

The first race of the 2014 Bourne Plaice Winter Series took place on Sunday when the faithful gathered in the hope that the weather forecast would hold, breeze in the morning, gale by lunch-time!

Eight crews took to the water with the OOD setting a course around the perimeter of the lake, a beat to the first mark, a tricky close reach across the lake in the lee of the dam wall followed by a blast down-wind.

Not for the first time, Mike Pridham sailing a more manageable Radial Laser stayed ahead of Angus Jolly (helming) and Andrew Dean (RS 200), who after one lap were very closely followed by Ralph Kee in the standard Laser. However, as Angus and Mike sailed away Ralph was very nearly overtaken by Jerry Colman, after spending too much time checking out the bottom of the lake with his mast at the gybe mark!

Positions at the finish after correction were the same as on the water, Mike Pridham, Angus Jolly/Andrew Dean, Ralph Kee with Mike Swales in the Topper in a very creditable fourth place.

For Race two the course was set up and down the lake, of the six starters, three returned after one lap as the wind increased, the remainder being led in some style by Angus/Andrew followed by Mike with Ralph some distance behind. After correction it was Mike who took first place with Angus second and Ralph showing the difference in racing and surviving in third.

Manx Sailing & Cruising Club would like to thank Keith Poole for OOD, Neil Corlett and Emily Kee for the safety boat and sponsor Rob Cowell of Bourne Plaice.

Results

Race One

- 1st Mike Pridham (Radial)
- 2nd Angus Jolly/Andrew Dean (RS 200)
- 3rd Ralph Kee (Laser)
- 4th Mike Swales (Topper)
- 5th Jerry Colman (Laser)
- 6th James Penn (RS Feva)

Race Two

- 1st Mike Pridham
- 2nd Angus Jolly/Andrew Dean
- 3rd Ralph Kee