

One of the few Boxing Day events that was unaffected by the recent weather was the Bourne Plaice Frostbite Regatta held at Injebreck Reservoir. A fine fleet of 14 dinghies and their hardy crew set sail in the relentless rain supported by a small number of spectators.

The single race held over one hour was of the pursuit type, the handicap of each type of dinghy being used to calculate the times for the staggered start, the slowest boats starting first and the fastest last. After one hour of racing the sailor in front is the winner.

With the very light southerly wind the Race Officer was able to use the entire length of the lake. The slowest boat, Jim Whitelegg in the Gull (a former winner), led the fleet away and stayed ahead for nearly 55 minutes, finally being reeled in by juniors Ben Batchelor/Matthew Perry (RS Feva). However, not far behind were the chasing pack of four Standard Laser's of James Walker, Donald Edwards, Joe Whitelegg and Ralph Kee. In the last few minutes of racing both Walker and Edwards were able to overtake Batchelor/Perry and on the hour hooter it was Walker who despite being the only capsize, took the win and the Stanley Quayle Cup. Edwards held on for second and the junior crew of Batchelor/Perry were third with the Laser's of Joe Whitelegg and Ralph Kee joint fourth.

Manx Sailing & Cruising Club would like to thank Keith Poole, Officer of the Day and the safety boat crew of Helen & Emily Kee for sitting in the pouring rain for over an hour and Rob Cowell of Bourne Plaice for sponsoring and competing.

The January series for the Scott Trophy starts on Sunday 3 January at 10am, please visit the MS&CC Facebook page/Website for more photos and information.