

Manx Sailing & Cruising Club welcomes a new sponsor this season, many thanks to Doug Watling of Watling Streetworks for agreeing to support us for the upcoming dinghy series on West Baldwin reservoir. The first round was held this Sunday and will continue through the winter to the end of March 2019.

With a much improved forecast compared to Saturday, although almost windless for the early arrivals, a nice breeze set in blowing up the lake in time for the start of the first race.

An unusual fleet of five pairs of boats, two Lasers, two Radial, two D-Zero's, two Finns and two 'others' - a Gull and Tera set sail!

In the first race Andrew Dean (D-Zero) took the lead at the start and stayed in front of fellow D-Zero sailor, Stu Brew for the full three laps. Next to finish on the water was Simon Pressly (Radial) who took the win on correction ahead of the two D-Zero's, two Lasers and two Finns.

In Race two it was the turn of the Lasers of Ralph Kee and Donald Edwards to lead the pack into the first mark continuing to battle it out for another lap until Ralph pulled out a small lead, even surviving a nasty calm which had him 'hop out to save the ship', climbing back in to finish first on the water and on correction. Donald came in second and not so far back was Simon Pressly in third with the D-Zero's coming in fourth and fifth and the Finn's eighth and ninth (Noah would be proud).

The fleet would like to thank Junior, Euan McConnell for testing the water temperature so early in the season and also to Donald for confirming in Race one that the water is only in Degrees C (Cold) and not in Degrees F (Freezing) yet!

MS&CC would like to thank Manx Utilities for allowing us to use the reservoir, sponsor Watling Streetworks, race officer Keith Poole and patrol boat crew of Emily Kee and Peter Hoosen-Owen.

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