

After a long summer of miserable weather Sunday was clear and bright at Baldwin Reservoir for the third round of the Bourne Plaice Winter Series.

After a half hour delay the OD was able to set a short course down the West side of the reservoir. Mike Pridham took full advantage the power in the full-sized Laser rig to take a good lead from Keith and Ted Holden in the GP 14. Andrew Williams was just behind the leaders in the Laser 2000, these three were chased by the rest of the field with Ben Batchelor in the Tera Sport having a good morning.

During the second lap the wind became more consistent and continued to build from the south keeping Jim Whitelegg in the Gull and Owen Williams also in a Tera well up in the results. With an extra lap the lead trio took full advantage of the extra wind to secure the first three places.

With the light wind now filling the full lake the OD was able to set a course using nearly every mark in the Reservoir. Mike Pridham once again broke free of the Pack to lead around the course followed by Keith and Ted Holden, Finlo Wright in the Tera Pro and Jerry Colman in the Blaze were not far behind as these four built a healthy lead over the rest of the field.

With the wind remaining light the lead four carried on to do a second lap whilst the rest of the fleet finished at the end of their first lap. The racing was close after handicap with some boats only being split by a second on corrected time. The dinner time conversation must have been good in the Williams household with son Owen getting the better of Dad in the second race. The juniors Matthew Perry and Michael Moore also sailed well in the second race to beat some very experienced sailors in the light winds.

A big thank-you to Ralph Kee and Neil Corlett in the Safety Boat and to Brian Quayle, Simon Young and Ian Quayle in the Hut.

Results

Race 1

- 1st M Pridham (Laser)
- 2nd K & E Holden (GP14)
- 3rd A Williams (Laser 2000)
- 4th B Batchelor (Tera Sport)
- 5th J Whitelegg (Gull)
- 6th O Williams (Tera Sport)
- 7th F Wright (Tera Pro)
- 8th L Arnold (Laser 2000)
- 9th M Perry (Tera Sport)
- 10th M Moore (Laser Radial)
- 11th J Colman (Blaze)

Race 2

- 1st M Pridham
- 2nd F Wright
- 3rd J Whitelegg
- 4th K & E Holden
- 5th O Williams
- 6th M Perry
- 7th L Arnold
- 8th M Moore
- 9th B Batchelor
- 10th A Williams