

Manx Sailing & Cruising Club held their Ramsey Bay Regatta over the Tynwald weekend, despite the forecasts of winds ranging from gale force to zero.

As it turned out on Saturday there was a very gentle breeze offshore, slightly overcast with very light occasional rain, superb conditions to ease fabulous turnout of 26 crews into the first local regatta of the Post-Covid-19 2020 season.

Competitors raced as a mixed fleet with three-crew National 18's (largest UK dinghy class) lining up with juniors in their tiny single-handed RS Tera's.

For Race one of a schedule of three races for Day one the National18 of Phil Hardisty, Chris Hill and Peter Richardson were keen to show what they could do in their first regatta in the new dinghy finishing some 4 ½ minutes ahead of the next N18 of Michael Wilson, Donald Edwards and Rob Cowell. Third on the water was the RS 400 of Russell & June Callister with Ffinlo Wright in his single-handed RS Aero-9 making up the finishers on 4 laps. The N18 of Hardisty/Hill/Richardson was clear enough of the fleet to take the win after correction, second place was taken by junior (GBR Squad) Teddy Dunne in his RS Aero-5, twenty seconds ahead of Ffinlo Wright (RS Aero 9).

Race two, over the same windward/leeward course was again dominated by the N18 of Hardisty/Hill/Richardson followed again on the water by the other N18 and RS 400 of Russell & June Callister. The latter finishing second after correction with junior Teddy Dunne third.

Over the same course, yet again the N18 of Hardisty/Hill/Richardson was first on the water and after correction, Dave Batchelor RS Aero-7, fifth finisher on the water claiming second and the ever consistent junior Teddy Dunne in third.

Sunday racing was cancelled with wind strength of 20 plus knots with gusts near 30 recorded at the end of the Queen's Pier, so overnight results stand.

First place the National 18 of Phil Hardisty, Chris Hill and Peter Richardson, second and best junior Teddy Dunne and third place the Aero-7 of Dave Batchelor.

Top juniors were first Teddy Dunne, second Peter Cope and third Elsie Hyett.

Manx Sailing & Cruising Club would like to thank Race Officer Keith Poole, ably assisted by Dave Edwards and Esther Bailey and Patrol Boat crews of Peter Hoosen-Owen, Graham Wilson, May Shiu Chan and Helen Kee. Thanks also to Niamh Poole for organising half time tea and refreshments.

For full results see msandcc.org and our Facebook page for excellent photos from the day.