

It was Super Sunday at West Baldwin Reservoir for the latest round of the Bourne Plaice Winter Series, with three races and three different winners. Although the breeze, blowing from the North down the lake appeared to be steady, actually sailing in it appeared to be otherwise, classic Injebreck up and down, here and there.

For Race one the race officer sent the fleet up the lake and back down to mark number one where the breeze was particularly up and down. Keith Holden (Finn) had a very good start and with the largest sail managed to get clear of the following Lasers of Ralph Kee and Donald Edwards and finished first on the water by two minutes. Even as 'scratch boat', lowest handicap, this was enough to win on correction, with junior James Arnold finishing only thirty seconds behind Kee to claim second and Edwards in third. Although no stranger to winning at Injebreck this was Holden's first win for a good while.

The course for Race two was changed to include a downwind mark with some wind, this time the Laser's managed to squeeze Holden out of the start line, however this was only temporary as he again finished first on the water followed by Kee, the pair nearly two minutes ahead of third finisher James Arnold. As ever, with all boats finishing on the same lap, Jim 'no stranger to winning' Whitelegg got the win on correction by five seconds from Kee in second and juniors Matthew Perry and Ben Batchelor (RS Feva) a further twenty seconds down in third. The top six finishers were only separated by fifty seconds.

Race three, over the same course, was notable for the massive wind shift on the start line which most of the fleet on starboard tack (right of way) could not change tack until the boat windward to them had done so. Many were actually sailing away from the line at the start, James Arnold timed it brilliantly and cleared the fleet in his Laser Radial finishing only one second behind Holden. James was a clear winner by nearly one minute from Kee second, Edwards third and the 'evergreen' Jim in third.

Jim now leads the March series with two wins from James Arnold in second and Donald Edwards in third.

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