

It was good to see that the regulars of the Bourne Plaice Winter Series on West Baldwin reservoir are starting to ignore the shipping forecast and are just turning up, as usual in the shelter of the valley the wind was moderated to a "good hard sail". It was also excellent to be joined this week by three junior crews sailing one Tera and two new RS Feva's (Xmas pressies?).

For Race one it was Yogi Quayle and Mike Wilson (Kestrel) who led for the first lap, but with the next four boats within twenty seconds behind on the water it was going to be tough to keep that advantage and sure enough Simon Pressly (Laser) edged ahead to finish a minute clear of Yogi with his Symetrical spinnaker. Some twenty seconds behind in third was Angus Jolly/Andrew Dean (RS 200) flying an Asymetrical spinaker with Mike Pridham (Radial) following another twenty seconds later, on corrected time Pressly came in first, Pridham second and in third showing some excellent spinnaker handling was the junior crew of Ben Batchelor and Erin Murphy (RS Feva). Fourth and fifth places were filled by Jolly/Dean one second ahead of Quayle/Wilson.

In Race two the pace was again set by Yogi Quayle./Mike Wilson this time managing to hold on to it chased by Pridham and Ralph Kee (Laser), having recovered from a rope issue in Race one. On correction Pridham came in first, Kee second, two seconds ahead of Yogi with best placed junior Matthew Perry (RS Tera Pro) in fifth with Jolly/Dean in sixth just five seconds ahead of juniors Ben Batchelor/Erin Murphy.

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Results

Race 1

- 1st Simon Pressly (Laser)
- 2nd Mike Pridham (Radial)
- 3rd Ben Batchelor/Erin Murphy (RS Feva)
- 4th Angus Jolly/Andrew Dean (RS 200)
- 5th Yogi Quayle/Mike Wilson (Kestrel)
- 6th Matthew Perry (RS Tera Pro)
- 7th Keith Holden (Finn)
- 8th Jim Whitelegg (Gull)
- 9th Jerry Colman (Laser)
- 10th Ffinlo Wright/Robert Harding (RS Feva)

Race 2

- 1st Mike Pridham
- 2nd Ralph Kee
- 3rd Yogi Quayle/Mike Wilson
- 4th Simon Pressly
- 5th Matthew Perry
- 6th Angus Jolly/Andrew Dean
- 7th Ben Batchelor/Erin Murphy
- 8th Keith Holden
- 9th Len & James Arnold
- 10th Jerry Colman