

A New Year and a new series of races for the Watling Streetworks dinghy racing on West Baldwin reservoir.

Thirteen crews took to the water but a few healthy gusts quickly reduced this number to eleven, Mike Swales suffered gear failure (verified) and Jim Whitelegg just thought better of it. As it turned out the wind settled down nicely, mostly up the valley for the two races and the sun even decided to join in which made for a very pleasant morning.

Teddy Dunn in his Aero 7 won Race one with quite a buffer between himself and the rest of the fleet, it was very much closer behind with only one second separating Peter Cope (Aero 7) and David Batchelor (Aero 9) in second & third, in fact only 72 seconds covered 2nd to 7th places.

It was equally close in Race two over a slightly different course, avoiding the doldrums in the lee of the dam.

After getting the New Year 'Dip' out of the way before racing started Andrew Dean (D-Zero) took the lead on the water early and by using his large sail, light weight and some cunning kept the youngsters at bay to finish first on the water.

However, it was Teddy and Peter who took the first two slots with Andrew tieing with Simon Pressly (Radial) for 3rd after correction.

Manx Sailing & Cruising Club would like to thank our sponsor Watling Streetworks, Race Officer Keith Poole and Patrol crew Helen Kee and Andy Dunn.

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