

Norfolk Trophy 2015 & EDCS 6

Sunday the 18th of October attracted an entry of 16 to the Broads RYC for the final round 6 of the EDCS Series and the Norfolk Trophy. Race officer for the day was David Grint, assisted by Bernie Guest with race team support from Liz Browne and scorer Val Zammit.

After a fair breeze from the North for all of the week, conditions dawned grey drizzly and very still, much to disbelief of all present. There was absolutely no wind at all, but the forecast was for a northerly and a course was set in anticipation of this after which we all went in for an extended early coffee.

Finally, after a good hours delay Broads's member Tom Wilkinson took to the water with his Britpop to test the conditions and found there was enough breeze to allow racing to begin. Colin Goodman representing Coalhouse Fort and sailing a Fraktal took the first two wins closely followed by Chelmsford's Mark Dennis sailing his Britpop and Phil Playle's Vision. The wind again dropped very light before lunch and Mark Dennis further increased his lead with Coalhouse Fort member Graham Bartholomew sailing a V8 keeping in contention.

After an excellent lunch in the restaurant the wind picked up to a good force 2 breeze allowing a slight course change and a full 2 laps with a decent northerly beat up the broad.

Broads member Keith Whiddett sailing Britpop took a well deserved race 5 win keeping him in the fleet. Vinnie Zammit sailing for Tri services with his Brit Pop along with Sedgemore's Chris Graves with a Britpop were frequently sailing in both A and B fleet races throughout the day as thankfully the wind remained. Broads's members Tony Garner sailing a Vision, Mike Howard sailing an Italiko and Tom Wilkinson sailing a Britpop were often scrapping for the mid fleet places.

Eight races were completed during the day and victory went to Mark Dennis with a score of 11 points. Mark also won The Eastern District Series trophy with 395 points with Graham Bartholomew in second place on 380 points. Phil Playle took second place on the day with 12 points and Colin Goodman third with 14 points.

It was nice to see some first time sailors at the Broads; Chris Graves from Sedgemore and Tony Brand from Harwich and Dovercourt.

A good days sailing was had by all despite having to wait for the wind at the start of the day and the Broads club would like to thank all those who supported the event.

David Grint BRYC.