

Bourne Plaice Winter Series – 17 February 2013

After missing last weeks sailing due to the foul weather, Manx Sailing & Cruising Club were able to hold their Dinghy Racing on Sunday at Injebreck, sponsored by Bourne Plaice. Conditions were excellent, in direct contrast to last Sunday, with a moderate southerly breeze able to work its way up the valley, with a hint of east in it to make life interesting.

Therefore officer of the day Andrew Dean was able to use the whole area and set a large course over the whole lake, using four buoys at each edge. The expertly-sailed Olympic-class Lasers dominated both races taking all three podium places, in the first race being led by Simon Pressley followed closely by Mike Pridham and Ralph Kee. Young Hannah Howett came an impressive 4th in a Laser Radial and the other places were filled by Andrew Williams (Laser), Jim Whitelegg (Gull), Owen Williams (Tera Sport), Michael Moore (Laser Radial), Len and James Arnold (Laser 2000) and Jerry Colman in the Blaze.

The second race followed with a change of course including a zig-zag through the start line. This caused no problems although Jerry went for a brief swim on the very last leg. Again the sailing was close on handicap with the results: 1st Mike, 2nd Ralph, 3rd Simon, 4th Jim, 5th Owen, 6th Hannah, 7th Andrew, 8th Michael and 9th Jerry.

Many thanks to Andrew Dean, Ed and Jane Whipp for piloting the safety boat and our sponsor Rob Cowell of Bourne Plaice. The next races are on Sunday at 10.30 and, given half-decent weather, are entertaining to watch from the comfort of warm winter clothing.