

As Storm Barra rages it's good to remind ourselves that there has been better weather, last Sunday in fact!

The first of the December Watling Streetworks Dinghy Series on Baldwin reservoir looked to be in doubt as the strong northerly gusts blew down the valley. This sent at least one potential competitor home, we needn't have worried, the five minute start gun frightened the gusts away and woke up the sun - ideal conditions.

Unusually, because of the northerly wind, the race officer set a starboard course (clockwise) using the centre of the lake. The nine starters were led from the start by winner Teddy Dunn (Aero 5) not so closely followed by Dae Batchelor (Aero 7). A little further back, Simon Pressly (Radial) and Jerry Colman (Finn) had been playing nip and tuck finishing one second apart. However, with markedly different handicaps, after correction Simon took second behind Teddy with Dave Batch in third and Jerry a little further back.

For Race two, over an extended course Teddy didn't have it all his own way for long, being overhauled by Dave Batch who was to finish well ahead on the water. Extremely close racing saw the following four competitors finish in the next thirty seconds. Despite being well ahead on the water, after correction, Teddy took the win ahead of Simon with Dave third, same placings as the first race.

The December series, so far, is headed by junior Teddy Dunn, a little further back Laxey (Mike Swales) leading Peel (the Whiteleggs) by one point!

Manx Sailing & Cruising Club would like to thank Doug Watling as sponsor, Keith Poole for Race Officer and Ralph Kee and Andy Dunn for patrol boat. For pictures please check out our Facebook page.