on Rum Punch Sunday. On handicap Edwards and Mackley saved their time and were first and second respectively but in third place was Glen Curtis crewed by George Curtis in B64 “Penelope Jane”.

In the second race Mackley established an early lead followed home by Woodcock and Edwards. Veteran helm Derek Edwards crewed by Jo Edwards in B58 “Rum’un” took a creditable fourth place. On corrected time Mackley was still first, Derek Edwards was second and Curtis again third.

In the final race the trophies could have been won by any of three helms, all they needed was a first place. Edwards was forced over the line at the start and had much ground to make up. Mackley and Woodcock got away cleanly and soon established a lead over the rest of the fleet which was led by Edwards. At the finish Woodcock carried the day with Mackley second and Edwards third. Coming in next was Ray Johnson who improved his performance in a borrowed boat with buoyancy tanks full of air. On handicap there were no changes to the results.

Sam Woodcock won both the “Moore Trophy” and “The 2000 Shield with Mackley the runner up and Edwards third.

Sunday 6th January 2019 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 Wells for the last five years. This cup was first sailed for in 1952 and competed for every year since.

The wind was a very light west north-westerly demanding extreme concentration by the six helms to make the best of every little puff, particularly later on as the tide began to ebb. In the first race, David Yapp (NFSC) crewed by Bernie Woodcock in B6 “Lucifer beyond repair” made the best start followed closely by David Mackley (NFSC) crewed by Mike Lees in B47 “Brambling” and also Chris Gibbs (WSC) crewed by his daughter Maddy in B15 “Wee Simby” recovering quickly from being “over the line” at the start. Yapp held his lead throughout and finished first with Mackley second. In third place was Geoff Coulthard (NFSC) crewed by Sam Archer in B53 “Twinkle” having overhauled Gibbs. Frostbites therefore took the first three places. In the second race Sam Woodcock (NFSC) crewed by Sam Archer in B15 “Wee Simby” led from the start to win 14 minutes ahead of Bernie Woodcock crewed by David Yapp in B71 “Wild Duck” coming in second after starting the race last. Andrew Cracknell (WSC) crewed by Justin Sykes in B53 “Twinkle” finished a close

third. Overall points were NFSC 15, WSC 27 giving Frostbites a good lead to take up to Wells for the second leg in May.

In the club race earlier eight Norfolk Dinghies and a Wanderer came to the line for the 10.55 start. In first place was Sam Woodcock crewed by Sam Archer sailing B20 "Kelpie", second was Mackley crewed by Linda Allen in B6 "Lucifer beyond repair" and third was Danny Tyrrell crewed by Bruce Thompson in B53 "Twinkle". On handicap the winner was Pat Woodcock crewed by Jan Hubbard in B61 "Echo", second was Tyrrell and third was Mike Lees crewed by Jill Fisher in B15 "Wee Simby".