

Ramuz Trophy Returns Home

Saturday 25 October 2014 saw the Ramuz Trophy competed for on the River Yare at Whitlingham and won by the crew of its original home – Norwich Frostbites Sailing Club. The magnificent Trophy was presented to the then Norfolk & Suffolk Yachting Association by Len Ramuz of NFSC for InterClub competition in the Broads area.



Since the first event in 1950, NFSC have won the Trophy more times than any other Club, lifting it on twelve occasions, one more time than their closest rivals, WOBYC on eleven; and it has been sailed in Norfolk One Design dinghies more frequently than any other class of boats.

The conditions for this year's event were near perfect with sunshine and a moderate Force 2-3, giving the thirteen participating clubs some good racing, and ideal for spectators. The four heat winners, NBYC represented by Sam Woodcock and Jane Aldiss, NFSC with David and Kate Mackley, RNSYC with Jim Tubby at the helm and Tony Knights as crew, and BASC with Glen Curtis and son George went through to the final. The fifth place in the final went to HBSC represented by Chris Tuckett and Lucy Drew and the final place in the final went to John Ellis and Paul Parker sailing for Coldham Hall SC. They progressed from a three boat tie-break as they had finished ahead of the HSC and NPC in their first heat.

The lead changed and there was some very close racing in the final with the host club representatives David and Kate Mackley breaking away on the last lap to cross the line ahead of the pack to lift the Trophy. NBYC were second and the Coldham Hall crew took third position. Commemorative glass tumblers were presented to all finalists.

Richard Card, Chairman of NSBA presented the Trophy and sincere thanks were expressed to everyone at Frostbites, particularly to joint Commodores Leona Levine and Bruce Thompson, and to OOD Paul Tegerdine for the way they had organised the day both on and off the water and the very welcoming and friendly atmosphere throughout the day.

The InterClub Championship for the Ramuz Trophy will be sailed in BODs, hosted by RN&SYC in 2015.