

Race report/ results of sailing at B.A.S.C. 13.12.09

Report : Apart from a nip in the air and the odd shower, the final week of the racing season couldn't have been better as a light north-easterly ensured a good beat in the Waveney, this week starting downriver for a change. Overall top spots were still up for grabs in the Icicle Shield handicap race, the Toppers Goodwin Trophy and even the new Popsicle Plate for Optimists. After last weeks second race fiasco, both Ryan Langston and Richard Deller could ill-afford start-line mistakes and both got away in race one without problems. They both dominated the twelve strong fleet although Richard and Ollie Baylis in their Topaz Zenon started to encroach on them in the final round but when they were forced onto the number two buoy by a straggling Topper, their third place slipped away as they were forced to do turns in the last two hundred yards letting Polyarchy through. With the Icicle Shield now assured from winning the first race, the Commodore with crew Ben Mclean made light work of race two, leading from start to finish and with Glen Curtis and Georgie Roll in Polyarchy nailing Ryan at the basin marker, it enabled them to slip ahead to finish in second place with Ryan losing out to a Norfolk, Shanderlee, on handicap. Milo Philips, Jake Smalls and Hugh Braidwood have all had mixed fortunes throughout the Goodwin Trophy races this series, so it was all to sail for this week and after a silverware drought this season at Beccles, mainly due to regional zone squad commitments elsewhere, it was great to see Hugh Braidwood steam across the line in first position in both races in his Topper 'Tic Tac' confirming his first B.A.S.C. Trophy this year. The clubs regular Oppie fleet certainly were not over-shadowed as the new Popsicle Plate was still up for contention between Rowan Curtis and Casper Baylis and the pressure showed as Rowan's younger brother George led the six boats for the first round in race one but eventually Rowan and Casper passed to finish first and second respectively. Although now missing out on the silverware, consolation by winning the second race provided some justice for Casper on another closely fought battle between B.A.S.C.'s youngest helms. Members and readers alike are reminded that the annual Boxing Day race starts at 10.30am on the 26th so come down and enjoy the last racing commitment of 2009. Roll on April!

Results : Icicle Shield race one (12) - 1st Cuddles (R Deller/ B Mclean), 2nd PDQ (R Langston), 3rd Polyarchy (G Curtis/ G Roll).

Goodwin Trophy race one (7) - 1st Tic Tac (H Braidwood), 2nd Wind singer (M Philips), 3rd Tip Top (J Smalls).

Popsicle Plate race one (6) - 1st Bittern (R Curtis), 2nd Petite Rouge (C Baylis), 3rd Great White (A Blankley).

Icicle Shield race one (11) - 1st Cuddles, 2nd Polyarchy, 3rd Shanderlee (J Blankley/ M Langston).

Goodwin Trophy race one (7) - 1st Tic Tac, 2nd Windsinger, 3rd Tip Top.

Popsicle Plate race two (6) - 1st Petite Rouge, 2nd Bittern, 3rd Great White.