

## Bourne Plaice Winter Series

After several weeks of lightish winds and no wind last week at all the Bourne Plaice Winter Series resumed in testing conditions with the wind varying in strength and direction. Just one particular gust claimed experienced sailors Andrew Dean with crew Lucy Connors (RS 200) and Mike Pridham (Laser), both capsizing heavily. An example of the variable wind direction was near the start line and within three boats of each other Andrew Dean was running downwind with the spinnaker pulling, while Ralph Kee, going in the same direction was sheeted in hard for a beat to windward. It is the pantomime season !!

Courses were set for the dinghies to race up and down the lake, first to Port and then to Starboard with the Peel Sailing Club equipment being brought out hibernation by OOD, Jim Whitelegg. The juniors Owen Williams and Matthew Perry sailing RS Tera's did well to achieve a fourth and fifth place respectively as did father and son team Len and James Arnold whom, despite a capsize, managed a mid fleet position in the difficult conditions. It was also good to have two of the Ard Whallian dinghies out with the fleet and use of their facilities for the race officer was certainly appreciated.

Many thanks to Race Office Jim Whitelegg, safety boat crew of May Shui and Neil Corlett and sponsor Rob Cowell of Bourne Plaice.

The annual Manx Sailing & Cruising Club Frostbite Regatta will be held at West Baldwin Reservoir on Boxing Day with one race starting at 11am.

### Results

#### Race One

- 1<sup>st</sup> S Pressley (Laser)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> M Pridham (Laser)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> R Kee (Laser)
- 4<sup>th</sup> O Williams (Tera)
- 5<sup>th</sup> M Perry (Tera)
- 6<sup>th</sup> A Dean & L Connors (RS 200)
- 7<sup>th</sup> P Melling (Topaz)
- 8<sup>th</sup> L & J Arnold (Laser 2000)

#### Race Two

- 1<sup>st</sup> R Kee
- 2<sup>nd</sup> S Pressley
- 3<sup>rd</sup> M Pridham
- 4<sup>th</sup> A Dean & L Connors
- 5<sup>th</sup> M Perry
- 6<sup>th</sup> O Williams
- 7<sup>th</sup> L & J Arnold
- 8<sup>th</sup> P Melling
- 9<sup>th</sup> M Reid