

'About as good as it gets' is the best way to describe conditions for the final round of the Watling Streetworks February Series.

Unusually for the West Baldwin reservoir the wind coming from the north down the valley not only gives almost full coverage of wind but also tames the gusts and lulls.

The race officer had a much easier task of setting a course than last week and pretty much sent the fleet on a clockwise (mark to Starboard) around the edge of the lake. Soon after the start it was Jerry Colman (Finn) with a very good lead at the second mark, unfortunately, he had missed the first! In fact it was junior, Peter Cope (Aero 7) who held the lead at the first mark, the second too and so on all the way to the finish. Even after correction this gave him a lead of 1 ½ minutes over second on the water Simon Pressly (Radial), Dave Batchelor in third.

Race two over the same course, Peter was again dominant putting himself nearly two minutes ahead of second on the water Dave Batchelor. Yet again after correction Simon was second with Dave third. Best placed Tera was Robert Watterson in fourth.

Ideal conditions would normally be mishap free but in the final yards of the last race of the series Jim and his venerable Gull went over, fortunately close enough to the bank to be assisted by spectators. Maybe that was the issue, the whereabouts of his crewman (a banana) are still unknown.

The February series was won by Simon Pressly, Dave Batchelor second and having their best series yet, Joe and Eric Whitelegg in an Enterprise in third. Best junior was Robert Watterson.

MS&CC would like to thank Doug Watling for his continued sponsorship, Keith Poole for race officer and Ralph Kee and James Bishop for patrol boat. Visit the MS&CC Facebook page for photos and the website for full results.