

Dinghy racing finally took place on West Baldwin Reservoir on Sunday for the Bourne Plaice Winter Series following on from two cancellations, one with no wind and the other with too much

Six crews sailed in conditions that were very much better than the forecast suggested, a bit blustery, hard work upwind but an absolute blast downwind and even the sun was shining!

In race one, James Walker (Laser), led from the start followed by Mike Pridham (Radial) and Ralph Kee (Laser), who later swapped places when Mike took a dip. On his last lap James caught a lucky gust and planed the whole downwind leg and increased his lead on the water by two minutes from Ralph and Mike, but after correction Mike moved into second place. Junior competitor James Arnold (RS Tera Pro) coming in a very creditable fourth place.

Race two was again led by James Walker but this time more closely followed by Ralph and Mike, and again despite finishing ahead of Mike on the water Ralph was third after correction with James Arnold coming in fourth place again.

In the blustery conditions most had a capsize at some point, Gordon Dickens had only one but later admitted it was a very long one!

Many thanks to Keith Poole for OOD, Jane Whipp and Andrew Dean for safety boat and Rob Cowell of Bourne Plaice for his continued sponsorship.

## Results

### Race 1

- 1st James Walker (Laser)
- 2nd Mike Pridham (Radial)
- 3rd Ralph Kee (Laser)
- 4th James Arnold (RS Tera Pro)
- 5th Jerry Colman (Laser)
- 6th Gordon Dickens/Wayne Hargreaves (RS Vision)

### Race 2

- 1st James Walker
- 2nd Mike Pridham
- 3rd Ralph Kee
- 4th James Arnold
- 5th Jerry Colman
- 6th Gordon Dickens/Wayne Hargreaves