

Like many sporting events this year the IOM Copiers Easter Regatta was a victim of 'Lockdown 3.0'. This is traditionally the first regatta of racing on the sea and it still was when it was hosted by Manx Sailing & Cruising Club in Ramsey Bay on Saturday.

The 'one day only', three races all to count racing was held in a good south easterly, ranging from the mid to high teens of knots. Had the sun been shining you could have called this champagne sailing, instead it was overcast with spitting rain that was barely noticed by the sailors.

As usual the sun always shines in Ramsey - and it did when everyone had packed up for the day.

The three races were held over the same windward/leeward course, the first a tough 40 minutes, the other two a slightly more manageable 30 minutes, it's still early in the season!

The National 18 Ultra of Phil Hardisty with crew, Peter Richardson and James Humphrey were clear winners of the first two races by nearly a minute but had a spinnaker 'mishap' in the final race. Lots of trawling, no fish and an eighth place.

Snapping at the heels of the N18 were the Aero 5 of Teddy Dunn and Laser Radial of Simon Pressly, but it was Teddy who had the edge in Race three to take the win. This gave him not only the first Junior but his first Regatta overall win. Between races young Teddy even took time out to assist the patrol crews with an inverted Laser!

Overall Results - Teddy Dunn 1st overall and 1st junior, Simon Pressly 2nd, Phil Hardisty & crew 3rd and Peter Cope (Aero 7) 2nd Junior.

MS&CC would like to thank our sponsor Mark Corrin of IOM Copiers, Race Officer Keith Poole assisted by Esther Bailey and James Bishop and patrol boat crews Emily Kee, May Shiu Chan, Helen Kee and Peter Hoosen-Owen. Thanks also to Niamh Poole and the club 'Ladies' for the excellent Regatta Tea.

For full results and some photos please visit the club Facebook page and website.