

Bourne Plaice Winter Series - 27 January 2013

The day started dry but with a SW force 4 wind gusting 5 to 6.

The first race saw 8 boats head for the line but with the very blustery conditions two Tera's and the Blaze decided that the conditions were not for them following several capsizes near the start line and sailed up the first leg and then retired, Simon Pressley sitting this race out with gear failure.

The remaining five boats struggled with the conditions and some good down wind legs were experienced. Mike Pridham (Laser) led the fleet followed by Andrew Dean (RS200), Ralph Kee (Laser) with Ben Batchelor (Tera) struggling to keep upright not far behind, Paul Melling (Topaz) also having several swims following up at the rear.

The order remained the same except on the penultimate leg when Andrew Dean took the lead but unfortunately lost again to Mike Pridham. The corrected time results did not change the finishing order.

The second race saw four boats on the line due to the onset of the cold and increased wind speeds. Mike Pridham led on the first round but was overtaken by Andrew Dean after Pridham had a hairy capsize, and not the last of his race. Paul Melling in the Topaz had evidently learnt from the first race and navigated around with only two capsizes to take third place. These results were not changed by handicap corrections.

First Race: M.Pridham (Laser), A.Dean / Lucy Connors(RS200), R.Kee (Laser), B.Batchelor (Tera Sport), P.Melling (Topaz)

Second race: Dean, Pridham, Melling

Thanks must go to Mark and Lynn Corrin for manning the safety boat on such a cold, windy day with plenty of customers while Neil & Gareth Boyes manned the race office, thanks also to our sponsor Bourne Plaice of Ramsey.